

high level of emotion. But it is natural and charming, and one accepts all of it, except perhaps the idea that the brilliant Sarah could possibly have cared for sulky Peter. However, in these cases, one never knows.  
G. M. R.

### Fragments Overheard.

BY A TRAVELLING TINKER OVER HIS WORK.

For Thy goodly glory, Lord,  
For Thy mercy unto me,  
For the richness of the present,  
Whatso'er the future be—  
Hear me, Master, when I thank Thee,  
All my thanks are due to Thee.  
For the work that Thou hast given,  
For the joys of toil and strife,  
For the labours of the day-time,  
For the struggles of my life,  
Hear me, Master, when I thank Thee,  
All my thanks are due to Thee.  
For the rain, and for the sunshine,  
For the old world's still green face,  
For the mist, and for the moonlight,  
For the wild wind's furious race,  
Hear me, Master, when I thank Thee,  
Thank Thee for the earth's fair grace.  
For the heart of many a comrade,  
Heart of friend, and face beloved,  
Power to love, and loving  
Feel their heart-beats answer me—  
For that too, my Master, thank Thee,  
All my thanks are due to Thee.  
For the sin and suffering, Master,  
Days of wrong, and nights of sorrow—  
All that lends the zest and flavour  
To life's gladness and death's morrow,  
Hear me, Master, when I thank Thee  
Thank Thee for the ills we borrow.  
For it all, my Master, thank Thee,  
Thou hast given, 'tis from Thee,  
Life's full glory and its richness,  
Power to love, to think, to see,  
All the gladness of existence,  
Just to breathe, to feel, to be.  
For it all, my Master, thank Thee,  
All my thanks are due to Thee.

—By U. L. SILBERRARD.

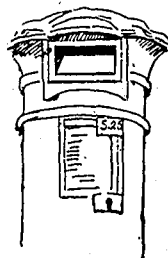
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### What to Read.

"The Marriage of William Ashe." By Mrs. Humphry Ward.  
"The Vicissitudes of Evangeline." By Elinor Glyn.  
"Aunt Phipps." By Tom Gallon.  
"The Return of Sherlock Holmes." By A. Conan Doyle.

### Coming Events.

March 14th.—National Union of Women's Suffrage Associations: Demonstration in favour of the Parliamentary vote for women, Mr. Leonard Courtney presides, Queen's Hall, 8.



### 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.*

#### THE MEETING OF PROTEST AND THE BOARD OF TRADE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think the enclosed letter will be of interest to those of your readers who were present at the Meeting of Protest at 20, Hanover Square, on February 22nd ult.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY.

[Copy.]

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,

March 6th, 1905.

DEAR MADAM,—Mr. Gerald Balfour desires me to say that he has had under his consideration your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you request him to receive a Deputation on the subject of the application of "The Society for Promoting the Higher Education and Training of Nurses" for incorporation under Section 23 of the Companies' Act, 1867.

The Society in question has been instructed to advertise the application in the usual way, and it is proposed in due course to hold an inquiry, at which those who have made objections to the application will be given an opportunity of stating the grounds of their opposition in the presence of representatives of the applicants.

In these circumstances, it appears to Mr. Balfour that it will be unnecessary for him to trouble the proposed Deputation to attend, and he would suggest that it will be sufficient for them to take steps to have their views put forward at the hearing, notice of which will be sent to you as soon as it has been arranged.

Yours faithfully,

H. F. CARLILL.

#### A DANGEROUS MONOPOLY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It is to be hoped that nurses will be roused in time to a sense of the danger which has so unexpectedly arisen to threaten the future well-being of their profession. Things are chaos now; what they would be at the end of a year under the proposed régime (viz., an autocracy of finance) one shudders to reflect.

It might be instructive to learn who or what inspired these seven eminent financiers to present this wonderful petition praying for the granting to them of such widely-reaching powers over a profession with which, save, perhaps, in the administration of hospital funds, they have no interest or connection.

Were they inspired by the nurses themselves, or by a small section of the employers of nurses (viz., hospital authorities), or by the medical profession? It appears to me that such a petition should be signed not only by seven men all of one profession, all

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