

portions of every London parish which clergymen and their coadjutors have so degraded by the practical teaching of beggary, that they have blocked up every door to a healthy spiritual relation between them and a possible pastor."

"Would you not give alms at all, then?"

"One thing, at least, I have made up my mind upon—that alms from any but the hand of personal friendship tend to evil, and will, in the long run, increase misery."

"What, then, do you suppose the proper relation between a London clergyman and his parishioners?"

"One, I am afraid, which does not at present exist—one which it is his first business perhaps to bring about. I confess I regard with a repulsion amounting to horror the idea of walking into a poor man's house, except either I have business with him, or desire his personal acquaintance."

"But your office—"

"Makes it my business to serve—not to assume authority over them—especially to the degree of forcing service upon them. I will not say how far intimacy may not justify you in immediate assault upon a man's conscience; but I shrink from any plan that seems to take it for granted that the poor are more wicked than the rich. Why don't we send missionaries to Belgravia? The outside of the cup and platter may sometimes be dirtier than the inside."

"Your missionary could hardly force his way through the servants to the boudoir or drawing-room."

"And the poor have no servants to defend them."

(To be continued.)

AS OTHERS SEE US.—This journal, the *Nursing Record*, well deserves a place in every Hospital or other institution where Nurses are employed. It will not only interest, but encourage and profit the Nurses in their important and responsible work.—*Maritime Medical News*.

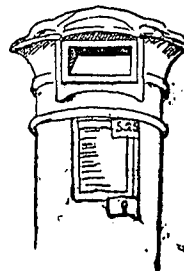
INVENTIONS, NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

DURING the cold east winds, one gladly hails any preparation calculated to counteract their ill effects. Quite recently we have had the opportunity of testing "Vinolia" cream for this purpose, and in every way have found it beneficial in allaying the irritation and burning sensation experienced

in going into a warm room after being out in stormy weather such as we have had lately.

"Vinolia" powder, also prepared by Messrs. Blondeau et Cie., is exceedingly useful in soothing and alleviating the roughness of the skin caused by the wind and sun, and is also most excellent for all toilet and nursery purposes. We presume the majority of our readers have tried the well-known "Vinolia" soap, another speciality of the same firm; to those who have not we would suggest that they should do so, as more particularly for delicate skin we can thoroughly recommend it.

"THEAFOAM," or Aerated Tea, is a form of beverage that has quite recently been introduced by Mr. Weightson. During the process of its preparation all the nutritive and invigorating qualities of the tea are retained, the tannic and deleterious properties being eliminated. Our temperance friends will be glad to learn that, though sparkling, clear, and refreshing, it is perfectly non-alcoholic. The delicate aroma of the tea can be readily recognized in the fragrance and the flavour of it. The retail price will be about the same as that of other mineral waters. The patentee of the "Theatoam" guarantees it to be free from any chemical admixture. Coffee can and will be treated in a like manner.



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.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

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

THE RELIGIOUS EMANCIPATION OF PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

AN EXAMPLE WORTH FOLLOWING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—During a conversation with some of the officials of Stone Nursing Association the other day, I was highly gratified to learn that at a recent meeting for the appointment of Nurse to the vacant post in this, the town of my adoption, the "religious" question was negated as soon as it arose. And as this little enterprise has previously come under your notice, I would, indeed, be among the first to give honour to whom honour is due, to congratulate my fellow-townsmen upon thus courteously leading the way out of the sectarian

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