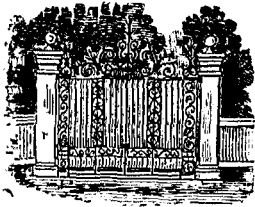


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



It is not improbable that a Regency Bill will be shortly laid before Parliament providing for the administration of the Government should the Crown descend to the young Duke of Cornwall before

he is of age. We see it suggested that the Duke of Connaught should be appointed Regent. Why is Queen Mary to be passed over? Surely we have evidence enough of the beneficence of the regency of Queen Mothers. We have only to point to the wonderful influence of Queen Christina of Spain, and her success during the minority of King Alfonso, who owes so much to her discriminating care. By all means let us have all the mother influence we can get in royal and political circles, it always makes for the general good.

At the first professional examination in anatomy and physiology for the diploma of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, held on May 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 135 candidates presented themselves, of whom 73 per cent. were referred and 27 per cent. were approved, among whom is Miss M. M. Basden, Royal Free Hospital, who is the first lady to pass this examination, for which six ladies entered.

An important concession to women medical students has been made by the Board of Governors of the Leeds General Infirmary, who have decided to admit women students to the practice of the Infirmary. As the lectures and laboratory courses of the Medical School of the University are already open to women, the step taken by the Infirmary Board will enable women to receive the whole of their medical education in Leeds.

The Convention drawn up by the Congress for the Prevention of the White Slave Traffic and the Suppression of Obscene Literature, held in Paris, is published. With regard to the white slave traffic it is recommended that punishment be inflicted for all incitements to immorality and the like, whether or not various acts constituting the offence have been accomplished in different countries. The contracting parties, whose legislation is at present insufficient for the punishment of these offences, agree to take, or propose to their respective legislatures, measures necessary for the condign punishment of such offences. As for obscene literature and the like, it is recommended that its publication, importation, transport, sale or advertisement of any kind, shall be made punishable.

Mr. G. Strangways Collins draws attention to the frequent use of the spur by hunting women. Ladies' spurs are, he says, very cruel instruments, in the form of intensely sharp spikes, and cruelty is inevitable when they are used. Surely no lover of horses could use so barbarous a weapon on the good horse who serves her well.

### THE SOUL.

We cannot describe the natural history of the soul, but we know that it is divine. All things are known to the soul. It is not to be surprised by any communication. Nothing can be greater than it, let those fear and those fawn who will. The soul is in her native realm; and it is wider than space, older than time, wide as hope, rich as love. Pusillanimity and fear she refuses with a beautiful scorn; they are not for her who putteth on her coronation robes, and goes out through universal love to universal power.

R. W. EMERSON.

### VERSE.

It was but the lightest word of the King,  
When he was neither merry nor sad;  
It was but a very little thing,  
Yet it made his servant glad.

He gave a look as it befell,  
Between a smile and a smothered sigh.  
Whether he meant it, who can tell?  
But the man went out to die.

From *The King*,

MARY E. COLERIDGE.

### COMING EVENTS.

May 20th.—Funeral of his late Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.

May 23rd.—Fever Nurses' Association, Annual General Meeting, Chief Offices of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, Victoria Embankment, 3 p.m.

May 24th.—The Infants' Hospital, S.W. A course of lectures on Babies. IV.—"The Production and Modification of Pure Cow's Milk." By Dr. Ralph Vincent. Lecture Theatre. 5 p.m.

May 25th.—Asylum Workers' Association, Annual General Meeting, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Chair, Sir William J. Collins, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.P., President, 3 p.m.

May 26th.—Central Midwives' Board, Monthly Meeting. Offices of the Board, Caxton House, S.W. 2.45 p.m.

May 27th.—Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute. Conference of representatives of affiliated Associations. Caxton Hall, Westminster.

May 31st.—The Rural Midwives' Association. Seventh Annual Meeting. 3, Grosvenor Place, S.W., by kind permission of the Lady Esther Smith. H. J. Tennant, Esq., M.P., in the chair. 3 p.m.

June 2nd.—The Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4 p.m.

June 6th.—Opening of Women's Congress at the Japan-British Exhibition. "The Co-operation of Women in Local Government."

June 18th (postponed from May 28th).—Procession of Women Suffragists from the Embankment to Albert Hall, organised by the Women's National Social and Political Union.

### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"It is a greater thing to make another strong than it is to carry his load."

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