

until men and women, in great marriage, unite to serve the world?

If, then, the fears in regard to marriage which gather in an Age that clings to the letter rather than the spirit, dissipate in the light of the more fundamental truths of an advancing Age; and if the real marriages of the world become constantly more interior and sweeter and more fruitful in uses; and if we dimly perceive that the mighty marriage fact holds as yet undreamed of possibilities of happy growth for the future of the race,—if all this be true, we may dismiss consideration of marriage as a problem. It is a lesson, if you will, to be learned, sometimes in sorrow. But in sorrow or joy it is the most potent, the most uplifting and the loveliest factor of life.

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WANDERLUST.

Beyond the East the sunrise, beyond the West the sea,

And East and West the wanderlust that will not let me be;

It works in me like madness, Dear, to bid me say good-by!

For the seas call and the stars call, and oh, the call of the sky!

I know not where the white road runs, nor what the blue hills are,

But a man can have the sun for friend, and for his guide a star;

And there's no end of voyaging when once the voice is heard,

For the river calls and the road calls, and oh, the call of a bird!

Yonder the long horizon lies, and there by night and day

The old ships draw to home again, the young ships sail away;

And come I may, but go I must, and if men ask you why,

You may put the blame on the stars and the sun and the white road and the sky!

—Gerald Gould in the London Spectator.

BOOKS

A PROTEST AGAINST OPPRESSION.

Comrade Kropotkin. By Victor Robinson. Published by the Altrurians, 12 Mt. Morris Park W., New York. Price, 50 cents.

Of this little book the New York Times of March 6 says that the author gives "us a highly concentrated extract of the horrible annals of Russian despotism and brutality from the days of Nicholas I. down to the present time. He writes apparently in full sympathy with all the revolutionaries who have striven against the Romanoffs. In all the world he says there have been

no men and women like those who have fought for freedom in Russia. 'Sometime in the future,' he predicts, 'when the true historian of the Russian revolution appears, we will write of men and women of so exalted a nature that antiquity will be dumb and boast no more her classic heroes.'"

With extraordinary industry Mr. Robinson has compiled the heart-breaking roll of the distinguished names that have been sacrificed to autocratic violence. The roster of poets, novelists, scientists, who have fallen in recent years, reads like a review of contemporary Russian literary life. A book of desperate tragedy—and inspiration.

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COMMON SENSE SUGGESTIONS.

The Life Power, and How to Use it. By Elizabeth Towne. Published by Elizabeth Towne, Hoylyoke, Mass. Price \$1.00

The "sweet reasonableness" of Mrs. Towne's philosophy in matters of every day experience is well presented in this volume, which is one of several from the hand of the editor of the helpful little magazine, "The Nautilus." There is no straining to elaborate some abstract theory of life in the writings of Mrs. Towne, but she strikes at once at the heart of our every day problems which lose their vexing quality in the cheerful, wholesome atmosphere of love and faith, in which she invites us to view them. In the main she holds to the "eternal verities" in a simple original fashion that lends to even the platitudes of so-called "new thought" a vigor and freshness which inspire a more or less active practice of principles perceived to be true. She seeks to make living application of the power so strongly set forth by Ernest Crosby in a poem which she quotes:

Where are the cowards who bow down to environment—

Who think they are made of what they eat and must conform to the bed they lie in?

I am not wax—I am energy!

Like the whirlwind and water spout, I twist my environment into my form, whether it will or no.

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THE HELPLESSNESS OF POVERTY.

A Little Sister of the Poor. By Josephine Conger Kaneko. Published by the Progressive Woman Publishing Co., Girard, Kansas. 1909. Price, 25 cents.

Of the working-girls' pitiful battle against poverty—that monster which to a woman is always double-headed—here is one more picture, somewhat crude, but sincere and drawn with restraint. The innocent and dainty young country girl, the coarser fibred and thoughtless yet virtuous city shop-girl, the two proud and sensitive Polish refugees,—all are swept struggling over the rapids into the whirlpool of ruin or death. The book