

many who would marry, were it not for the dread of the demands of the unreasonable girl, who has married simply in order to please herself.

The little sketched-in picture of the country town of Hale is skilfully wrought. Every touch tells.

G. M. R.

Verses.

I may not reach the heights I seek,
My untried strength may fail me ;
Or, halfway up the mountain peak
Fierce tempests may assail me,
But though that place I never gain
Herein lies comfort for my pain—
I will be worthy of it.

I may not triumph in success
Despite my earnest labor ;
I may not grasp results that bless
The efforts of my neighbor,
But though my goal I never see
This thought shall always dwell with me—
I will be worthy of it.

The golden glory of Love's light
May never fall on my way ;
My path may always lead through night,
Like some deserted by-way,
But though life's dearest joy I miss
There lies a nameless strength in this—
I will be worthy of it.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX,
From Miscellaneous Poems.

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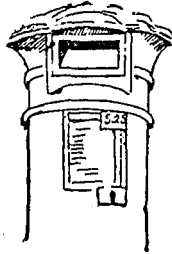
Many of our readers will be glad to know that a new edition of "The Queen's Poor," by Miss M. Loane, will be published on October 8th, price 3s. 6d.

What to Read.

- "Benita." By Rider Haggard.
- "The Pillar of Cloud." By Francis Gribble.
- "The Comedy of Age." By Desmond Coke.
- "Lucy of the Stars." By Frederick Palmer.

A Word for the Week.

"There is no place in the modern world for the unskilled ; no one can hope for any genuine success who fails to give himself the most complete special education. Good intentions go for nothing, and industry is thrown away if one cannot infuse a high degree of skill into his work. The man of medium skill depends upon fortunate conditions for success ; he cannot command it, nor can he keep it. The trained man has all the advantages on his side ; the untrained man invites all the tragic possibilities of failure."—*Hamilton W. Mabie,*



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,—Very many thanks for cheque received to-day for £1 1s.

I am, yours very truly,
L. JACKSON-BENNETT.

A COLOUR LINE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Interested as I am in coloured races, and having had a fair amount of experience in nursing them, I cannot think that training in a hospital for coloured people only can afford good, or even adequate experience in the nursing of Europeans. Not that I would advocate any difference in the nursing care of black and white, but, as you have indicated, the needs of the black man are so simple. Take his bed for instance. A bedstead with a wire woven mattress covered by a native mat, and a coloured blanket as a covering represent luxury to him, so far as I have known him. He would not be happy or comfortable in sheets, and it would be a great mistake to develop in him a sense of need which is at present non-existent, and which he would not have the means to gratify if created. But, under these circumstances, how is a probationer to be taught bed making, an essential part of her work so far as Europeans are concerned? Again, as you have pointed out, the service of food is entirely different. It would be a cruel kindness to encourage a deviation from simplicity in a coloured patient, and yet here again the training must fall short in what is required in one who nurses white races. Again the recuperative powers of some black races are without doubt remarkable, but this very fact might, and probably would, lead a nurse trained in a hospital exclusively for coloured patients to form a wrong estimate of the recuperative powers of the sick generally. For all these reasons I think that a recognised training school for nurses should contain a considerable percentage of beds for white people.

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
COLONIAL MATRON.

THE LABOUR BED.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I read with much pleasure the article in the Journal last week on "Different Methods of

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