

accomplished as much as the other, though she failed of the accidental fame which made Miss Nightingale one of the leading personages in Europe. She received her reward spiritually. While Miss Nightingale was being decorated by the Sultan, Miss Stanley was bringing herself to announce her Catholic baptism from Constantinople." This Manning disapproved and counselled her to do so when she met her family after the first hours of arrival were over.

The later relations of Archbishop Manning with Miss Nightingale were less pleasant. "After the Crimean War she set aside her Catholic yearnings, though Manning visited her in sickness. Her letters were no longer signed, 'Your weary penitent,' and ran after this manner, 'Dear Sir or Dear Friend, whichever I may call you,' and 'Nunc Dimittis is the only prayer I can make now as regards myself.' When he proposed to move her beloved Sisters, she wrote like a real woman to their Mother, 'I have cried to all the authorities on earth and all the Saints in Heaven against Dr. Manning; the fact is that he is as the Catholics themselves call him, a deucedly clever fellow, and somehow or other, by foul more than by fair means, gets all things his own way.'"

M. B.

### TO BOOKLOVERS.

Messrs. W. & G. Foyle, Ltd., have re-arranged and improved their department devoted to second-hand and new books on Medical, Surgical, Dental and Nursing subjects. The alterations have been necessitated by the growth of business and for the purpose of placing a still more efficient book service at the disposal of the three Professions. The requirements of the student, the practitioner, the specialist, and the nurse are fully met, and any book not to be found on the shelves will be obtained, second-hand or new. Readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING are invited to call and browse round the thousands of carefully classified volumes at their leisure, or to write for a catalogue mentioning requirements. In either case they will receive every attention from the manager of the department, Mr. C. A. Purdon.

### COMING EVENTS.

July 12th to 29th.—Woman's Exhibition, Olympia. Nursing Section.

July 15th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Members "At Home" to the Gentlemen of St. Dunstan's. Entertainment and Tea. 3.30.

July 21st.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall. 2.30 p.m.

July 22nd.—Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate. Criminal Law Amendment Bill. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will read "Little Cuckoo Flower." Discussion.

July 29th.—No More War Demonstration. Hyde Park. Nurses invited to take part in the Procession.

### BOOK OF THE WEEK.

#### "THE OPPIDAN."\*

This extremely fascinating chronicle of an Eton of twenty years ago should be read by all who are interested in this historic foundation, and also by those to whom up to the present it has given no particular thrill; and if at the close of the closely written volume they refuse to join in the *Floreat Etona*, well they must lack the divine spark of imagination, because the writing of this talented author is bound to carry one away and to enfold one in the mysterious atmosphere of life lived by the sons of the wealthy and great in the premier public school.

A contemporary preacher, speaking to boys the other day, remarked that public schools were so named because they are the most private things in the world. To read and understand this volume interprets the paradox, for the reader grasps the exclusiveness of such a life, its age-long customs, its sacred traditions that bind about the Etonian with unbreakable fetters.

In "The Oppidan" we have the complete Etonian career of an orphan boy named Peter Darley, from the moment he dropped his old nurse in Praed Street to avoid any appearance of disgraceful company, to his tragic end at the close of his school career, when "the School were deeply stricken, but knew how to present a gentlemanly appearance in face of death. Their Etonian fathers and forefathers all had to meet the invincible one."

To return to the early moments of Peter's introduction to the august foundation, and his reception at the House by "Willum." The tutor, Mr. Morley, being unmarried, was compelled to hire the services of an imposing housekeeper, charitably called "Dame." Parents found there was no appeal from her. All questions of health and nourishment were settled by her with a dignified surprise that anyone could mistrust the solidarity of the Eton tradition. She enjoined the newcomers, whom she addressed as "puir laddies," to put on a clean collar every day, and never to call Mrs. Sowerby "the Hag," or "I'll speak to the Captain."

Mrs. Sowerby, by the way, is described as resembling a "resuscitated mummy of Queen Anne."

Peter envied the advantages of Socston, also new, who had an Eton father to reveal the ropes and pitfalls of the Eton arena.

His nurse had given him a Bible, and his aunt promised him the requisite cakes, and had begged him not to spend too much time rowing in the Eton Eight.

Peter's first night after the entrance examination was a disturbed one, as unhappily he was unaware that he had taken the Remove.

The journey, the arrival, his companions, the examination, every question, his answers, Mr. Morley, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lamb's parrot, Willum, and the Dame, danced wildly through his mind, and left him hanging over the abyss of dread that concealed the impending result of examination.

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