

altogether charming; while Otis, Bert's rival, is drawn in most subtle contrast to himself.

But the main interest centres always round the man who won—the man who at his very worst, torn by a white heat of passion, could be “all gathered into himself like a coiled spring,” and bide his time with a strength and resolution there was no gainsaying—the most consistent figure in a wholly consistent bit of work.

E. L. HAVERFIELD.

### Lost in the Corn.

#### A TRUE STORY.

There are lilies pale and tall,  
Pansies purple, gold and white,  
Roses on the garden wall,  
Summer blossoms blooming bright.  
What cares Molly for all these?  
Garden flowers? What are they,  
When in harvest fields she sees,  
Colours twice as fair and gay?  
Marigold and meadow-sweet,  
Cornflowers blue and poppies red,  
And the golden corn ears meet  
Over Molly's golden head.  
Ah, the fields were ripe for reaping,  
Where they found their lost child sleeping.

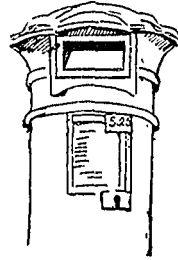
They are calling Molly now  
In the garden by the gate,  
Where the heavy sunflowers bow;  
“Molly, Molly, it is late!”  
Far, far off their voices sound;  
Through high walls of waving wheat  
Molly wanders round and round  
On her little aching feet;  
And the evening shadows fall,  
And the gay lark's voice is dumb,  
Faint and fainter grows their call,  
“Molly, Molly, Molly come.”  
Ah, the fields were ripe for reaping  
Where they found their lost child sleeping.

It is harvest time to-day,  
And the poppies droop and die,  
And the lark has flown away,  
And the reaping folk go by.  
Hush! Among the golden wheat  
Lies a tangled golden head,  
Folded hands and quiet feet,  
Faded blossoms blue and red;  
And in vain your kisses fall,  
Lily pale her lips and dumb,  
And she wakes not though you call  
“Molly, Molly, Molly, come!”  
Ah the fields were ripe for reaping  
Where they found their lost child sleeping.

UNA ASHORTH TAYLOR.

### What to Read.

- “The Cost.” By David Graham Phillips.
- “Alton of Somasco.” By Harold Bindloss.
- “The Patient Man.” By Percy White.
- “The Ford.” By A. E. J. Legge.
- “Green Cliffs.” By Rowland Grey.



### 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 ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the “British Journal of Nursing.”

DEAR MADAM,—The Special Appeal Committee of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, London, S.E., venture to ask for the hospitality of your columns in order to enable them to appeal to your readers on behalf of the above hospital.

The hospital was founded in 1816, and since then has afforded relief to over one million poor patients both children and women.

A hospital was erected on the present site in 1825, and was subsequently enlarged, and though no doubt it was originally designed in accordance with the best knowledge then available, it is not surprising that in 1902 the building had become not only out of date from an architectural and sanitary standpoint, but also in some cases an actual danger to the patients from the impossibility of keeping an old building, largely constructed of wood, free from injurious germs.

This state of things was brought forcibly to the notice of the Board of Governors by their Medical Staff, who declared that it was absolutely necessary that immediate steps should be taken to rebuild the hospital.

In these circumstances the Board had obviously no alternative but to put the work of rebuilding in hand at once.

The greater portion of the new hospital has now been completed, and is believed to embody the latest improvements required by sanitary science. The building is designed to contain 200 beds when the whole hospital is finished, and the total cost, including furniture and apparatus, will exceed £50,000.

Towards this rather over £20,000 has at present been obtained. The cost of maintenance of the hospital when completed will probably be not less than £12,000 per annum, towards which there is only £770 per annum assured income available, apart from subscriptions, &c. Although the provision of the best means of recovery for the sick must be the first consideration with the Board, economy in administration has been and will be studied so far as it is compatible with that condition.

On these facts we confidently appeal to your readers, in the name of suffering children and women, for liberal donations to the building fund and increased or new annual subscriptions to the general fund.

We ought to add that an influential Ladies' Association, headed by H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, is instrumental in collecting much help for the hospital, and the ladies have recently formed sub-committees for supplying linen, vegetables, and other useful articles.

Further information may be obtained from the Hon.

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