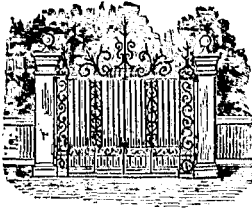


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



War, or who have died from the effects of service in South Africa since their return home.

A deputation was last week received by the Home Secretary, in his private room at the House of Commons, from the Women's Trade Union League, on certain questions as to labour legislation arising out of resolutions passed at the Annual Conference held by the League. The Treasurer, Mr. Shackleton, M.P., who introduced the deputation, referred to the advantages already gained through the organisation of working women. The resolution of most general interest was one advocating an extension of the Compensation Act.

The Women's Liberal Metropolitan Union has recorded its emphatic protest against the control of the water supply of London being placed under a board, neither elected by nor answerable to the ratepayers of London. The Union considers that the County Council chosen by the citizens—with a mandate on the question—should be the controlling authority.

Madame Marguerite Durand, the proprietress of the Paris newspaper, the *Fronde*, has made a present of that journal to the members of the staff. From the 15th inst. the employées of the paper, all of whom, as is well known, are women, entered into co-operative possession of the *Fronde*, and Madame Durand became one of the co-workers instead of sole proprietress.

The police are happily taking serious notice of the traffic in young girls between Paris and London. Recently no fewer than four traffickers were arrested, two at a disreputable hotel and two in the London train at the Gare St. Lazare, while the police succeeded in saving two sisters, aged fifteen and sixteen respectively, by arresting a woman on the Southampton steamer at Havre, who was taking them to an address in Gerrard Street. The activity of the French police is deserving of every commendation.

Public opinion in Germany has recently manifested an unusual degree of irritation at the frequent repetition of cases of arbitrary and tyrannous conduct on the part of the police. Herr Heine attracted general attention in the Reichstag recently in his indictment of Germany as a conglomeration of police-ridden States. He quoted from various parts of the Empire cases of women wrongfully arrested and subjected to revolting examinations, and of editors chained to criminals of the blackest character while serving their sentences for political offences, and he argued not only that the police, recruited as they were from the army, were trained in a manner which

unfitted them to act as guardians of personal liberty, but also that the judicial authorities failed to scrutinise with adequate strictness the police applications for warrants of arrest.

From Washington comes the news that the United States Government proposes to discourage the employment of married women. Mr. Payne, the Postmaster-General, has issued instructions that after December 1st all women who are now employed by his department must resign when they are married. The order has been received with considerable indignation, and the opposition to it may force the Postmaster-General to rescind his instructions.

Miss Alice Robertson, supervisor of schools for the Creek nation, comes of a family devoted to Indian work for three generations. Her grandfather went as a missionary to Indian Territory in 1825, and the members of the family have been active in Indian education ever since. She has a beautiful adopted daughter who is an Indian, and members of her family have intermarried with the Indians, so that her love for the race is very strong. At the National educational meetings, held recently in the United States, she advocated leaving the Indian his traditions, his inspirations, and his pride of race. She had found the Indian very like other people, and saw no reason why he should not be led along better ethical lines while being allowed to pursue his natural bent in a vocation. She told, also, of the distressing conditions in Indian Territory, where the educated Indians are hampered and dragged down by the hordes of poor whites who have thronged into the State from the south. She says that there is no provision under the laws of the State for the education of these whites. The Indians have repeatedly asked aid of the Government for their white neighbours, but have received no help, and are left to struggle with the hard problem of elevating to their own level those who consider themselves of a superior race.

A Book of the Week.

THE DREAM AND THE MAN.*

The strange story told by Mrs. Baillie Reynolds in her new book, "The Dream and the Man," might well exceed the limits of our credulity did the author not make this impossible by assuring us in her preface that "it rests upon the evidence of living witnesses of unassailable veracity." This being so, it becomes an exceedingly interesting study in *clairvoyance*. There can be no manner of doubt that we are surrounded by a spiritual world of which our dull, earthy, material senses are for the most part unconscious. Here and there the veil is lifted, mostly, one is inclined to think, to persons of simplicity, sincerity, and singleness of life—a view which, while one must own it to be purely hypothetical, yet appears to receive some support from the fact that animals and little children are both undoubtedly in touch with the unseen world to a much greater extent than the majority of adults.

This at least is certain, that when we touch the limits of the probable we by no means touch those of the possible, and we merely demonstrate our own

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