

The chronicle of the Jaggerd family, and of the unspeakable "Allus" is what the whole book depends upon. It is bitterly clever. The writer seems to me to approximate more nearly, more perfectly, to the French school of pitiless realism than any other woman novelist. The harm that can be worked by a pretty, irresponsible, unformed young woman, with the freedom that modern public opinion allows, without the discretion that its use demands, could hardly be more clearly set forth. The village atmosphere is quite perfect.

G. M. R.

Verse.

Nothing is constant but in constant change,

What's done is still undone, when undone
Into some other fashion doth it range;

Thus goes the floating world beneath the moon;
Wherefore, my mind, above time, motion, place,
Rise up, and steps unknown to nature trace.

Drummond of Hawthornden.

What to Read.

"Rose at Honey-pot." By Mary E. Mann.

"New Egypt." By A. B. de Guerville.

"Porfirio Diaz, Seven Times President of Mexico."
By Mrs. Alec Tweedie.

"Heroic Romances of Ireland." Translated into
English Prose and Verse, with Preface, special
Introductions and Notes. By A. H. Leahy.

"In Silence." By Mrs. Fred Reynolds.

Coming Events.

February 16th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, 4 p.m.

February 19th.—Parliament opened by His Majesty the King.

February 20th.—Lord Mayor presides at Annual Meeting of the Royal Maternity Charity at the Mansion House.

February 21st.—City of London Lying-in Hospital: Annual Meeting of Governors.

February 21st.—Concert in Aid of the Sick Pay Fund of the Colonial Nursing Association, Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster.

February 22nd.—Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall.

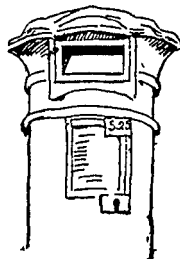
February 22nd.—Annual Meeting of Governors, Donors and Subscribers, London Homœopathic Hospital, in the Board Room of the Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C. The Right Hon. the Earl Cawdor in the Chair. 4 p.m.

A Word for the Week.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—*Lincoln.*

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.

TO THE NURSES TRAINED AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

MADAM,—It is proposed to form a "League" of the nurses who have been trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham. The objects of the "League" will be to strengthen the bond of union between the past and present members of the Nursing Staff by meetings and the publication of a Journal, to endeavour to promote the usefulness, honour and interests of the Nursing Profession, and to keep a register of members. The Annual Subscription will be 3s. 6d., including a Journal published at least once a year. Will you insert this letter in your Journal, so as to make the scheme as widely known as possible. I should be glad of replies as soon as possible, but not later than March 31st.

I remain, yours faithfully,

M. E. JONES, Matron (Secretary).

The General Hospital, Birmingham.

February 10th, 1906.

SELF-GOVERNMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—As an Irish nurse working in London, and who has received help and the means to make a good income on a Private Nursing Co-operation, I read with great pleasure and satisfaction your full report of the formation last week at Belfast of an Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association. I was much struck with Miss Huxley's most able speech and her *résumé* of the public work done by the Association. Who can dare with truth to say that bodies of nurses in co-operation are not able to manage their own affairs, and to conduct them with harmony and good fellowship? The accounts of the Irish Nurses' meeting and that of the R.B.N.A., reported side by side, must convince the most diffident woman that self-government makes for good government. With sincere gratitude for the unflinching championship of our just cause by your indispensable journal,

I remain yours truly,

AN IRISH NURSE IN LONDON.

ARE WE IN THE SWIM?

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Why are the Irish nurses so far ahead of Scotland in nurse organisation? It is high time we had our Scottish Nurses' Association, with the same

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