

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

One of the most coveted honours in the world of letters in these latter days is the Presidency of the Society of Women Journalists, and that this year the honour has been well bestowed is universally acknowledged. Mrs. Louis Baillie Reynolds (G. M. Robins) has, she smilingly says, "risen from the ranks." For many years a hard-working member of the Society of Women Journalists, she was elected to Council, appointed Vice-Chair, and ultimately Chairman of the Council, so that step by step she has been chosen by her colleagues for every position of responsibility, and is now gladly acclaimed President.

Mrs. Baillie Reynolds is the eldest daughter of Mr. Julian Robins, barrister-at-law. She was married in 1890, and is the proud mother of three sons. She is a charming writer, and her many novels—amongst them "Phoebe in Fetters" and "The Man who Won"—have a very wide circle of admiring readers. The readers of this journal may be specially interested in her success, for she for many years brought to their notice all the best books of the day.

Mrs. Baillie Reynolds is a woman of delightful personality, and of very genuine and strenuous character. She is an earnest suffragist, and knows how to play: cycling, travelling, reading, painting and private theatricals—she engages in them with zest. Our portrait portrays her handsome and distinguished appearance, natural gifts every true woman delights in, in her heart of hearts.

The little band of members of the Women's Freedom League marched into London from Edinburgh on Saturday as fresh as paint. At Tally-Ho Corner, Finchley, a procession of supporters of women's enfranchisement formed up with bands and banners and marched to Trafalgar Square, where they had an amazingly good meeting. The whole Square was packed, mostly with friendly people, who listened to the speeches with warm approval. An immense crowd followed Mrs.

de Fonblanque and Miss Margaret Byham to Downing Street, where the Petition, praying the Government to make itself responsible this Session for a Bill giving votes to women was handed to the Prime Minister's secretary at No. 10.

In a letter to Mr. Asquith accompanying the Petition, Mrs. de Fonblanque and Miss Byham said:—

We would remind you that it has traversed a long thin line of the country, and that time and the circumstances attending the march did not permit of any extended efforts being made to obtain the signatures, which were everywhere fully and eagerly given in all the length of the country traversed from Edinburgh to Downing Street.

The very generous sympathy, kindness and enthusiastic encouragement shown to us on our 400-mile walk indicate, we think, without a doubt, that if the people had any voice in the decision there would be little further delay in giving votes to women.

We were pleased to note amongst those present Miss Rosalind Paget, Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Clara Lee, Miss B. Kent, Miss Hulme, Miss Pine, and many nurses in uniform.

Miss Dock writes in great happiness about the wonderful success of Women's Suffrage in the United States. Oregon has done its duty, as well as Michigan, Kansas, and Arizona, making now ten States in all who have lifted their women out of the slave zone. Wisconsin has decided "women don't count." "Great rejoicing," says Miss Dock. "It will not be long before we win the lot."

Eugenics is a subject in which all women should take an intelligent interest—we therefore draw their attention to a Lecture which will be delivered on "Eugenics" by Dr. Murray Leslie, at 3.15, on December 11th, at the Institute of Hygiene, Devonshire Street, Harley Street, W. It is arranged by the Nurses' Social Union, whose members will be admitted free upon presentation of the card of membership, if not wearing the Union Badge. General admission, 1s. Nurses not members of the Union, 6d.



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