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THE DELIVERANCE OF JERUSALEM.

With stately ceremonial and ordered dignity a solemn service was held in the Grand Priory Church of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Clerkenwell, on Friday, Jan. 11th, which was attended by the Knights Hospitallers of the Order, who marched in procession from St. John's Gate to the Priory Church. They wore their black robes and blue velvet hats, the former bearing the eight-pointed white cross, concerning which the Office of the Order proclaims that "the four arms symbolize the Christian virtues—Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude; its points represent the eight beatitudes which spring from the practice of those Virtues; and its whiteness is the emblem of the purity of life required in those who fight for the defence of the Christian Faith, and live for the service of the poor and suffering."

They were met by the clergy and choir of the Chapel Royal, St. James', whose scarlet cassocks and coats embroidered with gold and black, and the golden cope of the Archbishop of York, Prelate of the Order, added to the picturesqueness and stateliness of the scene.

In the course of his sermon the Archbishop said that while many events in the course of the War transcended the capture of Jerusalem in military and political importance, no other event had so deeply stirred the imagination of men. London was the city of the Empire's commerce, but Jerusalem was the city of the soul, and it was particularly fitting that British Armies should have delivered it out of the hands of the infidel. . . . And it was specially fitting that they should in that church, that day offer up thanksgiving for the delivery of Jerusalem; for the Order of St. John had a very special connection

with it. It was 917 years ago since their hospital was founded in Jerusalem, and it was 730 years since they were driven out by Saladin. From that time it had been their aim to recover Jerusalem, and from the spot where they were met together knights had been repeatedly sent forth to the Crusades.

The Holy City is once again in Christian hands. Laus Deo.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSURED.

The debate in the House of Lords on the Reform Bill in connection with the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise on January 10th aroused keen interest. The seats allotted to the public were crowded with women, there has not for years been such a large attendance of peeresses as filled the side galleries, while the House itself was the largest since the beginning of the war. The thankless task of moving an amendment to omit from the Bill the sub-sections extending the Parliamentary Franchise to women, was undertaken by Lord Loreburn, but he failed to convince the House, and on a division the amendment was rejected by 134 to 71. The surprise of the evening was Lord Curzon, the protagonist of the antis, who abstained from voting. The two Archbishops and the Bishops in the House voted straight to a man.

On Tuesday an amendment to submit the question to a referendum was also disposed of, 90 voting against it and 62 for it.

It is interesting that the House of Representatives at Washington has passed the woman suffrage amendment of the Constitution by a two-thirds majority and a vote to spare. To become effective it must be ratified by three-fourths of the States, but soon our sisters in the United States of America will, with us, be freed from the crippling disability of the unenfranchised.

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