

It is almost impossible to overpraise the picture given us of Soames Forsyte. But the effect of it upon many readers will probably be what the writer himself did not intend. Soames is intended to be an unsympathetic person. But through the whole gathering bitterness of his tragedy, it is difficult to resist the feeling that, with so many good points, Soames might have been made a good fellow by a woman who could have loved him, and made him the father of little children.

There is a finish, a balance, a symmetry about the whole thing which is truly admirable—a force, a restraint which prevent the cynicism from degenerating into sneers. We are reminded throughout of "The Voysey Inheritance," but it is a resemblance of two equals, not the resemblance of an original and its imitator.

G. M. R.

In Memoriam: Nora Chesson.

Come, soft-voiced minstrels of the Spring
(Whitethroat and linnet), come and sing
A dirge of dainty carolling.

Come hither, gentle maidens, strew
Pansies and eglantine and rue,
And moisten them with sorrow's dew.

Bring daffodils and apple-bloom,
Hawthorn and sprigs of yellow broom,
And lay them lightly on her tomb.

Let kindred souls that thither pass,
Tread softly on the daisied grass,
And bow the head, and sigh "Alas!"

A. J. C.

In the *Westminster Gazette*.

What to Read.

"The Flower of France." By Justin Huntley McCarthy.

"Mr. John Strood." By Percy White.

"The Healers." By Maarten Maartens.

"The Only World." By G. B. Burgin.

"Notes from Nature's Garden." By Frances A. Bardswell.

"Mr. Wingrave, Millionaire." By E. Phillips Oppenheim.

"Blue Jay." By Peggy Webling.

"The Hatanees." By Arthur Eggar.

"An American Duchess." By Arabella Kenealy.

"Nero." By Stephen Phillips.

"Uncle Peaceable." By Reginald Turner.

"Kid M'Ghie." By S. R. Crockett.

A Word for the Week.

Politeness is like an air cushion—there may be nothing in it, but it wonderfully eases the joltings along the rough road of life.

Coming Events.

April 27th.—Royal Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, W. A Discussion will be opened on "The Consumptive at Home," by G. A. Heron, Esq., M.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.P. Chairman, A. C. Scovell, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. 5 p.m.

April 28th.—Annual Meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor in the chair.

April 30th.—The Duchess of Albany attends a reception at the Mansion House in connection with the Royal Waterloo Hospital Bazaar and Floral Fête, to be held in June.

May 4th.—Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 3 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Address by the Chairman.
3. To receive the Annual Report and Audited Accounts.
4. To consider, and if thought advisable to adopt, recommendations from the Executive Committee (1) altering the originally proposed Constitution of the General Nursing Council in the Bill of this Society for the Registration of Trained Nurses, and (2) in regard to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament.

5. To consider the following Resolution:—

"That a petition to the Prime Minister be drawn up and circulated for signatures, asking that the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses may be made a Government Measure."

6. To consider the following Resolution:—

"That the cordial congratulations of the Society be conveyed to the German Nurses' Association on the attainment of State Registration of Trained Nurses in the German Empire, and especially congratulating the President of the Association, Sister Agnes Karll, on the success of her invaluable work in this connection."

7. To consider a letter from Miss Edith Palliser, Secretary of the Central Society for Women's Suffrage, and if thought advisable to nominate delegates to take part in the Deputation to the Prime Minister on May 19th on the subject of Women's Suffrage.

8. Other business.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, Hon. Sec.

Tea and Coffee after the meeting at 431, Oxford Street, W., where all present are cordially invited to adjourn.

May 5th.—The Princess Royal lays the Foundation Stone of the new East Wing of the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common. 3.30.

May 14th-May 23rd inclusive.—Sale of genuine old bric-à-brac to aid poor gentlewomen, 14, Brook Street, Bond Street, W. (by the kind permission of the Proprietor of the Brook Street Art Gallery) 11-7.

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