

patronage from her saint-like daughter. Then it is that Valerie recognises what is her maternal duty towards the girl who stands alone in the world, and she goes to her with a heart full of resolution to do her duty by her. What adherence to that resolve costs her it would spoil the story to reveal, but if she has wronged the girl by her former desertion she pays the penalty to the uttermost farthing in the end, and makes restitution few women would have had the courage to face.

The book may be most heartily recommended to all lovers of fiction that deals truly with real life.

E. L. H.

### Little Stories.

They thrust a lark into a prison and blotted out the blue above him; and he shook the spaces of the day with song.

Whereas a sparrow blown by chance into the seventh heaven might still do no more than chirp.

### Continuity.

*From the Russian.*

"There is no death"—for in the great Hereafter Remembrance of this life shall have its part; Nor shall our griefs and sorrows, joys and laughter, In the last sleep depart from mind and heart.

The eye that flamed, inspired with glorious vision,  
Shall it be blind, and deaf the listening ear?  
Shall the freed spirit, bent on its new mission,  
Fail to commune with those on earth held dear?

Will Raphael, in that life of bliss and wonder,  
Forget the Virgin which his genius wrought?  
Will Mozart cease to love his Requiem yonder?  
Will Shakespeare give his Hamlet no more thought?

No, it can never be. That which gave life its merit  
On this our earth shall still be ours to love.  
In form perfected by the gracious Spirit  
Who gives this life, and fuller life above.

### Coming Events.

*January 8th.*—Post Graduate Lectures. "The After Treatment and Nursing of Abdominal Operations," by Mr. Alex. Miles, F.R.C.S.E., Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. All trained nurses cordially invited. 5 p.m.

### A Word for the Week.

#### PATIENCE.

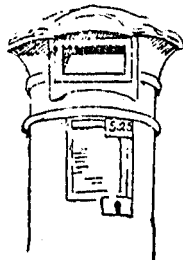
There are two kinds of patience—one is for something you desire, the other in something which you hate; and he is a strong man who can combine them both.

*Arabian Wisdom,*

By JOHN WORTABET, M.D.

### 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 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have the honour to invite you to participate in the International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will meet in Washington, September 21st to October 12th, 1908. Under another cover I enclose the preliminary announcement, and I trust that you will give the Congress such publicity as your valued journal can offer to such an undertaking.

The American Committee on the Congress is sensible of the great responsibilities resting upon it, and asks the aid of the scientific men of your country, in order that the coming Congress may merit the honour conferred on our country by the choice of Washington as a meeting place.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. FULTON,

Secretary-General.

810, Colorado Building, Washington.

[The above Congress is organised under the auspices of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The Committee on the Congress has enlisted the interest of the Federal Government, and the importance attached to it in the United States may be estimated by the fact that already seven of the Government departments, namely, the Departments of State of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, of Agriculture, and of Commerce and Labour have signified their intention to participate, and have petitioned the Congress of the United States for the necessary authority and means. Most of the Governors of individual States have also taken official action in favour of the International Congress on Tuberculosis. In connection with the Congress there will be a Tuberculosis Exhibition, and a course of special lectures by distinguished men has been arranged. In connection with meritorious exhibits, medals, diplomas, and money prizes will be awarded. Three cash prizes of 1,000 dols. each are offered: (1) for the best evidence of effective work in the prevention or relief of tuberculosis done by any voluntary association since the last International Congress in 1905; (2) for the best exhibit of a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis among the working classes; and (3) for the best exhibit of a furnished home for the poor in the interest of the crusade against tuberculosis. Several prizes will be offered for educational leaflets, with the object of producing new educational literature.—ED.]

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