

leader; narrow, envious, rapacious, cruel, are the adjectives with which this chapter is besprinkled, and the writer even goes so far as to say, "Knowing as I do Turkey and the Armenians, and Boerland and the Boers, this straining at the Boer gnat, and unhesitating swallowing of the Armenian camel, is all the more extraordinary." To emphasise his meaning, Mr. Cumberland then proceeds to give a terrible description of the sufferings of the captive Malaboch and his followers at the hands of President Kruger and his Boers—a species of treatment of prisoners which might have been "understandable in the days of Pagan Rome, but which was a disgrace to an alleged Christian country and suzerain state of Great Britain."

Mr. Cumberland enjoyed himself in Johannesburg, and remarks that he could pass several weeks there without feeling dull, or out of the world. Society there seems to have been full of sparkle and enjoyment, though somewhat given to flippant and trivial gossip.

The Kimberley gold mines are very fully described in a chapter devoted to that purpose. I confess to reading with considerable interest the account of the finding and subsequent preservation of rough diamonds.

But, after all, the chapter in the book to which all readers will turn with natural curiosity, is the one about the famous "Dr. Jim," who has so nearly succeeded in setting all Europe by the ears. His portrait is that of a pleasant-faced, wide-awake looking gentleman, and is distinctly far more agreeable to look upon than President Kruger's heavy, unsympathetic features. Mr. Cumberland records of him that he was the most lovable man that he had ever met, and that every one who has ever known him has been loud in praise of his irreproachable honesty and financial probity.

"There is no man in all South Africa who has shown such complete indifference in the matter of money making as he has. With his chances he might have been an exceedingly wealthy man, but South African financiers have been lost in wonderment at the opportunities he has neglected, and of his strong disinclination to make the most in the money market of the unique position he has held."

Mr. Cumberland bears eloquent testimony to the love which all who knew him have towards "Dr. Jim," who, however, the writer does not hesitate to say is a regular Don Quixote among men.

I can heartily recommend the perusal of this book to all readers who are interested in South African affairs, for in spite of its somewhat bold style, and drastic judgments, they cannot fail to find in its pages much that will enlighten, instruct and amuse them.

A. M. G.

Reviews.

The March number of *Sisters* (4d. monthly) contains a most interesting illustrated article on Armenia, and an important discussion on "Do Women want the Vote?" There is also some excellent fiction to lighten the more serious pages, while Miss Eva Whitley, B.Sc., contributes her welcome monthly paper on the "Education of our Girls." Miss Annesley Kenealy is writing a series of papers on "Professions for Women," that in the current number dealing with medical women. She is to write in subsequent numbers "Lecturing for Women," the first of which, dealing

with Lectureships on Nursing, and First Aid to the Injured, will appear in the May number. Each month the issue of *Sisters* improves immensely, and it bids fair to be a very widely read and popular monthly.

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WHAT TO READ.

"England in Egypt," by Sir Alfred Milner, K.C.B. Popular Edition.

"A Naturalist in Mid-Africa," by G. T. Scott Elliot. (London: A. D. Innes & Co.)

"Old Mr. Tredgold," by Mrs. Oliphant.

"Cleg Kelly, Arab of the City," by S. R. Crockett, author of "The Raiders," &c.

A New Romance by the author of "Almayer's Folly."—"An Outcast of the Islands," by Joseph Conrad. (T. Fisher Unwin.)

"Nobody's Fault," by Netta Syrett. (London: John Lane.)

"Illumination," by Harold Frederic.

"The Indian Uncle," by Leslie Keith, author of "Lisbeth," &c.

"The Mystery of Mr. Bernard Brown," by E. Phillips Oppenheim. (Richard Bentley & Son, New Burlington Street.)

The admirers of the works of Olive Schreiner will be glad to hear that the new edition of "The Story of an African Farm," which Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. are issuing, will have as a frontispiece a reproduction in photogravure of a recently taken portrait of the author. Over 80,000 copies of this book have now been sold, and this new edition completes the 83rd thousand.

Coming Events.

March 20th.—The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will visit the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, 3 p.m.

March 24th.—The Duke and Duchess of York visit Lancaster to open the new Infirmary.

March 27th.—Fourth Annual Meeting of the Women Lecturers' Association, at 4, Caroline Place, Mecklenburgh Square, W.C., at 3 p.m. The Right Hon. the Earl of Stamford will take the chair.

April 10th.—General Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, at 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., at 5 p.m.

April 16th.—Ball, under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, at the Town Hall.

A Sad Case.

MISS ANNESLEY KENEALY wishes to acknowledge with best thanks the receipt of 3s. 6d. from A. K., Woolwich, towards the fund she has raised for a sick Nurse, and is happy to say she has received a sum quite sufficient to provide for the Nurse's needs. She regrets that the condition of the Nurse's lungs will prevent her from getting any employment for a long time. But with the kind help that has been given, Miss Kenealy hopes to get her into a Home for some months, where treatment and care may result in a cure.

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