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MRS. ROBERT LUSTY

Mr. H. E. Bates writes:—

I knew Joan Lusty, wife of Robert Lusty, formerly of Michael Joseph Ltd. and now of Hutchinson and Co., for nearly 20 years. She was a compact, vibrant Scotswoman who, although she had lived long in England, never lost her Scottish character, her marked Scots accent, and strong Scots sense of humour. Although I sometimes teased her about being a foreigner and speaking with a foreign accent, she never resented it, but on the contrary enjoyed it greatly. She was a woman of both charm and firm convictions, and it was these characteristics that made her such a lively, intelligent and lovable companion. There was no side in Joan Lusty; she was content to be herself, self-reliant and sometimes forthright, through and through. All this gave her courage, which was never greater than in her last illnesses, which she bore with typical fortitude and even cheerfulness.