

the game, pleased undoubtedly with the adulation which surrounded her on every side, she laughed and chattered with the women, teased the men, her cheeks aglow, her eyes bright, her brown hair persistently unruly flying in thick curls over her neck and shoulders."

Such a sweet and gracious lady must of necessity have lovers, and young Richard Lambert, "who wrote the letters which Marmaduke had not known how to spell," worships her with protective reverence. Sir Marmaduke, whose plot is to woo and win her in the guise of a Prince of Orleans, resents this faithful espionage and lays a plot to lure him to a gaming-house in London, where the play is carried on "in defiance of my Lord Protector," and he is compelled by his employer to take his seat at the table. "Of course he disapproved of what he did; he knew, somewhat vaguely, perhaps, yet with some degree of certainty, that gambling was an illicit pastime, and that therefore he, by sitting at this table with these gentlemen, was deliberately contravening the laws of his country."

And in the midst of a brawl into which he had been duped there comes a "measured tramp down the street, growing louder and more distinct, a muffled "Halt!" the sound of arms, of men moving about that yawning archway, and along the dark and dismal passage, with its hermetically closed front door."

The arrest of poor Lambert makes it easy for Sir Marmaduke to carry out his cowardly deception, and he marries Lady Sue.

We will not anticipate the conclusion of the story, which is full of episode and intrigue, but suffice it to say that all is well, because it ends well.

H. H.

INSTANT KINDNESS.

Friends, in this world of hurry, and work and sudden end,

If a thought comes quick of doing a kindness to a friend,

Do it that very minute; don't put it off, don't wait;
What's the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late?

A. C. MORGAN.

COMING EVENTS.

April 5th.—First lecture of a Post Graduate Course to Nurses, arranged by the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, on "Recent Changes and Treatment in the Medical Wards." Course open to non-members on payment of a fee of 7s. 6d. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, 8 p.m.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

April 19th and 20th.—Special Meeting of Central Midwives' Board for the hearing of Penal Cases. Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2 p.m.

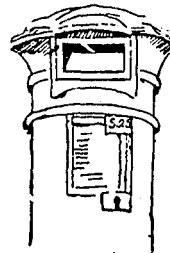
April 21st.—Monthly Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2.45 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"Study the past, live in the present, work for the future."

G. F. WATTS

Letters to the Editor.



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 WORKHOUSE NURSING ASSOCIATION AND THE HEMEL HEMPSTEAD INFIRMARY.

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

MADAM,—I venture to ask leave to state that this Association sent upon February 22nd a further letter to the Local Government Board in answer to our memorial, a copy of which was published presumably by the Guardians. In this further letter we explained various facts in the case, which the Board seem to have ignored, and again pressed for a full enquiry.

On March 4th, we received an absolute refusal from the Assistant Secretary for any further enquiry or investigation. No reasons were given.

We think it only right that the public should be in possession of these facts regarding a case of wide interest and great public importance.

The correspondence is open to the inspection of the press, and of all interested in the subject of Union Infirmary management.

Yours truly,

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GOD'S LAW.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have been following daily the reports of the meetings at Winchester House on the divorce laws, and have been thankful there are women to speak on this question. I was pained to read the opinion of Mr. Justice Bigham, that the adultery of men was not hurtful. Surely he speaks in ignorance, and could not maintain such views after reading your expression of opinion in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. How can justice be done if there is one law for men and another for women? If he doubts the terrible effects upon the wife, let him come and see some of the sad cases we nurses see—the results of this great sin. Only last week I found a young wife, aged 23, nearly blind through the infidelity of her husband. She has been operated on twice, and will never see again, and now her husband has deserted her, leaving her with a baby three months old; and yet the late President of the Divorce Court says the wife does not suffer by her husband's adultery. If this poor girl was his daughter, do you think he would say so? This Judge says an act of adultery may be "accidental." I say *no*—such wickedness is wilful, not accidental—and the wife is robbed of affection which should be hers alone. Those who maintain the two standards of morality for men and women cannot read or follow their Bible, as

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