



THE CANADA LILY.

The northern summer, bright like flame,  
Grew troubled at the tranquil core,  
And from the sudden passion came  
This blossom, blazoned for war;  
And as the tropic bloom unfurled,  
Strange beats assailed our temperate world,  
And o'er the burning petals drew  
The heavens with a sultrier blue.  
—Chas. G. D. Roberts in N. Y. Independent.

ACROSS THE SEAS.

Her foot falls softly on the sand;  
Her yearning heart would fain divine  
What passes in that far-off land  
Beyond the dim horizon's line.

A white wing flutters on the blue;  
Her heart aches with the soft south breeze;  
Ah! would she were a bird and knew  
To beat her way across the seas.

And to the vaulted heaven she lifts,  
From alien shores her dreamy eyes;  
She follows where a white cloud drifts  
Its northward way athwart the skies.

And will it meet the upward gaze  
Of him whose thought is all for her?  
And will he see it, in amaze,  
And wonder why his soul should stir?

Or will his heart at once divine  
That she has watched it far away—  
That in its fragrant memories twine  
Of love of him of yesterday?

Alas! alas! her eyes are wet  
With foolish tears—the cloud above  
Drifts by—eternal bonds are set  
To human thought and human love.

And yet—who knows—it still may be  
The moment hath its perfect part  
In life, and speeds across the sea  
To spend its sunshine in his heart.  
*Myra, in Chamber's Journal.*

BOOK GOSSIP.

"The Moral Teachings of Science," by Arabella B. Buckley; D. Appleton & Co., New York. This is a well-directed effort to turn the attention of the student from nature up to nature's God. Mrs. Buckley agrees wisely that we are but individual fractions of one Universal Life; that care for our "other selves" is productive of the noblest qualities in ourselves and that, reasoning from lower forms of life, parasitic or useless life is degrading. She shows us that nature is full of beauty, brought about in most cases by the effort of individual plants, insects and animals for the good of their kind, and that mutual aid is frequently given and received even in the lower forms of life. She speaks of "the law taught alike by science and religion, that he who devotes his life to duty is fulfilling the truest purposes of existence." The book is calculated to produce a good effect on all who read it.

"Conscience," by Hector Malot, translated by Lita Rice, Worthington Company, 747 Broadway, N. Y. This is one of those books that are horribly interesting. It is called "Conscience," but the man who takes up the largest part of the reader's attention, has no conscience. He murders an old man for his money, and calmly makes plans to account for everything and avoid suspicion. He meets with a few unexpected checks, which however by the committing of other crimes he conquers and lives serenely on untroubled by any little inward monitor. It is not a healthy book, but will not hurt strong minds. Paper, 75 cents.

"It Happened Yesterday," by Frederick Marshall; D. Appleton & Co., N. Y. This issue of the Town and Country Library is a story of a short period in the life of a German girl of a high family, who finding herself poor, accepted a position as companion to Madame Jelle, a Parisienne. The compact was an altogether peculiar one, and was productive of strange consequences. The power of hypnotism is made use of in turning the story, but it is altogether very improbable and far from satisfactory. The personality of the girl is exceedingly attractive, and will charm numerous readers. The ideal and the real are brought into strong contrast in the characters of the two women in the story, and we are inclined to think the author means us to understand that a happy medium, a combination of the two qualities, makes the best temperament.

Mrs. Gladstone's first article in the series of "Hints from a Mother's Life," which she has written for *The Ladies' Home Journal*, will be printed in the April issue of that periodical.

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