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"Don't dare to talk to him," flashed Vere. "Harry, I don't know who told you that of me, but you"—pointing to Ernest—'with his own wicked lips told me that you were dead. Perhaps," with haughty scorn, "he invented both lies." "I did it to save you pain," Ernest cried, sharply; "I knew him to be false and thought you would rather think him dead than know him unfaithful. I

knew he was married."
"Married!" cried Vere; but Harry stooped over her. Don't notice him; he is jealous and angry. I can explain everything, my

darling. Trust me." 'And now, will you come?" .cried Mr. Chetwynd angrily; and he forced his daughter away from Harry, and drove her home himself, scolding her all the way. But Vere was too radiantly happy to heed him.

Harry had returned; he could exmatter?

There was a great scene when the house was reached. Everybody talked at once. Mr. Chetwynd and Ernest Kerry urged and entreated in vain. Vere meant to marry North, and he meant to marry her, and no one could move them.

'It's excessively awkward," said Mr. Chetwynd. "I am to sail tomorrow. What's to be done?"

"Oh, I will gladly take Vere in till her marriage," said Lady Martry. Lady Martry was the wife of Mr. Chetwynd's eldest brother, the head of the family.

Will you really, aunt? Father is y leaving me three hundred a year," "Oh, I shall be glad to have you, dear," said Lady Martry, graciously;

and so it was settled.

'May I speak just once to you?" Vere turned and saw Ernest Kerry. His face was white and haggard, and his eyes were full of passionate pain. She glanced round. Everyone else was busy talking. Harry North was the center of one group, her father of another. Everyone had forgotten the poor fellow who should have been now a husband. His own family had not come to the house.
"Just one moment," he urged. "For

pity's sake! I may never speak to you "I have nothing pleasant to say to you," retorted Vere sharply.

"I dare say not, but—I was to have been your husband." Vere shuddered.

"Don't remind me of that," she said, but in spite of herself the look in his eyes gave her a little compunction, and she moved towards the door.
"You must be quick," she said.

They entered a smaller room on the same floor. "It's no use saying a word against

Mr. North," he began.
"No use at all," said Vere sharply. "I only want you to believe that, when I spoke as I did, I believed him to be a villain-I really thought it was better for you to regard him as dead."
"I can't believe that, Mr. Kerry. Your

motive was too obvious.' 'Very well," he said bitterly. "Will you refuse my poor little request, that you will keep the only two things have given you?" "1-I don't think-"

'Remember what I am suffering!" he said passionately, "and don't refuse that one little thing." 'Very well." she said doubtfully.

"And-if you should not be happy with your aunt-"Of course, I shall be happy," she

said haughtily. "Does she know of your altered circumstances?" 'No, but I am not penniless," Vere

said, proudly; "I have still three hundred a year."

Ernest Kerry smiled sadly.
"Yes, but— Well don't forget that if ever you want friends you will find them at Ravenscroft. My mother will always be delighted to see you for—for my sake-for indeed I love you, Vere,"

he ended brokenly.

The door opened and Harry North "It's getting late, Mr. Kerry," he said, with a sort of civil insolence, "won't they be wondering where you are?" and then turning to Vere. "Vere, my darling, you need not have done It was quite unnecessary.'

He drew the girl's nand within his arm and led her away, but, as she went she caught a glimpse of Ernest Kerry's face, and it haunted her for days.

CHAPTER XIL

On the following day Mr. Cnetwynd sailed, and Lady Martry went away. taking her niece Vere, and also Harry North, who was asked to accompany them to London, where they were at

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present. On reaching town Harry went to his club; but every day called in Hyme Park Square, and for a few days Vere was radiantly happy.

Lady Martry and the girls could not make enough of her, and Harry was deveted. He explained satisfactors

most devoted. He explained satisfacterily-to Vere-his marriage with a poor girl who loved him. How he had never cared for her, and she had died, leaving him free. Vere was quite sat-isfied with this and all his other little attempts at fiction, and for a short time she lived in paradise.
One day, about a fortnight after their

Harry and Vere were walking in the park, when suddenly a woman came behind them and touched Harry's arm. He turned sharply, and the woman muttered a few words. Vere saw his face turn ghastly white; but he tried to speak as usual.

"Will you walk on, dear? A poor beg-gar here—" and the rest was mum-bled; but Vere walked on quickly. He rejoined her in a few moments, and she saw with surprise that his face still retained its ghastly pallor, and that his hands shook as he tried to switch his cane carelessly.

The woman who had spoken to him passed them, walking quickly, and she looked boldly and curiously at Vere as she did so. Vere could not help thinking that she looked the least like a beggar; she was particularly well

Who was it, Harry?" she asked. "A poor woman—sad case—helped her before." mumbled Harry; but Vere could not help wondering if he were not concealing something from her. Their walk was not very pleasant after that, and they soon cut it short

and returned home. Lady Martry met them as they entered the hall. "Oh, the young people," she said cheerfully. "I want to talk to you. Come in here." She led the way into her home himself, scolding her eway. But Vere was too radiantopy to heed him.

ry had returned; he could exeverything. What did anything

yours-when is it to be?" "Oh, soon, I think," said Harry. "The end of the season, I suppose? We ought to be thinking about houses, Vere. It isn't so early to get a good town house, and I hear Lord Orkhill

wants to let his."

"But that's too big," objected Vere. 'You see," smiling at Harry, "we are not rich now." "But you will be," said her aunt, placidly.

Vere shook her head playfully. "It may take father a long time to make a second fortune," she said. "In the meantime I have only my three

hundred a year, you know."
"I don't understand," cried Lady Martry and Harry together, and then Vere had to explain to her secretly horrified listeners that her father was once more an aristocratic pauper, and that she, Vere Chetwynd, was not a millionaire's daughter any more.

"You should have informed me of this, my dear," said her aunt stiffly. Harry said nothing then; but later, that night, when they met at a dinfor him to marry again within a year, and also, that perhaps it would be better to keep their engagement a secret for the present. "No good letting fools gossip, you know, and it is better not to offend the proprieties," he said,

smiling.
"Very well," Vere said; but secretly she was very much hurt, and regarded with dismay the prospect of a year's delay of her marriage while she lived

cousins. They no longer consulted her tastes

and wishes. She was very often completely ignored in all their plans. Frequently she was left at home, long weary evenings, while they went about.

This she could could have borne, but -Harry began to come less frequently, and when he came he was less loverlike than she could have wished.

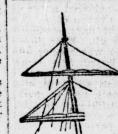
Often her cousins would mention his

name as having been at some of the smart functions they frequented, but his visits to Vere grew less and often, and now she was seldom taken out with her aunt.

Lady Martry was going to give one of the balls for which she was famous, and Vere looked forward to it with an almost feverish eagerness. Harry would be there, of course, and she would be able to find out whether or not she had been foolish in thinking he was cooling towards her. [To be Continued.]

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To the Chairman and Board of Management of the London Public Li-

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to present my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898:

The report shows a small increase in the circulation. Adult fiction remains Less lost and paid for..... about the same; juvenile, a falling off Less destroyed by M. H. O... of about four per cent. The young people are reading more important works than formerly There is plenty of room for expansion in the juvenile class, if the school teachers would devote a few minutes each week, in talking to the scholars about books, and advising them what and how to read, I have no doubt it would do an immense amount of good. Children must be guided in their reading by teachers and parents. Allowing them to come to the library and take anything they can get is not the way to make good use of their privileges. One boy tells another that such a book is a good one because there is a little adventure in it. If the teacher would outline some of the books of travel, biography, natural science, etc., it would make the children eager to read them. Another lesson that should be taught both at school and home is the proper care of books. Some persons handle books very roughly, when a little care would make them last much longer. Some tear them, some soil them, and some carry them in their hand through the rain to the library.

nearly all new publications, making a total of 11,893 volumes, among which are a large number of reference books ner party, he informed her that he had and government reports, not for cirbeen thinking it was hardly the thing culation.

The library committee have ordered about five hundred volumes of standard works, which are expected shortly. When added to stock, they will very materially increase the resources of the library for purposes of study and information.

I am sorry to still report the small use made of the reference room and library for purposes of information. There are many books that would be of use to the student, mechanic or buswith Lady Martry.

As the days went on she began to find a great change in her aunt and a gre

The library should have a room, clos to the stacks, where books could be placed for the use of such persons, and where they could be served more promptly than at present. The reference room is now occupied

by the ladies, which leaves no place for quiet study, as every person must wait their turn at the desk. In the afternoon, a student, who wants about five minutes at a book, may have to wait half an hour before getting it. I must again draw your attention to the crowding in the reading room

and circulation hall. The book stacks may hold another year's supplies, but the reading room is much too crowded for comfort, often

standing room only; no pleasure or profit reading in such confined space. The first annual supplement was issued rather late in the year, at no cost to the board, and it appears to give satisfaction. Our card catalogue is always up to date, and the public can always know if we have any particular book by referring to it, or making inquiry at the desk. We invite the public to ask for assistance when in search of information, either in reference particular books or subjects, we will be pleased to and sist to the best of our ability, but we do not like borrowers who always wanti a good, new novel, and never

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city papers for their kindness in publishing lists of new books. To promptly serve the public, another assistant should be appointed. The work of preparing books for circulation,

repairing old ones, notifying delinquents, keeping record of new members, occupies all the time that can be spared from the desk.

Two assistants should be at the coun-

ter all the time, one to receive books, look after fines, cards, etc., and the other one at the delivery desk, afternoons and evenings. The work is more than two can do with satisfaction to the public. One point to remember is that each assistant only works eight hours, while the library is open thirteen hours daily.

Details of circulation, receipts and expenses follow. Yours respectfully, R. J. BLACKWELL,

Librarian and Secretary. CIRCULATION FOR THE YEAR.

Number. Per cent. Philosophy Religion 1,217 Sociology 707 Philology 50 Natural science 1,029 Useful arts 1,248 History 1,720 2.1 Library use 1,337 Magazines in library ..13,044 1.3 13.3 No record kept of books consulted in

he reference room or of the daily or weekly papers.

Average circulation of books per per day 42

Total 222

Estimated average attendance, 600 per Total attendance for 1898, 184,000 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1898.

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Total 11,910 Less destroyed by M. H. O... 12

11,893 Total About 400 too late to accession and atalogue. The books are classified as follows: General works, 1,126; philosophy, 300; religion, 720; sociology, 895; philology, 69; natural science, 736; useful arts, 483; fine arts, 302; literature, 1,160; history, 887; travels, 638; biography, 797; juveniles (including duplicates), 894; adult fiction (including duplicates), 2,885; total, 11,893. Number of cards issued in 1898....1,115

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