

The thing is to find the trend of the inspiration which she is sure that Anna possesses. She tries music; she tries painting; her fish does not rise. Then she tries the theatre; and Anna's destiny is a settled thing.

The subsequent part of Anna's history is only the history of her love affair. The woman who is so heartless, the woman who is so wicked as deliberately to ensnare the young unwary girl, is yet woman enough to wish her happy, and to throw her into the company of a good honest man. This man, Maurice Strode, falls in love with Anna without an idea that she is Solny, the great actress. Then there arrives the moment when he must be told, and it is here that Mrs. Thurston shows herself at once most original and most dramatic. She makes us inevitably share Mrs. Maxstead's mistake as to the reason of his emotions on the sight of Anna in the rôle of Sappho. We leave poor Anna happy in the love of her lover; but one can hardly forecast a very happy married life for Maurice. Certainly he is an exceptional man, and Anna seems to be an exceptional actress; but she has chosen a career which seems to militate conspicuously against domesticity. Perhaps, however, Maurice did not require domesticity.

The whole style is vivid, picturesque, and alluring. Here and there are passages of somewhat "tall" writing which the book would be better without.

"Her tone was light, but the half-intense, half-ironic question that underran it was like a metal plating, beaten very fine."

This simile is obscure, to say the least of it.

G. M. R.

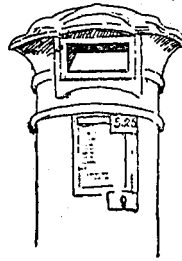
The Healer of Hearts.

Dear little girl with a broken heart,
Learning too soon the depths of grief,
Would that I could with a mender's art
Patch up your troubles and give relief;
But Time is the doctor for case like yours,
While all-forgetting must be your part;
These are workers of magic cures—
Dear little girl with a broken heart.
Salve nor balsam nor balm can aid,
Lotion, liniment, ne'er will heal;
Only waiting, till Time hath laid
Tender hands on the grief you feel.
Happy I'd be if a word of mine
Ever so little might ease the smart,
But only the years are an anodyne,
Dear little girl with the broken heart!

—ROY FARRELL GREENE,
in *Munsey's Magazine*.

What to Read.

- "Poland: a Study of the Land, People, and Literature." By George Brandes.
"Greater Russia: the Continental Empire of the Old World." By Wirt Gerrare.
"Sidelights on Charles Lamb." By Bertram Dobell.
"The Love Letters of Dorothy Osborne to Sir William Temple."
"The Light Behind." By Mrs. Wilfrid Ward.



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.

MR. DOUGLAS BRYAN'S SCHEME FOR NURSING ORGANISATION.

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES,
To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*,"
Corporation of Wigan,
Officer of Health's Department.

DEAR MADAM,—I have followed in your excellent Journal the letters on the above subject, and was awaiting an opportunity of criticising Mr. Douglas Bryan's scheme. The main point is to get the Registration, and the details of training will of necessity follow. This is evident in respect to the Midwives' Bill of 1902. The scheme of the British Gynaecological Society is evidence of a move in the right direction.

I cannot, however, allow the letter of the Matron of the National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, in your issue of the 7th inst., to pass without saying how well she has grasped the subject in regard to the curriculum and examinations, and her suggestions are exactly what I had in my mind to suggest after the Governing Body or Council had been formed. There must be, as she states—

1. A preliminary examination.
2. Professional examinations.

The professional examinations to be after a recognised curriculum of nursing in Hospital Schools.

Then before a nurse can be registered she must be examined in—

1. Medical Nursing.
2. Surgical Nursing.
3. Gynaecological Nursing.

The training for these can be obtained in most general hospitals where a course of lectures and training is given.

Midwifery and monthly nursing,
Mental nursing,
Fever nursing, and

Massage can be taken up afterwards, and special certificates given after examination, just as the D.P.H. is, and as the Psychological certificate is obtainable by medical men.

General nursing must be the entrance to the Register and the special certificates taken afterwards.—
I am, Yours faithfully,
WM. BERRY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The two most difficult classes of nurses to bring into line in legislation for nurses are Mental and Fever Nurses, and a much higher standard of general education for girls will be necessary before a sufficient supply can be relied upon to meet all the needs as "Qualified" Nurses for asylums and large infectious hospitals. Where are all these well-educated girls coming from, who will give time for a sound general hospital training, and then two more years, before regis-

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