

intended by nature for an honourable man and a gentleman, but he allows himself to be moulded by circumstances, instead of compelling them, and he is thereby led into crooked paths, and only finds his way out of them through much shame and trouble.

The other dramatis personæ round whom the interest of the story centres are Ferrard's sister, a lady wholly devoted to science, and utterly disdainful of creature comforts, Dr. Bensley, who is Miss Ferrard's devoted knight, a delightful vicar, Mr. Beauclerc, Alywne Edghill, a man named Hales, who was present at the disastrous operation, and Mrs. Marchmont, who was to have married the man who she believes to have been murdered, and whose one object is to avenge his death.

Gwen, the waif, is adopted as a ward by Nigel Ferrard, and at the end of her schooldays, comes to make sunshine in his comfortless home. Then the inevitable happens. Given an attractive and generous minded young woman of twenty, and a guardian some ten years her senior, in whose magnanimous kindness she implicitly believes, who are constantly thrown together, and the sequel is not difficult to guess. Alywne Edghill comes on the scene, and causes Ferrard some heart burning, but, at least to those versed in the ways of womankind, he obviously has not a "look in." The tragedy of the story comes after Gwen and Nigel are happily married, and the solution of the trouble is found by Gwen's return of memory when she re-visits the scenes which so deeply affected her childhood.

The curtain falls on Gwen and Nigel, mutually happy in the perfect love of "married understanding," and one is glad of it, yet one feels that fate has been kinder to Nigel than he deserves in giving him the whole hearted devotion of a woman like Gwen. But there—if we all of us had our deserts we should none of us have much, and do we not all know women who lavish their love on men who are not worthy to black their boots.

WHAT TO READ.

- "The Five Windows of the Soul; or, Thoughts on Perceiving." By E. H. Aitken.
- "London in the Reign of Victoria (1837—97)." By G. Lawrence Gomme, F.S.A.
- "Pitt: Some Chapters of His Life and Times." By the Right Hon. Edward Gibson, Lord Ashbourne.
- "The Open Question." By C. E. Raimond.
- "Gloria Mundi." By Harold Frederic.
- "The Widower." By W. E. Norris.
- "Two Magics." By Henry James.
- "The Child of Pleasure." By Gabriele D'Annunzio.

Coming Events.

MEDICAL RELIEF.

Lectures at the Portman Rooms at 4.30 p.m. :—

December 2nd.—"Sick Insurance," Mr. F. G. P. Neison; Dec. 9, "The Provident Dispensary and Provident Nursing," Dr. J. B. Hurry. Prospectuses may be obtained of Mrs. Hill, 19, Park Mansions, Battersea Park, S.W.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

November 26th.—Meeting of the Committee of Arrangements, at London House, St. James's Square, by the kind permission of Mrs. Creighton. The Countess of Aberdeen, President of the International Council of Women, will preside, 10.30 a.m.

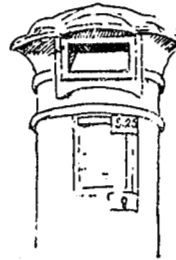
December 7th.—Opening New Wards at the West London Hospital, by H.R.H. Princess Louise.

December 7th.—Ball at the Holborn Town Hall for the benefit of the Royal Free Hospital.

December 12th.—Festival Dinner at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge will preside.

Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



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 OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, JERUSALEM.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The recent visit of the German Emperor to Jerusalem, and the attention which has been called to the restoration of the Church of the Knights of St. John of the German Order, renders it desirable that some mention should be made of the work of the Ophthalmic Hospital of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which has been recently represented by Lord Templeton and a deputation from the Order under appointment from the Grand Prior, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

The British Ophthalmic Hospital is supplying a great want in relieving the numerous ophthalmic cases which are so prevalent in Palestine, especially during the hot months; and the following statistics will show how inadequate the present Hospital is to the demands of the patients.

1898	IN-PATIENTS.		OUT-PATIENTS.		Operations
	Applied for Admission.	Admitted	New Cases.	Consultations.	
June	84	67	441	1,133	158
July	148	68	483	1,194	158
Aug.	104	71	445	1,320	150
Sept.	123	75	439	1,488	153
Total	459	281	1,768	5,075	519

The Hospital is quite unable to satisfy the demands of the out-patients, who come from all parts of Palestine. Under present circumstances only those needing operations can be admitted.

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