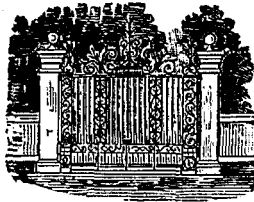


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN



Wearing red robes and the mayoral chain, and carrying a silver mace, Aldeburgh's Lady Mayor, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., on Sunday went in procession to the Parish Church, and passed through a long line of coastguards, Territorials, and lifeboat-men. The National Anthem was played as she entered the church. On her return to the Moot Hall she expressed her thanks to all who had attended, and then toasted the Corporation.

The Women's Industrial Council is initiating an inquiry into the effects of the industrial employment of married women, and the Council proposes to publish the results in volume form.

Miss Mona Wilson's appointment as a member of the Home Office Committee to inquire into factory accidents is regarded as another success for the women's movement. She is a daughter of Archdeacon Wilson, and has acted as Secretary of the Women's Trades Union League for many years.

Writing on an obituary notice of Professor Ayrton, Mr. Israel Zangwill mentions that he was first married to Miss Matilda Charlotte Chaplin, M.D., B.Sc., whose brilliant career is dealt with at length in the "Dictionary of National Biography." This lady was a pioneer of medical education and practice for women, indeed a martyr to the cause, for so fiercely and unchivalrously was the war against women carried on that she died on the battlefield in the flower of her life.

The pioneers of new professions for women have ever had to run the gauntlet of personal attacks—if not of rotten eggs. All organisation of women's labour means that some exploiter is out of pocket. In these days, when we enter the lists we carefully protect our hearts, so that they shall not suffer damage in the fray.

Interesting articles are appearing in the American press on the life of that wonderful woman, Julia Ward Howe, the sister of Mrs. Beecher Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin." These are the secrets of her power: The courage which enables her to espouse many an unpopular cause; the enthusiasm and faith which have led her to further every movement for the advancement of women; the broad sympathies which have caused her to give herself so generously in many directions; the sincerity, the nobility, which are seen in every line of her countenance and felt in every word she utters. One characteristic of Mrs. Howe is her sane hopefulness, her confidence in the future, her belief in human nature. A woman in

her ninetieth year, who, instead of harking back to the "good old days" of the past, is always looking forward to the dawn of a new era, in which right shall triumph, teaches us a lesson it would be well for us to emulate.

In a letter from Miss L. L. Dock, U.S.A., the following paragraph appears: "I am so excited and absorbed over your wonderful movement for women's enfranchisement that I can hardly keep up interest for other things for the moment—even registration. To my mind, the campaign of the suffragettes is the most inspiring and wonderful emancipation movement that the world has ever seen, and certainly by all odds the most thrilling scene on the world's stage to-day. I am doing a little work among the nurses in behalf of suffrage."

## Book of the Week.

### "LEWIS RAND."\*

A mere review of a work of the type of "Lewis Rand" must of necessity be wholly inadequate.

From the very first page, which introduces us to Lewis and his father, we are struck by the marvellously arresting power of description; no less are we gripped by the study of the strange human document here presented to us. Step by step we follow with unflinching interest each incident in his career, each fresh development in his wholly powerful personality. Unwavering strength of purpose is his leading characteristic—from the time when we first met him, a lad of fourteen, his desire to rise never falters.

The only child of a tobacco roller, who is a true son of the soil, with no aspirations beyond agriculture, and of a woman gently born, clever, and cultured, Lewis has in him the leading characteristics of both parents: dogged determination and an intense wish for learning, which make him, as he says, "ambitious as Lucifer."

The book deals largely with the political situation of the day—1804—a time of great and stirring interest. Thomas Jefferson, a Virginian, is President. Virginia, where the scene of the story is laid, is, in a way, divided against herself. There are the Federals, still with a certain loyalty to England; the Republicans, more in sympathy with France, and admirers of Napoleon, who has just sold Louisiana to the States, out of which fact arises a third party—ultra Republicans—whose cause the headstrong ambition of Lewis leads him to espouse.

His meditated treachery to his own party, above all to the President who has ever been his best friend, is hard to forgive. His passionate devotion to his wife is the great redeeming feature in his life.

Jacqueline Churchill, daughter of an old Virginian family, returns his love in whole-hearted manner, proving herself a true helpmate, unwavering in her allegiance, ever striving to help his better nature to assert itself.

Jacqueline's two uncles, and their near neigh-

\*By Mary Johnston. (Constable.)

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