

a man, and was no thought to be taken to give a woman a chance?"

Is it possible that the author of "A damsel or two," and the author of this wonderful novel of which he speaks, really imagine this language to be revolutionary in the twentieth century?

It may have perhaps been considered to have the elements of novelty in the seventies—we appeal to those whose memories will carry them back so far. But now! . . . Where has Mr. Moore been hiding during the last two or three decades?

G. M. R.

Verses.

PROVERBS IN SONG.

The Herb no man can find will heal no wound.

Somewhere, somewhere, grows the herb of healing.

Is it a herb of the earth?

Does it grow in meadows of clover and sorrel,

Dusk-red or pale as the blossoming laurel,

Or deep in the woods, with leaves concealing.

The place of its shadowed birth?

We find it not. Men wounded, groping, blind,

We know but this—that each man knows

He knows not where it grows,

And knows *the herb no man can find*

Will heal no wound of body, soul, or mind.

Somewhere, somewhere, grows the herb of healing,

Is it a herb of the sea?

Seadrift of the rocks where the ships lie shattered,

Seadrift of the shore where the weeds lie scattered,

A herb of Time, or is Death's hand sealing

Its balm in Eternity?

With counterfeits our open wounds we bind,

Bay, myrtle, rose, and feverfew,

And unavailing rue,

That herb alone no man may find

Can heal the wounds of wounded humankind.

UNA TAYLOR.

Westminster Gazette.

Bookland.

Mr. Henry Harland's new novel, "The Lady Paramount," will be published by Mr. John Lane on April 17. Mr. Harland's first novel, "The Cardinal's Snuff-Box" is now in its eighty-fifth thousand.

Coming Events.

April 16th.—Anniversary Festival of the British Orphan Asylum, Whitehall Rooms, 7 p.m.

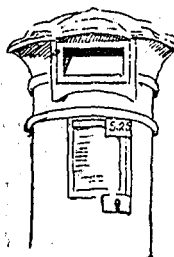
April 28th.—The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, At Home at the Mansion House, to meet H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, on the occasion of the Centenary Commemoration of the London Fever Hospital, 4.30 to 6 p.m.

May 25th.—Annual Conference of the Matrons Council.

May 30th.—Council Meeting Matrons' Council, and Inaugural Meeting of the Society for State Registration of Nurses. Miss Louisa Stevenson, of Edinburgh, will preside and deliver an address.

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.

SURGICAL WORK IN COUNTY HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I do not know if it might interest your readers to know, approximately, the amount of surgical work done in an ordinary provincial hospital, but my Theatre Sister, who has now been appointed Assistant Matron, has just brought me the list of the number of operations she attended in the theatre during the two years she was in charge. They amount to 750 for the ninety-six weeks in which, allowing for holidays, she was on duty—and give an average of eight each week. They include, fifty-two amputations (20 thigh and leg, 13 breast), twenty-one miscellaneous abdominal sections, one gastric ulcer, five intestinal obstructions, three ovariectomies, three hysterectomies, eighty-nine hernias (19 strangulated, and 10 radical cures), and thirteen mastoids. Without in any way comparing our work with that of the large hospitals with medical schools attached, I think the above list shows that a very fair amount of experience in surgical work can be gained in provincial hospitals. Of course the above list does not include the minor operations done in the wards and out-patient department,

Yours faithfully,

M. MOLLETT,

Matron.

Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.

THE BOYCOTT OF BART'S.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Many nurses trained at "Barts" who are on the Army Nursing Reserve and have served in South Africa will, I feel sure, share my curiosity as to why this Hospital—the first Royal Hospital in the Empire—has been excluded from official representation upon the Advisory Committee and the Nursing Committee lately formed to organise and control Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

I have looked in vain for the name of either a member of the medical or nursing staffs of this great Training School on either body, and the omission becomes the more marked when one observes that on these committees Guy's Hospital has *two* representatives—Dr. Perry and Mr. Fripp, The London Hospital *two* representatives, Sir Frederick Treves and the Hon. Sydney Holland; St. Thomas' one, the Matron, Miss Gordon; Charing Cross one, Dr. James Galloway; King's College one, the Matron, Miss Monk—so that of the four largest training schools in the kingdom, St. Bartholomew's alone is excluded from taking its rightful place on these committees. Surely this boycott is intentional—then for what reason?

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