OUTSIDE THE GATES.

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Those of us who had visited and loved the famous Cathedral at Rheims, before the Great War, were terribly shocked at its condition when peace was declared—so ruthlessly had its fabric been damaged, one wondered if ever again its glories could be enshrined.

And now to all its former magnificence this famous House of God has been restored, and was solemnly reopened on Sunday, July 24th, in the presence of President Lebrun, and a distinguished assembly of clergy and diplomats representing many countries.



PAGES BEARING THE BANNER PRESENTED BY THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF RHEIMS.

The picture we present shows pages bearing the Banner presented by the British delegation to the Archbishop of Rheims. The Banner is designed according to the description of that carried by the Blessed Joan of Arc when she brought King Charles VII to Rheims to be crowned, in 1429. Let us pray that for many centuries in this glorious Cathedral the prayers of the faithful may uprise and keep it sacred from the desecration of war.

THE CROWNING OF THE KING.

When Rheims re-echoed to the busy hum Of multitudes, for high solemnity Assembled. To the holy fabric moves

The long procession, through the streets bestrewn With flowers and laurel boughs. The courtier throng Were there, and they in Orleans, who endured The siege right bravely; Gaucourt, and La Hire, The gallant Xaintrailles, Boussac, and Chabannes, La Fayette, name that freedom still shall love, Alençon, and the bravest of the brave, The Bastard Orléans, now in hope elate, Soon to release from hard captivity His dear beloved brother; gallant men, And worthy of eternal memory, For they, in the most perilous times of France, Despaired not of their country. By the King The delegated damsel passed along,

Clad in her battered arms. She bore on

Her hallowed banner to the sacred pile, And fixed it on the altar, whilst her hand Poured on the monarch's head the mystic oil, Wafted of yore by milk-white dove from Heaven

(So legend says) to Clovis when he stood At Rheims for baptism. . . .

The missioned maid
Then placed on Charles's brow the crown
of France,

And back retiring, gazed upon the King One moment, quickly scanning all the past, Till in a tumult of wild wonderment

Till in a tumult of wild wonderment She wept aloud. The assembled multitude In awful stillness witnessed; then at once, As with a tempest-rushing noise of winds Lifted their mingled clamours.

Southey's Joan of Arc.

A Mathematical Genius.

Miss Rosa M. Morris, 23, of Rogerstone, Monmouthshire, who is a keen hockey player and an accomplished dressmaker, has found a method of solving problems in aerodynamics which have hitherto defied all mathematicians, it was stated at a meeting of Monmouthshire Education Committee by Principal J. F. Rees, of University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire. Miss Morris has won scholarships worth £600 for the first year at Girton.

Principal Rees described some of Miss. Morris's contributions on abstruse mathematical problems to scientific journals. He said that at a recent degree examination the examiners decided on 80 per cent. as the standard for a first-class degree in mathematics. On that basis Miss

in mathematics. On that basis Miss Morris would have been entitled to 130 per cent. compared with the next best student. The examiners had to call a special meeting, and to avoid handicapping other students decided to regard Miss Morris as a special case.

This reminds us of the stir made some years ago when Miss Phillipa Fawcett was ranked "above the senior wrangler"!

An Important Event.

Miss D. A. Turner writes from Palwal, S. Punjab, India: "The first examination of the Punjab Nurses' Registration Council takes place in October. It is most interesting watching and helping the developments. For this year I have a seat on the Council as Secretary for the Punjab of the Trained Nurses' Association of India."

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