

woman's companionship, the emotional side." But that this woman is, in no sense, his complement Kenrick is destined to realise with bitter humiliation. He is a good man, strong and earnest—we are not asked to imagine him perfection—he is human.

Self-less, dutiful, gifted as she is, Avril Eden is also far from faultless. She makes a mistake—just one slip in her usually admirable judgment—and "behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." To cover the mistake some petty prevarications seem necessary, to render these efficient—a falsehood. "It was the little cloud, like a man's hand," she cries, brought to bay at last, "and now the heavens are black with it!" The cloud lies between herself and her love!

Besides these three capital types the book contains some gems of characterisation, and not one that is unessential to the story. There is a very nice balance preserved between humour and pathos—neither being forced.

The book is excellent in all particulars, never wordy, nor yet tiresomely epigrammatic, but always crisp and telling. The "Dull Girl's Destiny" deserves to be as eminently successful as its popular forerunners by the same author.

E.L.H.

Coming Events.

June 14th.—Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund. Drawing Room Meeting, 71, Eaton Square; Chairman, The Earl of Hardwicke. Speakers: Lady Henry Somerset, Major Lord Loch, Dr. Champneys, 3.45 p.m.

June 14th.—Princess Henry of Battenberg attends the annual meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association, Lord Amptill presiding, Grosvenor House, 3.30.

June 17th.—Reception of members of the International Nursing Conference, by the invitation of the Committee, at the Maison-Ecole d'Infirmières Privées, 66, Rue Vercingetorix, Paris, 4.30 p.m.

June 17th.—Eighteenth Annual Women Writers' Dinner, Criterion Restaurant, 7.30 for 7.45 (Chair, Mrs. Francis-Blundell).

June 18th.—Central Midwives' Board. Examination, London and the Provinces, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C. Bristol, University College. Manchester, Victoria University. Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lying-in Hospital.

June 18th.—Opening of the International Nursing Conference, 5, Rue Las Cases, Paris, M. G. Mesureur presiding, 9.30 a.m.

June 21st.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, Hotel Normandy, 7, Rue de l'Echelle, Paris, 10 a.m.

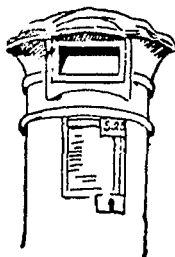
A Word for the Week.

The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and enquire "why wasn't it done the other way?"

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

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,—I was very delighted to be the winner of the Guinea prize, and thank you very much for the cheque, which I have received quite safely.

I shall derive much pleasure from the spending of it.

Yours faithfully,

ANNIE TAYLOR.

St. Barnabas' Home, Torquay.

FEVER NURSES AND STATE REGISTRATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I for one should be very pleased to see an association of fever nurses founded. General nurses, midwives, masseuses, and others all have their own associations. Why not fever nurses? There are many subjects besides the all important one of State Registration which might usefully be discussed by the members of such an Association. Would not the Matrons' Council, which has done so much to help nurses, convene a meeting of Matrons and Nurses trained in fever work, to consider the question, and invite Dr. Biernacki to explain his views?

Yours faithfully,

M.A.B.

INFANTS ON BOARD SHIP.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The sufferings of a sick infant on board ship must be terrible indeed under the conditions described by your correspondent in your last issue. Think of the condition of its bottles in the Red Sea with no conveniences for keeping them clean. Their condition, I should say, would be enough to poison a healthy child, let alone a sick one. Then think, too, of the discomfort of the child with no bathing accommodation. All those who have travelled know how indispensable and refreshing a bath is on board ship in the tropics, and if to a strong and healthy adult, how much more to a sick and delicate infant. I think the need for adequate arrangements for infants travelling as steerage passengers should be put before the directors of the steamship companies, and if they refuse to move perhaps the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children might take the matter up.

Yours faithfully,

A LOVER OF CHILDREN.

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