

good touches which show this. Claud's view of the situation is also very cleverly done; his slightly reproachful attitude, when he fancies that the woman whose life he has spoilt, whose youth he has wasted, whose pride he has humbled, whose love he has forgotten—when he fancies her wanting in sympathy towards himself—O, it is excellently imagined; and, as being a man's description of a man's fickleness, it is eminently interesting. The scene in which Claud discovers that the man whom he has cursed as his brother's murderer is the father of the woman he loves, is the best in the book. I will end by quoting a little of it.

"I prayed that evil might fall upon all that pertained to him," he cried. "My prayer has been heard. The curse has fallen!"

"Is there any tragedy in life like the answering of a prayer? I prayed for your safe return, and—you returned."

"She spoke without bitterness. There was no bitterness in her heart at that moment. . . ."

"You wish you had never seen me?" she said, her voice tremulous with emotion. "But, if that is your wish, what do you think is mine? Nine years—my God! Nine years out of a woman's life! The days, the months, the years of that terrible constancy! The agony of those long years that robbed me of my youth—that scarred my face with lines of care! Well, they came to an end, my prayer was answered, you returned in safety; but instead of having some pity for the woman who had wasted her life in waiting for you, you flung me aside with scarcely a word, and now you reproach me—you reproach me! Give me back those years of my life you robbed me of—give me back my youth that I wasted upon you—give me back the tears I shed for you—and then I will listen to your reproaches." G. M. R.

Divisection.

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Wild nature not by kindness won, because
So seldom wooed that way; rapt melodist,
Victorious singer of the eternal songs,
That, changeless through the ages, conquerest
Time;
Shy, antlered, forest lord; nor ye alone,
The eminent and splendid ones of Earth,
But creatures more familiar to Man's walk;
Thou timorous fugitive, obscurely housed
In populous labyrinth under hillock and holm;
Thou noble hound, with thy immortal gift
Of loving whom thou servest; dear allies,
Friends, and co-heritors of Life with me:
What Power devised and fashioned you I know
not;
I know not, for my faith hath failed me sore;
But this I know: whate'er of natural rights
Be mine, are yours no less, by native dower:
If none entitled is to bind me down,
And rend, and mar, and rack, and break, and
flay me,
None hath a title so to ravage you,
Saving such title as defames alike
Him that bestows and him that uses it.
This is the thing I know and doubt not of;
And this none taught me, but I drank it deep
From the pure wellspring of my mother's breasts,
Nor shall it die within me till I die.

WILLIAM WATSON.

WHAT TO READ.

- "Autobiography and Letters of Mrs. Oliphant."
"Life of William Morris." By J. W. Mackail.
"Lumsden of The Guides." By Lumsden and Elsmie.
"True Limits of Ritual in the Church." By Dr. R. Linklater.
"The Awakening of Women; or, Woman's Part in Evolution." By Frances Swiney.
"The Martyrdom of Labour." By Alfred T. Story.
"The Awkward Age." By Henry James.
"The Mandate." By T. B. Russell.
"The Newspaper Girl." By Mrs. C. N. Williamson.
"Strong Hearts." By G. W. Cable.
"Maternity of Harriott Wicken." By Mrs. H. E. Dudeney.
"The Waters of Caney Fork." A Romance of Tennessee. By Opie Read.

Coming Events.

May 6th.—The French Ambassador and the Lord Mayor attend the Annual Dinner of the French Hospital and Dispensary.

May 8th.—Café Concert, under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family, in aid of the funds of the British Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem (belonging to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England), at the Grafton Galleries, from 4 to 7.

May 9th.—Annual General Meeting and Election of the British Home for Incurables, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst will preside, 12.

May 10th and 11th.—London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury. Sale of Work. Proceeds for providing necessities for the Children's Ward, and to increase the Annual Samaritan Fund for help to patients leaving the wards.

May 11th.—Chelsea Hospital for Women—Annual Meeting of Governors, Lord Glenesk presiding, 3.

May 12th.—Mrs. Creighton presides at a Women's Meeting in connection with the Early Closing Association, St. Martin's Town Hall, 3.30.

Hospital for Children in South London—Public Meeting at the Mansion House to further the scheme for re-establishing the Belgrave Hospital, the Lord Mayor presiding, 3.

May 13th.—Princess Christian presides at the Annual Meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Royal United Service Institution, 3.

Lady Campbell-Bannerman reopens the Passmore Edwards' Hospital for Willesden, Harlesden Road, 3.

May 15th.—The Duke of Connaught presides at the Festival Dinner of the East London Hospital for Children, Whitehall Rooms.

May 16th.—Princess Henry of Battenberg opens the New Hospital Buildings at Beckenham.

Concert and Variety Entertainment, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, in aid of the funds of "The Free Home for the Dying" (The Chase, Clapham), Grosvenor House, 3.

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