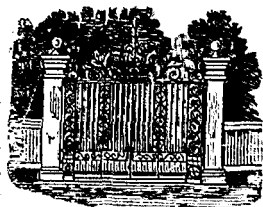


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, as chairman of the Shakespeare Ball Committee, announces that the net profits of the Ball amounted to £10,000. She wishes on behalf of the committee to express the sincerest thanks to all who have helped to make so splendid a contribution towards the fund for the Shakespeare Memorial National Theatre.

The Imperial Health Fête organised by the Women's Imperial Health Association was held in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, on Wednesday afternoon. It was opened by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, on the Terrace at the end of the Long Walk, where the "Florence Nightingale" Caravan was camped under a guard of Crimean veterans. On the two following days a Health Congress was held at the Caxton Hall, S.W.

Votes for Women reports that on Coronation Day a telegram of loyalty and congratulation was sent by the Women's Social and Political Union to Queen Mary in the following words:—

"The Women's Social and Political Union tender to their Royal and Imperial Majesties the King and Queen their loyal and devoted service. May their reign be long and prosperous and their lives blessed with every happiness. May the Empire under their guidance advance in strength, in honour, and in righteousness, and may men and women, rendered equal before the law, secure by their united endeavour a future for country and for race even greater than heretofore."

The following telegram was received in reply from the Queen's Private Secretary:—

"I am commanded by the Queen to thank the Women's Social and Political Union for the congratulations and good wishes expressed for their Majesties on the occasion of their Coronation."

Professor Flinders Petrie is now holding his annual exhibition of Egyptian antiquities at University College, Gower Street, W.C., and the portrait mummies found last year in Egypt fifty miles south of Cairo, are amongst the most interesting of the exhibits. Amongst them is the earliest known portrait of a woman professor, "Hermione Grammatike," which is painted on canvas. The face is very thoughtful and delicate in feature, the hair black and wavy, and parted in the middle. She is supposed to have been a professor of classical literature, and to have taught at Arsinoe, but the portrait mummy was dug up at Hawara. The portraits of some of the women show their love of jewels. The exhibition remains open until July 26th, and is very fascinating to those with antiquarian tendencies.

Our readers who have been kept informed of the splendid fight made by women in New York, notable amongst them Miss L. L. Dock, for the repeal of the famous Act compelling medical examination of prostitutes, will rejoice that their courageous work has been crowned with success, and that the victory is now won.

The Act has had the following course:—

1. A test case carried to the first city court by Miss Rembaugh, lawyer for the Women's Prison Association and Allied Societies of Women.

Victory. Law declared unconstitutional, and medical examinations discontinued.

2. The decision was contested by the district attorney's office. Case carried to highest city court.

Defeat for the women. Law pronounced constitutional, and medical examinations resumed.

3. Case carried by Miss Rembaugh to the Supreme Court of the State.

Victory. The law is now settled. Declared unconstitutional, and an appeal cannot be made to the United States Supreme Court unless the State Supreme Court says "constitutional."

Book of the Week.

JOHN VERNEY.*

This is a novel, a large portion of which is concerned with a General Election, and the Parliamentary candidature of the hero, "John Verney."

John was Secretary to a famous Minister, who had a very high regard for him.

"At Harrow he had been the closest friend of his favourite son, who was killed during the Boer War. . . . Reginald Scaife, the 'Demon' of Harrow days, had been another of his dead son's friends."

Both these men love the pretty Sheila, the daughter of John's Chief, but Scaife is a desirable *parti*, and John the reverse from a worldly point of view.

Sheila tells her rather prim aunt she "hates knitting and practising scales and reading dull books, but I am mad keen on politics. Of course I get it from Daddy. I'm going to mug up—"

"Sheila please—"

"I shall tackle both sides. Mr. Scaife has given me a list of books. I should like when John goes to become father's secretary. I mean to play the typewriter instead of the piano, and I shall learn shorthand. I spent an hour with Mill last night."

"With whom?"

"John Stuart Mill. I ought to have brought him out here. I think I'll put in another hour before luncheon."

Scaife, a man who meant to succeed in everything he took in hand, is well described by the incident on the golf course.

"By the written laws of golf it was Scaife's hole. By the unwritten laws he ought, of course, to have informed Desmond that he had played four

* By Horace Annesley Vachell. (John Murray, London.)

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