

is brilliant, and therefore, though it is dazzling and most attractive, it is not warm, and not, except very occasionally, human or kind. Her wit is not beneficent. "The Herb-Moon" is, nevertheless, exceedingly entertaining reading; there are many laughs in its pages, and it abounds in subtle humour.

Here is a remark of Susan's that many women-readers would do well to inscribe upon the tablets of their memory:—

"Mr. Edward would have found a wife long ago if you ha'n't taken such care of him—treating him like a pet lamb, and talking to him as if he were an old maid. Never let a man forget that he's a man, that's what I say. It's mothers and sisters who make half the bad husbands you hear about, for no wife worth the name wants to keep her man short-coated! . . . And it isn't love so much as wanting to have their own way with 'em, and to have 'em like rabbits in a cage . . . There's enough real children in the world for women to look after without dilly-dallying about with grown men."

For the story I must refer our readers to the book itself. It is engaging and interesting, though its merits are somewhat hidden by the bright scintillation of wit upon its surface. The tale itself is not, I venture to think, quite equal to the average of Mrs. Craigie's previous performances; the epigrams, on the other hand, are as good as anything she has yet given to the world in print.

A. M. G.

Reviews.

We much preferred Miss Clara Weeks-Shaw's "Text-book of Nursing" before it was edited by Mr. William Radford and prefaced by Sir Dyce Duckworth. Mr. Radford elaborately explains that "care has been taken to expunge from the text such references as related to treatment on the part of Nurses independently of medical supervision," a statement which appears to us as condemning Miss Weeks-Shaw's previous edition. We know the book well and do not agree with Mr. Radford that it constituted the Nurse an independent practitioner.

Sir Dyce Duckworth was evidently labouring under the impression when he wrote this preface, that he was making a contribution to the science of courtship and marriage, an "honourable state" no doubt, but polygamy not being legal in this country, one to which we cannot all attain, even if we would. We must also take exception to the futile attempt of Sir Dyce Duckworth in this preface to limit the right of women to read and learn what they choose—it is a hopeless task, and one which we should advise him to abandon for the future.

For the part of the book for which Miss Weeks-Shaw is responsible, we have nothing but praise. It is written in an excellent and helpful spirit, as was the original edition. We are sorry the chapters on anatomy and physiology have been omitted, as these were, to our own knowledge, most helpful to more than one Probationer in imparting in simple language the knowledge every Nurse needs of the construction of the human body.

* "A Text-book of Nursing," by C. S. Weeks-Shaw, published by Edward Arnold, 3s. 6d.

In the chapter on Massage the author gives many valuable hints, gained by personal experience in America, which is the home of Massage, and where more importance is given to this branch of a Nurse's training than has yet been thought necessary in England. The book is very comprehensive, but, although the subjects treated of are multifarious, there is no suspicion of smattering. Every matter is brought out in its right place, and treated thoroughly. The chapters on Infants and Sick Children are extremely good, as also is the section dealing with special medical cases, and noting the chief points to be observed in the case of Bright's disease, peritonitis, laryngitis, asthma, &c.

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WHAT TO READ.

- "Poems and Ballads," by "Q."
- "The Letters of Victor Hugo." Translated from the French by F. Clarke, M.A.
- "Some Fair Hibernians" Being an Account of some Notable Irish Women, by Francis A. Gerard, Author of "Angelica Kauffmann," "Some Celebrated Beauties of the Past Century," &c. With numerous Portraits and Illustrations, some of the former being now reproduced for the first time. Contents: Mrs. Jordan, Lady Anne and Lady Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Sarah Curran, Anne Countess of Charlemont, Mary Countess of Leitrim, Mrs. Chenevix Trench, Marguerite Power, Countess of Blessington, Lola Montez, and many others.
- "Without Prejudice," by I. Zangwill.
- "The Daughter of Alouette." A Story of Life Among the American Indians, by Mary A. Owen.
- "Miss Cherry-blossom of Tokyo." A Japanese novel, by John Luther Long.
- "The Career of Candida," by George Paston, Author of "A Study in Prejudices."
- "The Story of Aline," by Mrs. Edward Ridley.

Coming Events.

December 3rd.—Nursing in Workhouses. Paper will be read by Mr. C. S. Roundell (a member of the Aged Poor Commission), Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall.

December 4th.—Friendly Medical Society's Banquet, Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, 6 p.m.

December 4th and 5th.—Sale of work at the National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street, for the Air Fund and additional comforts for the patients. 2 to 6 p.m. Admission 1s.

December 5th.—Dental Hospital of London: Banquet at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole.

December 8th.—Invalid Cookery at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., 2.30 p.m. Sixth Lesson: Roast chicken, bread sauce, stewed oysters, bread and butter pudding, lemon sponge, cornflour blancmange, rice jelly.

Princess Christian opens winter sale of the Working Ladies' Guild, 24, Park-lane, 12; and two following days.

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