

us the portrait of a really charming woman? It can hardly be that he has never fallen in with one.

One of the funniest bits in the book is the discussion on Marie Corelli. This is a really subtle touch; and when the unspeakable curate becomes engaged to Mary he presents her with the complete works of Hall Caine!

G. M. R.

### Verse.

"Talk happiness. The world is sad enough,  
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough;  
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,  
And speak of those to rest the weary ear  
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain  
Of human discontent and grief and pain.

"Talk Faith. The world is better off without  
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.  
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,  
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf  
Of silence your thoughts till faith shall come:  
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

"Talk Health. The dreary, never changing tale  
Of mortal maladies is wrong and stale;  
You cannot charm or interest or please  
By harping on that minor chord, disease.  
Say you are well, or all is well with you,  
And God shall hear your words and make them true."

### What to Read.

"To the Mountains of the Moon." By J. E. S. Moore.

"The White Cottage." By Zack.

Tristram of Blent: an Episode in the Story of an Ancient House." By Anthony Hope.

"Understudies." By Mary E. Wilkins.

"A Cardinal and his Conscience." By Graham Hope.

"Another Woman's Territory." By "Alien."

"That Sweet Enemy." By Katharine Tynan.

### Coming Events.

August 15th.—Meeting of the Matrons' Council, Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4 p.m.

THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES' CONGRESS.

September 16th.—Meetings of the National Associated Alumnae, of the Superintendents' Society, of the International Council of Nurses.

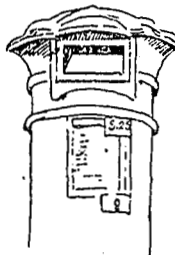
September 18th.—Opening of the International Nurses' Congress, Buffalo, U.S.A.

September 21st.—Trained Nurses' Day at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo.

Meeting in the Temple of Music.

### Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

NURSING INSTITUTE, SUNDERLAND.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you very much for so kindly allowing me such a large space in your paper. I felt it was best to ask you, although I was sorry to have to do so, in justice to all in connection with the above Institute, as only one side (the action against us) had been published in any paper seen by me.

Yours sincerely,

A. L. MARRINER.

The Bridges, Stocksfield,  
July 30th, 1901.

PROFESSIONAL BOYCOTT BY THE R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—The humiliating position of the nurse members of the R.B.N.A., could not have been more distinctly demonstrated than by the exposé of the manner in which they are treated by Miss G. A. Leigh, (no doubt her conduct is inspired) if they dare to communicate with their officials on any professional matter. Miss Macvitie is to resign, and that by return of post, and Miss Beatty's letter is not even acknowledged, it will be interesting to learn what will be the reply to Miss Graham, if she is honoured by one. [This letter was held over from last week.—ED.]

This Midwifery controversy has brought out the fact that a medical member can carry on a most important correspondence re the status of nurse members—and the matter be entirely kept out of the official organ of the R.B.N.A. by Mr. Fardon. I have not seen it mentioned that Mr. A. George Bateman, the mouth-piece of the Medical Defence Union, is also a member of the R.B.N.A., but his name and address is advertised amongst the medical members—in our Roll—who, however, have a separate List all to themselves—so I presume he is a member.

Now, there is another question, which has been boycotted in the *Nurses' Journal*. I see from your journal, and also from the *American Journal of Nursing*, that the American Committee of the International Nurses' Congress courteously included the R.B.N.A. amongst English nursing societies to which they sent invitations upwards of six months ago. I study the *Nurses' Journal* monthly, and so far no intimation of any sort has been made through our official organ to the members, that such an invitation has been received. Presumably as it has not been delivered to the General Council, and the pleasure of the members taken whether they desire to be represented at the Congress or not, it has been dealt with by the officials, and withheld from our knowledge, or *à la Beatty*, it has not been answered at all. In either case it is only one more proof of the manner in which the

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