

where her heart is so clearly fixed. The disappointment to Malcolm is bitter, and tinges the whole of his life; not that his love for Rose was so deep as that of his rival, but he felt that she was the suitable complement in the life of a man who meant, by the force of his intellect and great business capacity, to go far.

It is with the lives of Rose and Charles that the story is chiefly concerned. The man's character is simply beautiful; no wonderful hero of romance, created by a heated imagination, but a man to be loved and trusted. Steadfast of purpose, patient under the inevitable frictions of daily life in a large family with very limited means. In his own way, a strong man, helpful to his fellows, with a great magnetic influence over those brought in contact with him. Rose is a very woman, a loving wife, and a splendid mother; but as time goes on one realises how hard it is for her to accept with patience the narrow means, not on her own account, but she feels bitterly her inability to give her children the advantages she and their father both had.

Rose's sister, Betty, is another well-drawn character, as is also Tom Kerr, the young fellow to whom she is engaged. Their love story does not run smooth, and it is interesting to follow its developments.

Cuthbert Anderson, who is, in a mild way, the villain of the piece, is a very clever study of a vain youth with a wholly unbalanced mind. His abnormal appreciation of his own powers, and bitter resentment at their non-recognition by others, leads him to the committal of acts which supply the flavour of excitement to an otherwise quiet, everyday story.

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VERSE.

Ask God to give thee skill in comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy:
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart,
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch.

—Anon.

Coming Events.

March 12th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, W., 4 p.m.

AGENDA.

Resolution.

"That the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses re-affirms its determination to support the principles defined in the Nurses' Registration Bill, passed last Session by the House of Lords, and introduced into the House of Commons this Session by Mr. Munro Ferguson, and pledges itself to resist by every means in its power any attempt to undermine those principles, which it considers of vital importance to the nursing profession and to the efficient care of the sick."

March 15th.—The Territorial Force Nursing Association for the City and County of London. Meeting, Executive Committee, Mansion House, 3 p.m.

Meeting at the Mansion House for Trained Nurses, the Lord Mayor presiding, Egyptian Hall, 4 p.m. For tickets apply to Miss Goodhue, 14, Ashley Gardens, S.W.

March 16th.—Women's Labour League: Miss Margaret Bondfield on "Work of Women on the L.C.C.," Mr. Shackleton, M.P., presiding, Chandos Hall, Charing Cross, 8 p.m.

March 18th.—Monthly Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2.45 p.m.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

Lectures.—Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

March 24th.—"The Treatment and Teaching of Some Cases of Abdominal Surgery," by Professor F. M. Caird, F.R.C.S.E.

ULSTER BRANCH, IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

March 25th.—The following Lecture will be given in the Club Room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast: "Nursing of Eye and Throat Cases," Dr. Cecil Shaw. Members may bring a friend on payment of sixpence to the Secretary.

April 26th to May 2nd.—Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, St. James' Hall, Great Portland Street, W. President, Mrs. Chapman Catt, United States of America.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

To hold to faith when all seems dark, to keep of good courage when failure follows failure, to cherish hope when its promise is faintly whispered, to bear without complaint the heavy burdens that must be borne, to be cheerful whatever comes, to preserve high ideals, to trust unfalteringly that well-being follows well-doing; this is the Way of Life. To be modest in desires, to enjoy simple pleasures, to be earnest, to be true, to be kindly, to be reasonably patient and everlastingly persistent, to be considerate, to be at least just, to be helpful, to be loving; this is to walk therein.

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