

feels that he belongs to the public, present and to come, and she is but an outsider, albeit full of sympathy and that in this regard sex and ties of friendship or relationship, if not suppressed, would be a bondage. She exacts homages from the man *vir*, but she stands reverently before the man *homo*. The positions of man and woman may be different, but they are equivalent. Man submits to the woman's suzerainty, but, just as the Englishman's house is his castle, so the innermost arcana of the Frenchman's conscience, where all the actions of his intellectual life are determined, are respected by woman as holy ground."

This is a lesson we Englishwomen have yet to learn.

The *Child's Guardian*, which is the official organ of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, gives particulars concerning a proposed celebration of the legislative triumphs of the Queen's reign for children. It states that the greatest and most distinctive legislative achievements of the reign have undoubtedly been its triumphs on behalf of the nation's children. They are without parallel in any other reign in this land, and in any other reign in the world, and it is felt that the nation should take this opportunity to worthily celebrate them. For this purpose a meeting will be held in the Albert Hall, London, on Wednesday, May 26th, 1897. The objects of the celebration will be to make public the knowledge of the conditions of child-life (1) as found by Her Majesty on her ascension to the throne, especially the conditions of children in factories, in mines, in brickfields, in chimneys; on canals, and in agricultural gangs; of children of paupers; apprentices on the high seas; of street child beggars and hawkers; of child acrobats; of children in pantomime and children in dangerous performances; of criminal children and semi-criminal; and (2) as they are at the celebration of the 60 years' reign. It is proposed to raise from the friends of the nation's children a fund to worthily commemorate this glorious 60 years. Arrangements are now being made to make the celebration a national one, and we have no doubt such a scheme will command the warm support of the general public, who can all sympathise with its most deserving object.

### Bookland.

#### A TRIO.\*

I, and the Bird,  
And the Wind together,  
Sang a supplication  
In the winter weather.  
The Bird sang for sunshine,  
And trees of winter fruit,  
And love in the springtime,  
When the thickets shoot.  
And I sang for patience  
When the teardrops start;  
Clean hands and clear eyes,  
And a faithful heart.

\* From "Lord Vyet, and other Poems," by A. C. Benson. (London: John Lane.)

And the wind thereunder,  
As we faintly cried,  
Breathed a bass of wonder,  
Blowing deep and wide.

A. C. BENSON.

### WHAT TO READ

"Memoirs of Marshal Oudinot, Duc de Reggio." Compiled from the Souvenirs of the Duchesse de Reggio, by Gaston Stiegler. Translated by A. T. de Mattos. (London: Henry & Co.)

"The History of Mankind," Vol. I, by Professor Friedrich Ratzel. Translated by A. J. Butler, M.A. (London: Macmillan & Co.)

"Alone in China," by Julian Ralph. (London: Osgood, McIlvaine, & Co.)

"The Wheels of Chance," a Cycling Romance, by H. G. Wells.

"A Mere Pug: The Romance of a Dog," by Nemo. (Digby, Long & Co., 18, Bouverie Street, London E.C.)

"Joan Seaton," by Mary Beaumont.

### Coming Events.

December 24th.—Christmas Eve. "High Tea" in the Wards, 4 to 6; Distribution of Christmas Presents to In-Patients; Out-Patient Department, 5.30 to 7 p.m.; Distribution of Parcels of Clothing to Poor Out-Patient Babies, London Homœopathic Hospital.

December 25th.—Christmas Day.

December 26th.—Sister Agnes "At Home." Hospital for Women, Soho Square, 4 to 6.30.

December 30th.—Christmas Entertainment for the Patients. The Hospital for Women, Soho Square, 7 p.m.

January 7th.—Meeting of members of the Royal British Nurses' Association to protest against the admittance of Asylum Attendants, who have received no training in the wards of a General Hospital, to membership and enrolment on the Register of Trained Nurses of the Royal British Nurses' Association. St. Martin's Town Hall, 4 p.m.

The following Resolution will be submitted: "That this meeting condemns the suggestion accepted by the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, to admit to membership, and to place upon the Register of Trained Nurses, Asylum Attendants who have not been trained in General Hospitals, and who do not conform to the regulations for membership and registration; and this meeting considers that such a course would be both injurious to the Nursing profession and dangerous and misleading to the public."

Letters will be read from those members who are unable to be present.

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