

are not, and have no reason at all for believing that they deserve.

"Her idea, which is a common enough one with her sex and may even be a correct one, was that she would sooner or later encounter her destined mate, but she would recognise him at first sight, and that it would be a terrible calamity if she were to recognise him too late."

But Juliet, who likes the grave, staid, somewhat heavy Lord Leonard fairly well, accepts him, and has almost argued herself into the belief that she loves him when his friend Archie Morant appears on the scene. It never occurs to Juliet, either then or afterwards, that she prefers the showy attractions of Morant simply because she is too shallow to appreciate Lord Leonard. She "falls in love" with Morant, and makes a runaway marriage with him, leaving the luckless lord with his world—the world which has never held but one woman—in ruins at his feet.

Her subsequent conduct is "all of a piece" with this behaviour. Leonard falls a prey to an underbred and scheming little governess, and when the two couples meet in Paris, and the impossible Lady Leonard so compromises herself with Juliet's husband that a divorce and consequent relief for the luckless one would be easy, she, Juliet, unhesitatingly makes use of his continued devotion to herself to make him hush matters up, condone the offence, and pass the rest of his life with his millstone about his neck; and never, from the first moment to the last, does it occur to her that she has been selfish in the demand.

The subsequent working of the story in the second generation is very true to life, very full of subtle observation of human nature. The book is less superficial than most of the writer's clever studies. But it has the fatal flaw of not showing the portrait of one really satisfactory woman.

G. M. R.

Coming Events.

February 6th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., 3.30 p.m.

February 11th.—Meeting at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, convened by the Matron, Miss Macintyre, to discuss State Registration. Speaker, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Nurses wishing to be present should communicate with the Matron.

What to Read.

"Tales of Three Colonies: Australia, Tasmania, Zealandia." By Evelyn Adams.

"Affairs of West Africa." By E. D. Morel.

"Penal Servitude." By W. B. N.

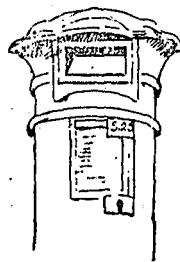
"Memoirs of a Contemporary: Being Reminiscences by Ida Saint-Elme, Adventuress, of Her Acquaintance with Certain Makers of French History and of Her Opinions Concerning Them. From 1790 to 1815." Translated by Lionel Strachey.

"An Old Country House." By Richard Le Gallienne.

"A Humble Lover." By M. Betham-Edwards.

"Marina de la Rey. By Charlotte Moor ("Colonia").

"The Coachman with Yellow Lace."



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.

AMERICAN COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Please accept my thanks for the courtesy which you have shown me in sending to me a copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for January 10th, 1903, containing a review of my book upon "Obstetric and Gynecological Nursing." I am glad to know that the book has been found acceptable in London and I hope that it may be of service to English nurses. I have been associated with training-schools for nurses for some time and appreciate their work more and more as time goes on. Your Journal is known in this country and highly esteemed for its worth.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

EDWARD P. DAVIS.

250, South 21st Street,
Philadelphia.

[We reviewed Dr. Davis's work in our issue of January 10th, and unhesitatingly recommend it as the best practical manual on the specialties with which it deals.—ED.]

ARMY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I have seen no allusion in your paper, always so ready to help nurses, to the fact that nurses who have returned from South Africa after years of arduous work in the Army Reserve are experiencing great difficulty in again obtaining hospital posts, such as they resigned when they volunteered for active service. It is stated that civil hospital Matrons refuse to readmit these nurses into civil hospitals; most certainly I know of cases where the vacancies have been filled up, new probationers added to the staff, and "house full" posted up. Is this fair or encouraging to those nurses who resigned comfortable positions to go to the front at the call of duty and the nation's need? Next time there is a war, if a great number of nurses are required I should imagine the Government will have some difficulty in obtaining them.

Yours truly,

SUPERSEDED.

[We sincerely sympathise with those nurses who have returned home from military service to find a return to civil hospital work difficult. But, at the same time, we cannot see that the Matrons, or even authorities of hospitals, are to blame. Hospital Matrons have not yet forgotten the mad and determined rush of the fit and unfit members of their staffs to the front—without by your leave or with your leave—creating as it did, in many instances, great disorganisation in the nursing of the sick for whom they

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