

Michel rises from the sea like a mountain peak, and is crowned by an abbey which was founded in the 8th century, but which had originally been the abode of pagan priests. Space will not allow me to give a fuller description of this wonderful natural temple, which is, however, full of interest. The best place to stay is the Hotel Poulard, which one must not leave without having tasted one of Madame Poulard's world-famed omelettes, and, indeed, one's education is not complete till one has seen her making them! The day after I returned from Mont St. Michel I was tired, and spent the day in the garden while some of the others picnicked at Cancale, and came back with a glowing description of the oyster beds and their experiences in sabots, for it appears one cannot walk down in ordinary shoes. After hearing this account, I was sorry to have missed it, and mention it here for the sake of others who may be staying near by.

I have spoken of the principal places I visited near St. Servan, but I have had no space to tell of the many delightful picnics we enjoyed, or of the other little excursions which may be made. Most of the places can be reached by train or boat at the cost of a few sous, but I think I have said enough to prove how, with limited means and with no companion, and very little knowledge of the French tongue, one may yet spend a very delightful holiday across the water.

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Keystone Burgundy.

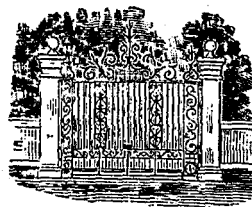
Dr. Frederick Faber MacCabe, Chairman of Stephen Smith and Co., Ltd., when presiding over the recent Annual General Meeting of shareholders, was able to present a very satisfactory Report and Accounts. It is hoped that henceforth a dividend of ten per cent. will be paid on the ordinary shares. Half the profits over and above that sum will be divided among the preference shareholders. The well-known Hall's Wine was formerly the chief article sold by the company, but for some years past they have traded as shippers and wholesale wine and spirit merchants, with the result that their business has increased by leaps and bounds, and they now have thousands of customers on their books, and have made Keystone Burgundy one of the best-known household wines in the Kingdom.

The Company last year paid eight per cent., and has written off the balance of the Advertising Suspense Account of £5,800, which arose through the introduction and advertising of Keystone Burgundy. It has been amply repaid for this outlay out of the increased profits.

Hall's Wine is a standardised restorative preparation of known and definite value, affording a satisfactory recuperative treatment in event of lowered vitality due to wasting diseases, over-exertion or nervous disorder. It is free from the reaction common to ordinary alcoholic stimulants, and probably this fact, amongst others, leads to its being often prescribed for convalescents.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The House of Commons has been busy with Bills dealing with matters relating to women. Mr. Dickinson has again introduced a Bill which is backed by Mr. Thomas Burt, Sir Charles MacLaren, Mr. Charles Fenwick, Mr. Philip Snowden, and others, "to enable women to vote at Parliamentary elections." The Bill, which has been read a first time, provides that all acts relating to the qualification and registration of voters shall apply to women in the same manner as to men. An important provision is that married women shall be regarded as joint occupiers with their husbands of houses where the husband is entitled to be registered and to vote.

The House went into Committee last week on the Qualification of Women (County and Borough Councils) Bill. A new clause allowing married women to become councillors and aldermen, although they might not be entitled to be registered on the Local Government register of electors, or the list of burgesses, was proposed by Mr. A. E. Dunn (Cornwall, Camborne), but Mr. Macnamara (Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board) said that the object of the Bill was merely to give women who had a right to vote for any local authority the right to become a member of that authority, and that to attempt to go further at the present time would endanger the Bill. As a matter of expediency, therefore, the Government were obliged to resist the amendment.

Mr. John Burns said that the House was within a few days of the rising of Parliament, and the amendment, if carried, would force controversial issues which the Government were not prepared to risk at the present time. The subject of the inclusion of married women would be more easily dealt with by a separate Bill. The amendment was withdrawn, as was that of Mr. Harwood Banner, by which the adoption of the Act by local authorities would have been made optional.

Mr. Burns refused to accept the amendment, and so to "subject women to the passing caprice of unstable mankind." The Bill, as amended, was then reported.

The Qualification of Women (Scotland) County and Town Councils Bill passed through Committee and has been reported to the House, amendments being made at the instance of Mr. J. White (L., Dumbartonshire) enabling women to sit as chairmen of the local bodies concerned, and by virtue of holding such office to be justices of the peace.

The Married Women's Property Bill has passed through Committee with drafting amendments in-

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