Miscellaneous

Lecture 5

*In Search of Lost Time* contains very few chronological markers that are precise, but two of these appear at the end of “Swann in Love.” One of the men strolling in the Bois de Boulogne claims to have slept with Odette de Crécy “the day MacMahon resigned,” a time when he says that she was young. (*Swann's Way* 1: 597) Duke Edme Patrice Maurice de Mac-Mahon was a maréchal de France and a monarchist who became the second president of the Third Republic. He resigned on January 30, 1879.

Earlier, Odette admitted to Swann that Forcheville had paid her a visit on the day of the Paris-Murcie Fête, which took place on October 14-15, 1879, and was a benefit to aid the flood victims of Murcia, Spain. (*Swann’s Way* 1: 526)