

she did, she admired his heroism, though she could not give him more than admiration.

She considered herself bound to the man who had left her on the altar steps, and retired to the monastery at Mount Athos, leaving her to do as best she could. When at the end of the book they meet, he as a monk, neither he nor she seems to realise in the least how unpardonable his whole conduct has been.

But we have said enough to show that the book is original and interesting, if not convincing.

G. M. R.

Home.

A man can build a mansion
And furnish it throughout,
A man can build a palace
With lofty walls and stout,
A man can build a temple
With high and spacious dome,
But no man in this world can build
That precious thing called Home!

No, 'tis our happy faculty,
Oh, women, far and wide,
To turn a cot or palace
Into something else beside,
Where brothers, sons and husbands tired
With willing footsteps come;
A place of rest, where love abounds—
A perfect kingdom—Home!

—I. L. Jones.

What to Read.

- "Coniston." By Winston Churchill (American).
"The Dream and the Business." A Novel. By John Oliver Hobbes.
"An Englishwoman in the Philippines." By Mrs. Campbell Dauncey.
"Should Christians Make Fortunes?" By James Paterson Gledstone.
"The Field of Glory." By Henry Sienkiewicz.
"Women's Work and Wages." By E. Cadbury.

Coming Events.

July 23rd.—The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior, presents medals for saving life on land and other awards conferred by the Chapter-General of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, at Marlborough House, 11.

August 7th to 11th.—Meeting International Women's Suffrage Alliance, Copenhagen.

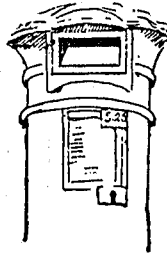
September 23rd to 29th.—The International Congress of Hygiene and Demography at Berlin.

A Word for the Week.

The objects of education arranged in order of merit are: (1) character; (2) physique; (3) intelligence; (4) manners; (5) information.—R. J. Mackenzie in "Almond of Loretto."

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.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Cheque for a guinea for Prize Puzzle received, for which I beg to thank you, and remain

Yours truly,

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WHO WAS WRONG?

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

DEAR MADAM,—The answers to the above question in the current issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING are very interesting, and show how impossible it is to judge rightly any case on the bare statement of facts.

The case calls up in my mind a vision of a heavy ward, a harassed, worn out nurse, simply living and working, kept up by the thought of the holiday in the near future, a possible worrisome patient, and the request being at that moment the last straw.

Also a weak Matron and an officious, high-handed employer, i.e., chairman.

No one can have a higher ideal of what a nurse should strive to be than myself, but are the correspondents who have written this week judging as they would be judged? Should we not rather say, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone"?

How many are there among us who can truthfully say? "I have never been impatient or discourteous to a patient in my life." Many could say "I have never been so intentionally."

It is true that the nurse's refusal in cold print conveys a great deal that seems harsh and unkind, but we all know that many apparently sharp, unkind speeches lose their sting by the tone and manner of utterance. Something upon the lines of "It wasn't the nasty thing she said, but the nice way she said it," if one may rearrange a popular phrase.

Miss Hurlston suggests that the nurse may have been previously warned, but that is only supposition; we are told that the reason for "sacking" the nurse was this one offence, and if we are to judge only on the stated facts, then the punishment was immeasurably greater than the crime. If the nurse had a bad record, why allow her to remain nearly three years? And in justification of the dismissal, surely this important factor would have been stated.

Judging upon the facts given, the chief wrongdoers were in my opinion the Chairman and Matron, the former as one of the employers in overworking the nurse; and we all know perfectly well that very

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