

Squibs.

THE good knights of old
Fought tournaments bold,
For prizes and praise and their
fair lady-loves ;
Each brave man to-day
Is fighting his way
Towards riches and fame and
the one maid he loves.—
If the steel-clad and sword-girted men
And we weaklings who wield but the pen,
Both were asked if the gold or
the girl or the glory
Were most worth our pain,
From fighters and scriblers would
come the same story :—
"The deeds are the gain!"

R. S. L. in *The News Letter*.

A DIALOGUE.

LOVER :—

Thou who knowest, tell me how
Modern maiden may be won!
There is one I love who now,
Meeting me, without a bow
Passes silent on.

Had we lived in days of old,
Mine had been an easy way ;
Fiery steed, and onslaught bold,
Ashen lance, and broadsword cold,
Sure had won the day.

Then, the victor in the list,
Crown of Beauty on my lance,
I had knelt, her hand had kissed,
Parted all dividing mist
With a lover's glance.

But the past hath fled away
With its goodness and its ill.
Knowest thou the same decay,
Thou, the Love God? Cupid, say,
Hast thou power still?

CUPID :—

Had ye lived in days of yore,
Rude barbaric ages wild,
Haply thou hadst fallen lower,
Vanquished been, and nevermore
Had thy lady smiled.
Fixed thine eye in stony stare,
Where had been thy glory then?
Know thou there are maids as fair
Now as ever, here as there,
Aye, and braver men.
Hear the message that I tell ;
Furrow not thy brow with care ;
True love needs not any spell,
For the eyes are Cupid's well,
Read thy fortune there.
If, when thou art drawing nigh,
Rosy colour tinge her cheek :
If she meet thy passing eye
With a stolen look and shy,
Take the tide, and speak.
If together ye have chanced,
And no other one be near ;
Woo her, win her, if thou canst,
Stolen sweets are sweets enhanced,
Kiss her, never fear.

J. E. S. in *Glasgow University Magazine*.

The classics men have challenged the divi-
nities to mortal combat on the ice. The battle
promises to be fierce.

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