

advantages of the Unemployed Workmen's Act, which applies to women as well as men.

Miss Holland Wren has been appointed demonstrator in the School of Pharmacy of the Pharmaceutical Society. This is the first time a woman has been appointed to such a position since the school was established over sixty years ago. Miss Wren was recently awarded the Pereira medal—the blue riband of pharmacy—and is the first woman to obtain that honour. It may occasionally fall to her lot to deliver lectures not only to the women, but also to the men students.

Book of the Week.

CATHERINE'S CHILD.*

Mrs. de La Pasture has woven a number of exceptionally clever character studies into a charming story.

Her style is so graceful and easy that there is nothing to jar, nothing to interrupt, the interest that must be felt in the developments in the lives of the various people introduced to us.

The plot is slight enough, the only stirring event being the abduction of the heroine; were it not for the fact that even stranger things happen constantly in real life, this might be considered slightly improbable.

The author has a perfect genius for depicting charming mothers; Catherine is essentially womanly, gentle, loving, all too tenderly anxious for her child's welfare; seeking only her happiness, always striving to mould her into the perfect creature she would fain have her.

To Philippa's more robust nature all this loving, anxious care becomes irksome, and at sixteen we find her rebelling against the restrictions with which her life is hedged round.

Living in a lovely part of Devon, in an ideal home for the restful nature of Catherine, Philippa finds it dull, and is all anxiety to see the world of London. Her sudden vehement adoration of her cousin Augusta is very cleverly drawn; Augusta, a thoroughly selfish woman of the world, is all unworthy of this fresh young admiration.

Lady Sarah, Philippa's grandmother, is another excellently depicted personality. Shrewd, sensible, kindly, she understands her grandchild far better than Catherine does; equally she understands and appreciates Catherine far more than the girl does.

Through Lady Sarah's advice, the visit to London with Augusta is allowed, but it can hardly be called a success from Philippa's point of view: she finds herself treated as the child she really is, and Augusta's interest in her soon ceases.

It is, however, owing to the strange and tragic happenings whilst in London that a better understanding between mother and child is arrived at; they are also the means of bringing her more closely into contact with the man whom she has, in her childish heart, long worshipped as a hero, and whom she learns to love for himself as a man.

* By Mrs. Henry de la Pasture. (Smith, Elder, and Co.)

David Moore, V.C., splendid soldier and down-right good fellow, sympathetic and humorous, though twenty years her senior, is far better suited to a girl of Philippa's temperament than a younger man would have been.

George Chilcott, the typical West Country squire, a widower with two children, is well drawn. An upright, kindly man, but somewhat dull, he does not realise how cruelly mismanaged his little daughter, Lily, is by his mother and sister. Lily is a very clever study of child life; the extract from her diary, the reading of which finally opens her father's eyes, rings so true both in its substance and its wording, one can hardly believe it is not written by a child.

So thoroughly do the people in the book hold one that there is real satisfaction in feeling all ends so happily. E. L. H.

COMING EVENTS.

November 17th.—Meeting of Nurses convened by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurse, Medical Societies' Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Business: That a Vote of Thanks be given to Lord Amptill for introducing and carrying through the House of Lords the Bill for the Registration of Nurses. Members and their friends are invited to make every effort to be present to give the vote their personal support.

November 17th.—Women's Suffrage. A meeting of professional and industrial women. Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., in the chair. Queen's Hall, W., 8 p. m.

November 17th.—Lecture under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League, at the Presbyterian Church House, 38, Upper George Street, Edgware Road, W., on the "Responsibility of a Nurse towards herself, Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually," by Miss Sheldon, Sister, Guy's Hospital, 7.45 p.m. Tea and Coffee after the lecture.

November 19th.—Meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2.45 p.m.

November 27th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting of the Council, 4 p.m., 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Tea.

Agenda: To consider preliminary arrangements for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to meet in London, July, 1909.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

Lectures.—Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

November 18th.—Sleep. By Dr. R. A. Fleming.

December 2nd.—Some Practical Points in the Treatment and Nursing of Brain and Spine Cases. By Mr. Cotterill, F.R.C.S.E.

ULSTER BRANCH IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The following lectures will be held in the Club-room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast:—

December 2nd.—Social Meeting, 6.30 to 10 p.m.

December 9th.—"Mental Nursing," by Dr. J. Patrick, at 7.30 p.m.

Members may bring a friend on payment; of sixpence to the secretary.

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