BOOK OF THE WEEK.

“GOD’S PLAYTHINGS.”**

This collection of short romances is based on historical facts and personages. They are unique in their way; and, though many of them are gruesome, and all of them sad, they are clothed in vivid and picturesque garb. The book does not take the cynical view that its title would lead us to expect, but rather points to the thwarting of the Divine plan, by undisciplined vanity and luxury. Each of these short sketches relates the death of its subject—sad and harrowing deaths. For the expect, but rather points to the thwarting of the

in these pages.

and, though many of them are
drunken coverlet, would redeem his

he felt that lassitude of a man that feels

in his flushed face.

When I am well, I shall have a shirt of mail,

Ay! answered the Prince, ‘if the armourer

One perfect knight and a great king.

The child was awake; the sparkling blue of his eyes was brilliant in his flushed face.

I feel so tired,’ he whispered, with his eyes closed, ‘but when I sleep the dragons come and crawl over the bed.’ A little later: ‘Seigneur,’ he gasped, ‘let me mount the white horse . . . the great horse; why do you leave me alone?’ he complained, ‘but I . . . am not . . . afraid—never . . . afraid.’

Of Madame du Barry, a woman of the people, it is related that among all the noble and ignoble suffers by the guillotine there is no record of cowardice on the part of any, save only in her case.


COMING EVENTS.

January 23rd.—Society for the State Registration of Nurses, Meeting to consider a Resolution, to protest against the denial of freedom of conscience and speech to the Nursing Staff at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, on Legislation affecting their Profession. Life members, and those who have paid their subscriptions, are eligible to attend. 431, Oxford Street, London. 4.30 p.m.

January 25th.—Trained Women Nurses’ Friendly Society, Meeting of Committee of Management, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

January 26th.—Irish Nurses’ Association, 34, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin. Lecture by Dr. Crofton on “The Prevention and Cure of Consumption.” 7.30 p.m.

January 31st.—Meeting Matrons’ Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Business Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Address by Dr. Helen Boyle on Mental Nursing at 5.15 p.m. 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

February 5th.—The League of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital Nurses Course of Lectures. “Eugenics, what is it?” by Bishop Harman, Esq., F.R.C.S., Medical and Surgical Theatre, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, E.C. Tickets from the Hon. Secretary. 5.30 p.m.

February 10th.—Central Midwives’ Board Examinations. London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

February 11th and 12th.—The Central Poor Law Conference, Guildhall, London, E.C.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

In Life’s small things be resolute and great
To keep thy muscle trained; know’st thou how

Thy measure takes, or when she’ll say to thee,

I find thee worthy; do this deed for me.”

—James Russell Lowell.
Available episodes of Book of the Week. 3/5 Writer Panashe Chigumadzi's letter from South Africa in the week of the ANC elections. Episode 2: Letters from South Africa. 2/5 Writer Mark Gevisser's letter from South Africa broadcast in the week of the ANC elections. Strangers: Letters from South Africa. 1/5 Writer Bongani Kona begins five letters from South Africa in the week of the ANC elections.

Episode 5: Following Pappano. 5/5 Sir Antonio Pappano prepares for the Royal Opera's new production of Puccini's La Bohème.

Episode 4: Following Pappano. 4/5 Sir Antonio Pappano prepares for the Royal Opera's new production. The book of the week in Guardian's Saturday Review section. 7 November 2019. Book of the day May at 10 by Anthony Seldon review: politics and pressure. Could Theresa May have delivered a deal? And was she right to call an election? A study of the what ifs of Brexit. Published: 2:30 AM.

May at 10 by Anthony Seldon review: politics and pressure. 30 October 2019. Island Stories by David Reynolds review: how British history is shaping Brexit. In the second volume of the Book of Dust trilogy, Lyra is a student on the trail of a dangerous mystery, and Pullman's target is as much intolerant rationality as intolerant theism. Published: 7:01 PM.

The Secret Commonwealth by Philip Pullman review: Lyra grows up. The Global Public Square is where you can make sense of the world every day with insights and explanations from CNN's Fareed Zakaria, leading journalists at TIME and CNN, and other international thinkers. Get informed about global issues, exposed to unique stories, and engaged with diverse and original perspectives. Amar C. Bakshi is the site's editor, features writer and producer.