

"With no single spiritual or physical function moderately developed, his suffering was as intense as his passions, and the scene in meeting the day before had set every chord vibrating with an agony that might as readily become repentance as brutality. 'Our sin has made us one,' she said, 'and it is useless not to recognise it, I've come to live with you from now. I'm your wife; my place is here.'"

The torment of his soul, the smart of his public disgrace, lashed him to passionate brutality.

"What do I want of you now?" he cried.

"To her exalted mood the answer brought neither pain nor abatement of purpose. She walked on into the house, and standing within the doorway repeated 'I've come to stay.'"

"For one moment he stood dumb with the greatness of his anger. Then he took her by the shoulder, and pushed her out on to the door step. Behind her the key was turned in the lock."

Though the phraseology of the writer at times amounts to coarseness, one never loses sight of the fact that it is that of a true artist, and as such must be accepted with thanksgiving.

H. H.

#### THE LITTLE SISTERS.

Again we are indebted to America for this selection:—

Six small sisters who live on a ball!  
Listen, and soon you will know them all,  
The six small sisters who live on a ball.  
The ball floats about in the air so blue;  
Listen, for all that I tell is true,  
Of the six sisters small.

One little brown sister, she lives in the East,  
Brown body and nose and little brown toes,  
The little brown sister who lives in the East.  
She needs no clothes and she feels no woes;  
She lives among birds and she lives among flowers,  
The sister of far eastern bowers.

One little fat sister who lives among snows,  
She wears sealskin shoes like all Eskimos,  
The little fat sister who lives among snows.  
Jack Frost is her brother and gives her a kiss  
On the rose of her cheek with never a miss,  
The fat little sister who lives among snows.

And one little sister she lives among sand,  
Away on a desert, a hot, sunny land,  
The sister of deserts who live among sand.  
Her food it is dates, and the camel stalks near,  
A child of the desert, she dreams not of fear,  
The sister who lives among sand.

There's a queer little sister who lives in the West,  
Who wears tiny shoes and thinks rice is best,  
The small, smiling sister who lives in the West.  
She eats with two sticks birds'-nest soup and drinks  
tea,

Often sleeps on the floor. How I wish you could see  
The sister who lives in the West.

A little black sister lives far, far away,  
Where elephants live, and lions, they say,

Poor sister who lives far away.  
No hat, no shoes, she lives in the sun,  
And sleeps in a hut when the day is done,  
The sister who lives far away.

One more little sister, and that one is—you!  
And the ball is the earth, so old and so new,  
So hot and so cold, so green and so blue.  
Listen! for all I have told is true  
Of the six sisters small.

—ALICE TURNER CURTIS  
in *Youth's Companion*.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*February 16th.*—Lectures on Milk, with practical demonstrations, South Western Polytechnic Institute, Manresa Road, Chelsea, S.W., by Dr. A. Harden, F.R.S., 7.30 p.m. Fee for course of six lectures, 2s. 6d.

#### REGISTRATION REUNION.

*February 18th.*—A Reunion in support of the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, under the authority of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, will take place in the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 8 p.m. to 12. Reception, 8 p.m.

A Nursing Masque of the Evolution of Trained Nursing will be presented at 8.30 p.m.

Music and Refreshments.

Tickets on sale at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Reserved seats (limited), 10s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.; unreserved, 5s.; Matrons' and Nurses' tickets, 3s. 6d.; Performers, 2s. 6d. To be obtained from Pageant Secretary.

Matrons' and Nurses' Tickets, 3s. 6d., at the office, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (first floor), 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.

*February 20th.*—Course of four Lectures on "The Prevention of Destitution," by Mrs. Sidney Webb, Mr. C. F. G. Masterman, M.P., presiding. Caxton Hall, 8.30 p.m.

*February 20th.*—Men's League for Women's Suffrage. Demonstration, Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W. 8 p.m.

*February 21st.*—Princess Alexander of Teck attends a dramatic and musical entertainment in aid of the Babies' Home and Day Nursery, Brunswick Place, Hoxton, at Seaford House, Belgrave Square.

*February 21st.*—Lectures on Babies, at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. "Substitute Feeding," by Dr. Ralph Vincent. 5 p.m.

*February 21st and 22nd.*—Annual Central Poor Law Conference opened by the Lord Mayor, Guildhall.

*February 25th.*—Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland St. Branch. At Home, 42a, Cleveland Street. 4—8 p.m.

*March 3rd.*—Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. First of a course of Lectures to School Teachers, Women Health Visitors, and School Nurses, 7 p.m.

#### WORD FOR THE WEEK

"That which benefits human life is God."  
PRODIGUS.

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