

at University of Strasbourg. At the International Congress of Medicine in London two years ago he was chosen to give one of the principal addresses. We all know him as the introducer of "606" or Salvarsan.

The Honourable Miss Macnaghten left England on August 31st for India. She arrived here the third week in September and proceeded to her work in the C. M. S. at Kangra.

An interesting romance took place recently at Sheikh Othman. Dr. MacKae of the U. F. C. Mission and Miss Bryce, a mission nurse were first brought together by working in the hospital there. Both were courageous and helpful in saving the hospital property when the town was in the hands of the mob. As a result of mutual admiration under trying circumstances they became engaged. Miss Bryce received orders to sail with a vessel carrying troops to East Africa. Dr. MacKae went down to see her off and was told the ship's doctor had died during the night. He, too was "commandeered" for the voyage. An announcement appeared in the daily press that they were married at Mombasa.

On the 28th of October at Peshawar, Miss Lilian A. Wade, Nursing Sister of the C. M. S. Hospital, was married to Vernon H. Starr, M.B. B. S. of the same hospital. Mrs. Starr is continuing the work of nursing in the above hospital.

SOME THINGS TO READ.

BY MRS. KLOSZ.

"HAREMLIK" is a collection of short stories which recount the experiences of a Greek girl who visits some of the harems of Constantinople. The writer is Demetra Vaka (Mrs. Kenneth Brown) who was born and brought up in Constantinople. She went back to her native city after a residence of six years in America with a mind full of occidental questioning. She had been used to take Turkish customs as a matter of course, but in America she heard Turkey spoken of with hatred and scorn and Turkish women described as miserable creatures, living in practical slavery. She says, "I had stood bewildered at this talk. Could it possibly be as the Americans said, and I never have known it? Now, I was to see for myself, and not only to see, but to talk with the women, to ask them their thoughts about their lives and their customs." Mrs. Brown visited the playmates of her childhood in their homes and sought there the answers to her questions. She assures her readers in the Introductory Note that the contents of the book are not fictitious, that there has been some re-arranging of facts for the sake of compactness, and that sometimes incidents of several days have been told as of one, but substantially everything is true as told. The book is charmingly written, and though one is tempted to think that the writer has idealized her characters a little, it is perhaps a good thing to see the Turks occasionally with eyes that are prejudiced for instead of against them.

Another book which I have recently read with great enjoyment, but which I shall not attempt to review in the short space and time at my disposal, is *Liza* by Ivan S. Turgenev, the English translation by W. R. S. Ralston. Turgenev is considered by some to have been the greatest novelist of his time (about 1860), and *Liza* or "A Nest of Nobles" was perhaps his best work. In Russia *Liza* became a proverb and all the people shed

tears over her disappointment and sorrow. She is simple, but with a strong will, and full of charm. "Almost the type heroine of the Russian Novel." The book is not a happy one, though many of its pictures are drawn with a light hand and there is much of love and beauty to arouse the sympathy and keen interest of the reader. Turgenev shows himself to be an artist, one who, as his translator says, "amid all his dealings with fiction, has never swerved from his regard for what is real and true; one to whom his own country and his own people are very dear, but who has neither timidly bowed to the prejudices of his country men, nor obstinately shut his eyes to their faults." This novel is, like the one reviewed last month, a very short one, which will commend it to the *Journal's* readers.

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