

often to be seen on the face of the drowned, whilst the stillness and pureness of the marble gives a still greater sense of repose. The poet's restless heart is stilled at last beneath the cold hand of death, and the bloom of perennial youth rests on his memory. There is no need for him to breathe again his words of poetic melancholy.

"We look before and after, and pine for what is not;
Our sincerest laughter with some pain is fraught;
And our sweetest songs are those which tell of saddest thought."

BUT I have wandered far, very far, from the heading to these papers, "Women and Their Work." Stay, though; even the shade of Michael Angelo has been dared by dauntless woman, and nowadays the chisel is often wielded by delicate feminine hands, and there are lady sculptors—yea, and successful lady sculptors also.

THE Princess of Wales and her daughters were present at the inauguration of the Home in Chestow Place of the Westbourne Grove Flower Girls' Guild, of which I wrote a few numbers back. Her Royal Highness was exceedingly interested, and graciously accepted a bouquet of narcissus from an old girl, who has for more than thirty years sold flowers in the Grove, and is the patriarch of the party. Other girls were also much gratified by her acceptance from them of forget-me-not nosegays. The girls looked very well in their warm and comfortable dresses, and their many patronesses must have been indeed pleased at their altered appearance. Altogether it was quite a gala day in Bayswater, and the Grove was crowded as ever by fashionable young ladies, whose whole attention was not that day, however, devoted to the shops.

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BACK NUMBERS.—The publishers will give double the price—fourpence per copy—for Nos. 49, 51, 52 of the *Nursing Record*, which are out of print. Those who have duplicate copies, please note.

SOME active women who pride themselves on their housekeeping seem to forget that the object of keeping house is that human beings may be accommodated in it. Their sole idea seems to be this, that the object of keeping a house is that the house may be kept in a certain form and order; and in studying the form and order they sacrifice the comfort the house was established to secure. Such active women are a source of trouble, because they want sense to direct and control their energies.

NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

WE have received specimens of the very elegant and useful preparations of the Dee Oil Company, Saltney, near Chester, and 38, Leadenhall Street, E.C. The first, Salvo Petrolia, rightly termed "the perfection of petroleum jelly," is emollient, and of sufficient density to prevent its "running"—one of the chief defects of inferior manufactures of an analogous kind when applied. The sample before us is delicately perfumed. The second is Oleum Deelinæ, which is of much value, as evidenced by Medical and other scientific testimony, in eczema and various diseases of the skin; it is cleanly to apply (no slight consideration), and fully bears out the statement as to its use as a therapeutical agent. And the third is "Edible" Salvo Petrolia, which is considered superior to vaseline, and is recommended as an emollient of the highest value in the treatment of throat disorders, and as a remedy for hoarseness. It is put up in metal collapsible tubes, which enables a small portion to be squeezed into the mouth and allowed to melt down the throat. The preparation is as nearly tasteless as it could be made, and its palatability is strongly in its favour.



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.

Communications, &c., not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits.

THE SANTA CLAUS SOCIETY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—We shall be much obliged if you will kindly bring before the notice of your readers the Convalescent Home it is suggested the Santa Claus Society should open on the north side of London. This Home will not only be for delicate children needing change, but will also provide for two classes of patients generally ineligible at Convalescent Homes, namely, children who still need a certain amount of surgical nursing and babies under three years of age.

We consider that a Home near London to take in these cases is a real want. We therefore appeal to the charitable for funds to establish the Santa Claus Home, and hope our appeal will bring in help enough to enable the Society to open its Home in time for children to have the benefit of the bracing air of the northern heights this summer.

Promises of support have already been received. Further subscriptions and donations may be sent to the Treasurer, John Edward Gwyer, Esq., 27, Moorgate Street, E.C., or to the Managers and Secretaries of the Society, Miss Charles

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