

necessity for such an extreme step. As for his being fond of you, I could laugh for a year. I don't pretend to be out of the way, but I have known one or two thundering nice women in my time, and I know what I thought about them. Nothing to be ashamed of, that's certain. I had reactions, of course, and no good woman ever upset my habitual cynicism for long. But that is my fault. The point is that I knew devilish well I wasn't fit to take charge of anything worth having. There! And that is what Luttrell would have known, if he had been even the beginning of a gentleman. A gentleman is a fellow who doesn't undertake a thing unless he can see it through in proper style."

Certainly the way in which this speech betrays the possibilities and limitations of the speaker is worthy of all praise.

Let us hope that those who read this description of 1901 may be moved to do what they may, that 1902 may not be like unto it.

C. M. R.

**Verses.**

**"WHICHEVER WAY I TURN MY EYES."**

Whichever way I turn my eyes,  
Or listen with a hearing ear,  
Nature prepares some sweet surprise  
Or sight or sound to soothe and cheer.

The emerald gleam on mossy stem,  
The rough red-brown of northern pine,  
The tender pinky-white of birch :  
These and a thousand joys are mine.

Dew-pearls and diamonds scattered free,  
A myriad gems, a shimmering bliss,  
The magic of a frosted tree :  
What are the Orient mines to this?

The fairy sprays in mossy bed,  
The half-blown primrose faintly sweet,  
The bright-veined ivy brown and red :  
These are the treasures at our feet.

The trailing garlands of the rose,  
Fit for the pearly gate of heaven ;  
The glory that at sunset glows  
Like benediction freely given.

The ripple of a tiny brook,  
The deep-toned murmur of the sea :  
Page after page of Nature's book,  
A wondrous choral symphony.

The beauty and the tender grace  
Are earnest of a brighter day :  
In golden outlines we can trace  
A Land not "very far away."

"C. F." in *Chamber's Journal*.

**What to Read.**

"Typhoid, the Destroyer of Armies, and its Abolition." By Leigh Canney, M.D.

"Men and Letters." By Herbert Paul.

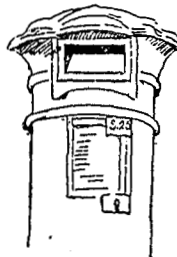
"A Woman's Memories of the War." By Violet Brooke-Hunt.

"The Hero." By W. S. Maugham.

"Catherine of Calais." By Mrs. De La Pasture.

**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.*

**A PROFESSIONAL DANGER.**

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose copy of a letter just posted to Secretary of R.B.N.A. for publication in *NURSING RECORD*, or not, as you may approve.

Yours sincerely,  
ROSINA A. GRAHAM,  
R.B.N.A.

July 22nd, 1901.

[COPY.]  
Devonshire Villa,  
East Grinstead.

July 22nd, 1901.

DEAR MADAM,—Having seen published in the *NURSING RECORD* a letter of yours dated 13th inst., I beg to know if authority to remove a member's name from any roll of members or other list of members published by the officers of the R.B.N.A. rests with you?

Your letter to which I refer implies that you possess that authority.

As this is a matter of some importance to all members of the Association I request you to consult your Committee or Chairman, and favour me with reply.

Yours obediently,  
ROSINA A. GRAHAM,  
M.R.B.N.A.

To Miss Leigh,  
Secretary R.B.N.A.,  
10, Orchard Street,  
London, W.

[The question asked by Miss Graham is one of vital importance to every member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and is one which could never have arisen had not the fatal bye-laws of 1897 been thrust upon the Corporation. Miss Graham also expresses the opinion that it is really too bad that the business of the R.B.N.A. cannot be published in its own journal. Miss Graham may not be aware that the official organ of the R.B.N.A. is supposed to be edited by a committee—but Miss G. A. Leigh, who is a laywoman, is editor-in-chief. The situation is too absurd for words, and moreover most unjust to a body of professional women. We hope Miss Graham will make further inquiries on this matter, and help to remedy the present deplorable state of affairs.—ED.]

**THE R.B.N.A. AND THE MIDWIFE CONTROVERSY.**

*To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—Nurses, whether belonging to the Royal British Nurses' Association or not, have again to

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