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BEING A LIST OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, &C., RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

I HAVE not been able for some time past to give much attention to this department of our Journal, and the consequence



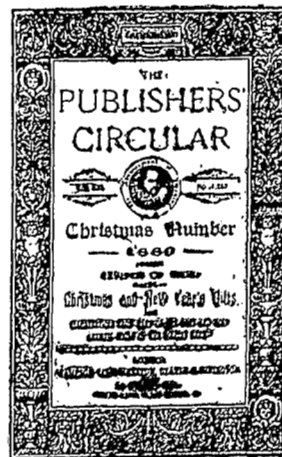
is that my book-shelf at the present time holds at least *forty* works which have been duly read and criticised, but which criticisms have not yet reached the eyes of my readers. The first book which I have to bring before the notice of those who look to these columns from time to time for information on nursing literature is a new and *third* edition of "Notes on Consumption and its New Treatment," by Dr. Morrison. The work in its first edition received a favourable notice at my

hands, and I have nothing to say beyond the fact that Dr. Morrison has added "Hints on Exercise," "Outlines of Dress," "A Chapter for Nurses," all of which are in excellent style and taste. The last chapter above-mentioned is full of points. For instance, Dr. Morrison says: "Move quickly, but neither lazily, like the snail; nor stealthily, like the panther; nor clumsily, like the elephant." "Do not poke the fire or throw on coal as if you had a grudge against your next door neighbours." "Do not bang the doors, or jar the furniture, as if nerves were not invented." "Some people imagine that a rough Doctor is necessarily clever, but they do not apply the same idea to the rough, conceited Nurse." "Do not whisper in the sick-room." "If you want to relieve an over-burdened mind, get away from the patient before commencing." All this, and a great deal more to the same effect, Dr. Morrison says in an amusing, semi-serious, snappy manner.

Anything from the able pen of Miss Catherine J. Wood must naturally attract more than mere ordinary attention, but a work upon the "Nursing of Sick Children," a subject with which Miss Wood is thoroughly acquainted in its every detail by a long and practical experience, will be specially welcome to those who are interested in this branch of nursing. The work is dedicated (by permission) to "H.R.H. Princess Christian, as a small proof of the deep gratitude due to one who has so identified herself with the cause of the suffering and the sick, and with all that concerns their welfare." Following this is a very practical preface, short, but to the point, in which Miss Wood points out that this little volume is intended to be "a companion to, and complement of, the previous handbook." Further on the authoress states that the little children need no apologist—we cannot forget them if we would—and if these words have the result of bringing more comfort into their lives, of robbing Ignorance and Indolence of some of their victims, of checking the unnecessary waste of infant life, they will not have missed their mark. Some twenty chapters, occupying two hundred and thirty-seven pages, deal with all the possible departments and requirements in children's nursing. Space prohibits me from giving many extracts from this excellent work, but I feel constrained to give the following (chapter i., page 3): "People are too ready to shake their heads and turn up their eyes at what they are pleased to call a 'mysterious dispensation of Providence,' when, if they spoke the truth (and I may add, and nothing but the truth), they would say it was a glaring instance of their own unfitness for the sacred trust deposited with them; and, again, the babes of the rich also become the victims of ignorant theories and senseless experiments, but they can hold out longer, for they are

not handicapped with want and squalor." Chapter ii. is upon the "Training of Nurses for Sick Children," and consists of the very competent lecture which Miss Wood herself delivered to the British Nurses' Association. "The Management of Children," "General Rules for Nursing Sick Children," "General Symptoms of Disease," "Infectious Diseases," "Brain and Nervous Affections," "Infantile Paralysis," "Affections of the Throat and Mouth," "Skin Diseases," "Childish Complaints—How to Manage" (I presume that Miss Wood does not mean those of a more mature age, which might also be included under this designation), "Surgical Diseases," "How to Dress Wounds," "Food in Sickness," "Feeding," "The Trained Nurse in Private," in which chapter Miss Wood very ably says: "No Medical man will now undertake the treatment of any important case without the aid of the skilled Nurse"; and also, in the same chapter: "And then Nurses have been all classed alike. An untrained or half-trained woman has been able to represent herself as a Trained Nurse, and, practically knowing but little of its duties, she has made up by airs and whims for the absence of knowledge. The public, being unable to discriminate, have regarded all Nurses as alike, and so much harm has been done to the profession. It is for the trained and skilled Nurses to band together and see how this can be righted, and to endeavour individually to wipe off the stain on their profession." This I feel is plain speaking, but not one whit stronger than the state of things deserves. "Baths and Bathing," "Clothing," and "Recipes" referred to in the foregoing pages, with a complete and well-arranged index, make up a reliable, sensible, and well-written book, a sale for which I predict quite as great as that enjoyed by any of Miss Wood's other works. Nurses and others will do well to make "A Handbook for the Nursing of Sick Children" their *vade meum* of all knowledge upon this important subject. The publishers have done their share of the work justice, good type and paper being provided, and I can only suggest to Miss Wood that, in a future edition, she should tone down the tendency to involviveness (if I may use such a term) of a few of her sentences, and provide a full glossary of terms used in the work.

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I am glad that a third edition of Dr. C. J. Cullingworth's "A Manual of Nursing" is already called for. I have

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