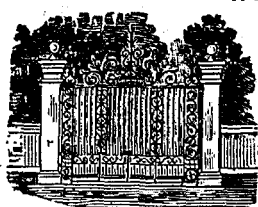


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN



Lady Frances Balfour, Lady Strachey, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick have been elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy Vice-Chairman respectively of the Lyceum Club, London.

The Archbishop of York recently presented the prizes to the pupils of the York College for Girls. They could not doubt, he thought, that the fuller education of our girls had enormously enriched the resources of their lives, opened to them new possibilities not only of career but of usefulness, and in time he was certain it would enrich equally the resources and the life of our homes.

Applications from headmistresses as well as headmasters will be invited by the London County Council Education Committee in future when there are vacancies for "heads" at mixed schools. In the past only masters have been eligible for these appointments, and though no mention is made of the financial question, it is understood that when ladies are selected they will be paid at the same rate as the masters.

Miss Compton Burnett (S.W.J.) has been appointed Press Secretary to the International Women Suffrage Alliance for the Quinquennial Convention, to be held in London this year during the week April 26th to May 1st.

Mr. Roosevelt's opinion of women has been plainly put forth during the term of his Presidency of the United States. Woman primarily should be a healthy breeding animal, to bring nature to heel. She must marry and be the mother of a large legitimate family. A domestic animal, the complement of man, physically—but mentally, and therefore morally, a subject sex.

It is a relief to turn to the expression of opinion on these points of the new President, Mr. Taft, as they prove that he does not agree with the sociological views of his strenuous predecessor. Mr. Taft, in addressing the students of the Normal School of Georgia, told the young women that he hoped that they would not regard matrimony as necessary. "Young women," he proceeded, "think that unless they are married their lives are not a success, but as a matter of fact I think that the reverse is exactly true."

Both the married and unmarried states have their duties and privileges. The former may be "honourable" but there is no doubt a self-supporting independence is sweet.

Mrs. E. W. Moore, Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Emily Kinnard, Hon. Finance Secretary of the

Young Women's Christian Association, have written to the press warning the public against any persons soliciting contributions for the Young Women's Domestic Christian Association. It will be remembered that Christina Frances, or Mackintosh, who appeared in the dock at Newcastle Police Court in nurse's uniform, on January 13th, had been carrying on so-called "homes" and "registries" in different towns in Scotland and the North of England, employing young girls to collect money. The magistrate described the transactions as fraud, and bound the defendant over to be of good behaviour, but as the officials of the Y.W.C.A. point out, she may commence operations elsewhere. Inquiries made at 26, George's Street, London, W., respecting the trustworthiness of any society with initials resembling the Y.W.C.A. will be promptly answered.

## Book of the Week.

### JULIAN REVELSTONE.\*

Though Mr. M'Carthy calls his latest book "A Romance," he must always be regarded as a serious, thoughtful writer; under the guise of romance he speaks much wisdom, and in the present case very much to the point, when he shows the grave mischief caused by absentee landlordism. Also he touches on the frequent and total misconception of the true inner meaning and intention of Socialism—not the destruction of law and order, and all social distinctions, but the humanising of the less fortunate sections of Society, and a gradual blending of the great human family in one harmonious whole. Mr. M'Carthy is a keenly perceptive, as well as a powerful writer, and perhaps his greatest charm is his restraint and moderation even when proving his point or pleading his cause most earnestly. The romantic element comes in with the hero, whose real name gives the title to the book. Born in America and inheriting a vast fortune from his father, he conceives the idea of returning to England and visiting the home of his ancestors, his grandfather, the younger son, in the county family of Revelstone migrated to America, having been repudiated by his father on account of his marriage. Julian decides to buy the old family estate of Jusculum, which happens to be in the market, but he makes up his mind to appear in the small county town of Evorgall neither under his rightful name of Revelstone nor under the one his father assumed in America, where the young millionaire is known as Charles Randolph. So he appears in Evorgall as Theodore Duncan, secretary to the unknown and so far nameless American millionaire who purchases Jusculum.

The idea is somewhat unique, and gives full play to Julian's almost too romantic ideas, leading eventually to a good deal of trouble.

Mr. M'Carthy's description of the little county town, with its various interests and factions, is very well done, and most life-like are many of the situations. Julian is much distressed to see the ex-

\* By Justin M'Carthy. (Chatto and Windus.)

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