

## Reviews

### "MATERIA MEDICA AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSES."

(By Gwendolin Hindes, M.Sc.)

This little manual, which is the outcome of a series of lectures given at the York County Hospital, in preparation for the State Examination under the General Nursing Council, should be of assistance to pupil nurses preparing for our own examination and also to qualified nurses in reviving their memory of some of the less common drugs. It is well tabulated, simple, and not too elaborate in detail, yet deals sufficiently with the origin, the action and the effect of the different drugs and their preparations. The book is published by The Scientific Press, and the price is 3/6 net.

### "MASSAGE OF THE HEAD, FACE AND NECK."

(By Olive F. Sands, Reg. Member Ch. Soc. of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, etc.)

This small book on the special massage referred to in the title would be of use to nurses who, in the course of nursing a patient, may be directed by the medical attendant to massage any part of the head, face, or neck. It is scarcely a manual for a trained masseuse, though to some who perhaps have not had practice in such cases it may also be of use. It is published by The Scientific Press.

Nurse Maude, so well known in Christchurch, has been in Wellington for a brief period, and on the 9th October gave an address in the Sydney Street Schoolroom on "Incarnation." The Bishop was in the chair, and prior to the address the audience was served with afternoon tea, provided by Mrs. Sprott and Lady Rhodes. The address was one of a number which Nurse Maude has been giving in connection with the healing mission of Mr. Hickson. Nurse Maude spoke beau-

### "THE FORSYTE SAGA."

(By John Galsworthy.)

Though not altogether a new book, the above, being now published in one volume comprising four complete novels, in which the history of a large family typical of the upper middle class in England is presented, can be recommended to thoughtful readers as a most interesting and enthralling piece of literature. Those who enjoy being carried from one generation to another and following the fortunes of people who become, as one reads, almost personal acquaintances, will be thoroughly interested. One's sympathies are enlisted by the story of Soames Forsyte, who, a devoted lover, is unable to elicit the response his devotion deserves. His wife, Irene, is a charming character whose personality affects all with whom she comes in contact. The second part of the "Saga," "The Indian Summer of a Forsyte," gives in beautiful and poetical language the love of an old man for the charming and beautiful woman—a love of the soul, satisfied by her trusting friendship. The third part is the story of the freedom of Irene and her second and happy marriage, while Soames endeavours to console himself for his wasted life, but with only partial success. The fourth part gives the story of the children of these two.

tifully on the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, describing the "Annunciation" and eloquently speaking of the Virgin Mary, her youth and lowly position, and emphasising the humility of Our Lord in thus becoming human by making Himself the least of all things and entering the world through the medium of a human birth. Nurse Maude stressed the need of continued prayer and faith, even when no sign of physical cure is apparent, and gave instances to show that even after the lapse of years healing has been effected.