

if we wait until life is safe. We may be separated, we may lose one another altogether . . . . Let us fight against it. Why should we separate? . . . . This is the only way. We two—who belong to one another."

The only way! But ah! A way of thorns!

G. M. R.

## Pain.

By ALFRED L. DONALDSON.

I stood beside the lake at point of day,  
Before the youngest breeze had left its bed,  
While shaggy mists still lingered overhead  
Or rolled themselves reluctantly away.  
I tossed a stone; it made a splash, some spray,  
Some short-lived ripples—and then all was dead.

But still I saw it as it downward sped  
To unknown depths of liquid, leaden gray.  
So in the human soul sink stones of pain:  
We hear the splash and see the ripples leap.  
We feel the spray, perchance, and then—forget!  
We see a smile upon the face again,  
And yet we know that, if the soul be deep,  
That stone must still be sinking in it yet.

## Fate—Destiny.

By STEPHEN HENRY THAYER.

I am Mortality—Death is my doom:  
Matter in transit, a clod for the tomb;  
A soldier of fate, for spoil or for fame;  
For love or for hate, for honour or shame.  
I am Mortality, born of her womb.

I am immortal; a prisoner set free;  
Destiny, careless of Earth's elegy;  
Soul winged of spirit, a star in the night;  
With Heaven to inherit, with God in the fight:

I am immortal, this my degree!

—American Outlook.

## WHAT TO READ.

- "Village Life in China." By Arthur H. Smith, D.D.  
"China, Corea, Japan: Problems of the Far East." By the Right Hon. Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India.  
"Byzantine History of the Early Ages." By Frederick Harrison, M.A.  
"Things Seen." By the late G. W. Stevens.  
"Yesterday and To-day in Kruger's Land." By a lady from South Africa.  
"Daughters of Pleasure; being the History of Neara, a Musician; Athene, an Actress; and Hera, a Singer." By Anna, Comtesse de Bremond.  
"Fate the Fiddler." By H. C. MacIlwaine.  
"Little Anna Mark." By S. R. Crockett.

## Coming Events.

June 30th.—The Prince and Princess of Wales open the new Jenny Lind Hospital for Sick Children, Norwich.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES,  
Thursday, July 5th.

Meeting of the Provisional Committee at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 11 a.m. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will preside.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.  
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.  
At the Medical Societies' Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.  
Miss Isla Stewart, President, in the Chair.

Thursday, July 5th.  
3—6 p.m.

FIRST SESSION.

Presidential Address.

A Poor Law Nursing Service.

Miss E. Julian, Matron of the Infirmary, Croydon, Member of the Matrons' Council.

The necessity for a Nursing Department in all Governmental Offices dealing with the nursing of the Sick.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, late Lady Superintendent, Gordon House Home Hospital, Member of the Matrons' Council.

The Celebration by Trained Nurses of the New Century.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Councillor, Matrons' Council.

Friday, July 6th.

11 a.m.

Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

3—6 p.m.

SECOND SESSION.

(1) "The Reasons for the State Registration of Trained Nurses." Three papers from the standpoint of

The Medical Practitioner, Dr. F. S. Toogood, Medical Superintendent, the Infirmary, Lewisham.

The Trained Nurse, Miss H. Poole, Matron, the Infirmary, Blackburn. Member of the Matrons' Council.

The Patient.

Mrs. J. A. Crawford, President, the Householders' League.

(2) "The Nursing of the Sick at Sea."

Le Comte C. de Cardi.

Questions of Professional Interest which may arise.

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Sec. Matrons' Council.

The afternoon Conferences are open to the general public, and those interested in nursing can obtain tickets by applying to Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W. Price 1s. per Session.

July 7th.—The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' General Meeting in the Great Hall, 3 p.m. Social Gathering 4.30 p.m.

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