

If I Should Die!

RONDEAU.

If I should die, how kind you all would grow,
In that strange hour I would not have one foe.
There are no words too beautiful to say
Of one who goes for evermore away
Across that ebbing tide which has no flow.

With what new lustre my good deeds would glow!
If faults were mine, no one would call them so,
Or speak of me in aught but praise that day,
If I should die.

Ah, friends! before my listening ear lies low,
While I can hear and understand, bestow
That gentle treatment and fond love, I pray,
The lustre of whose late though radiant way
Would gild my grave with mocking light, I know,
If I should die.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Coming Events.

April 3rd.—Amateur performance of "Billy's Little Love Affair," a comedy in three acts, by H. V. Esmond, at the Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C., on behalf of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, 8 p.m.

April 3rd.—Earl Roberts presides at a Festival Dinner in aid of the National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole.

April 4th.—Princess Alexander of Teck opens the Children's Convalescent Home for Surrey at Bognor.

What to Read.

"On the Queen's Errands." By Philip H. M. Wynter. Recollections of a service of forty-six years as a soldier and Foreign Service Messenger.

"The Confessions of a Princess."

"The Victorian Chancellors." By J. B. Atlay.

"Courage." By Charles Wagner. A series of papers on the conduct of life.

"Curayl." By Una L. Silberrad.

"The Sphinx's Lawyer." By Frank Danby.

"The Angel of Pain." By E. F. Benson.

"The Man of Property." By J. Galsworthy.

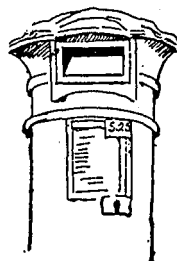
"Bardelys the Magnificent." By Rafael Sabatini.

A Word for the Week.

There are many more shining qualities in the mind of man, but there is none more useful than discretion; it is this, indeed, which gives a value to all the rest, which sets them at work in their proper times and places, and turns them to the advantage of the person who is possessed of them. Without it learning is pedantry and wit impertinence; virtue itself looks like weakness; the best parts only qualify a man to be more sprightly in his errors, and active to his own prejudice.—*Addison.*

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.

GERMAN NURSES GET STATE REGISTRATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Germany is once more ahead again in Nursing Organisation. Yesterday our Bill for the State Examination of Nurses was secured after a second hearing in the Bundesrat. You know Germany as an Empire consists of many States, and, as a rule, each State passes its own Bill in regard to such matters. The Bundesrat, you know, consists of delegates from every German State and therefore our Nursing Bill is for the whole Empire, a much better plan than having a great many different Bills like America. Our Bill is not entirely what we want it to be, but things are so bad we are glad to get it passed, and so to have a means to hand for dealing with the worst things in our calling. We have much work still before us to get what we want, but we must do so in time. As soon as possible I will send you a copy of the Bill itself. I am extremely busy preparing for our General Meeting on Friday, but I had to write to let you know at once.

Yours cordially,

Berlin.

SCHWESTER AGNES KARLL.

ON "KELTIC'S REMINISCENCES."

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

DEAR MADAM,—Without any desire to be hypercritical, may I record one or two impressions received on reading the above.

I sincerely hope that the lesson learnt in tears will not be passed on to the probationers of to-day.

From the account of multiple night dressings it is reasonable to conclude that they took the form of fomentations, poultices, water dressings, and so on.

Is not a "Syme's" amputation following gangrene an unusual operation? Everything in such a case depends on sound flaps and a good blood supply. But granted that it was a "Syme's," one would hardly apply any of the above forms of treatment, whilst there was still danger of hæmorrhage, and, therefore, pressure and rest important. So we come to dry dressings. This responsibility is put upon a very young and inexperienced pro., without anyone to supervise or even to help by holding the limb.

As the Senior was not available, surely the Night Sister ought to have been informed, and with her assistance and advice the poor pro. would have been relieved of much anxiety, and the poor patient, perhaps, of unnecessary inconvenience and pain.

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