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OVER LAND AND SEA.

The Queen, it is said, has no sympathy with the advanced and revolting wives who refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of the husband, even to the extent of declining to merge their maiden names in those of the men they condescend to marry. Her Majesty's view of the question is the same to-day as it was when the Archbishop of Canterbury asked whether, upon the occasion of her marriage to the Prince Consort, the Queen would prefer that the word "obey" should be omitted from the service, when Her Majesty instantly replied, "I wish to be married as a woman; not as a queen."

All France is talking of the extraordinary attainments of Mlle. Jeanne Benaben, who received the college degree of Bachelor of Arts two years ago, when she was sixteen. She then became Professor of Philosophy in a woman's college at Lyons, and this year was a candidate at the Sorbonne for the important degree of Licentiate in Philosophy. The examiners, though prepared for a prodigy, were amazed at the extent of her erudition and her serene composure in dealing with the vexed problems of Descartes, Kant and Comte. She was third on the list of two hundred candidates, all of them older than herself, and is now a lecturer on the science of the mind in the College of Rouen.

Miss Frances Willard, the President of the W. C. T. U., delivered her 16th annual address on Oct. 18th. She said that the crusade fire is extending into the common life of the people. The bicycle is the most influential temperance reformer of the time, and milk is the favorite beverage of those who ride to win. Men who drink take less and more men do not drink at all than in any previous year. This is the testimony of railway managers, life insurance agents, police captains and the general public.

The constantly increasing participation of women in all the affairs of the world is of the utmost significance for good. But what the world waits for is not the new woman alone, but the new man. The father alone cannot make the house home. If he spends his leisure time in what is now popularly known as the "Workingman's Club," a disguised name for the dram shop, and his wages are levied on by the proprietor, a new woman will be necessary to keep the home together unless he himself becomes the new man.

Miss Mary H. Kingsley, who is now exploring on the west of Africa, is a daughter of the late Dr. Kingsley (brother of Rev. Charles Kingsley, the famous novelist and preacher). Miss Rose G. Kingsley, daughter of the novelist, explains in a letter to the newspapers how it comes about that Miss Mary Kingsley is wandering in Western Africa. It appears that Sir Claude Macdonald, the British administrator in the Niger Protectorate, was an old friend of the late Dr. Kingsley. When Lady Macdonald went out to join her husband in Old Calabar

she took Miss Kingsley with her. It is to be presumed that Miss Kingsley was with Lady Macdonald when the latter went through the towns of the Brass natives, against whom Sir Claude had taken a punitive expedition. But whether that is so or not, Miss Kingsley stayed behind when Sir Claude and Lady Macdonald came to England on holiday last month. Her cousin writes that she has made a valuable natural history collection for Dr. Gunther, of the British Museum, and that she has met with the utmost kindness from officials and others of all nationalities.

A recent scientific traveler in Palestine publishes as the result of his observations, that the Sea of Galilee, which is eight hundred feet below the level of the Mediterranean, is fast becoming like the Dead Sea, with dense water and salt formations on its banks. The traveler believes that the bottom of the sea is sinking and that greater changes in it are impending.

Professor Wylie said the essentials for choir leaders were: 1. That they be full of faith and the Holy Ghost; 2. that they have such knowledge of the sentiment of the Psalm and of the music that they can render the song with the proper expression; 3. that they possess good common sense, and keep out of the choir all "scrapping."

There are a few high church Presbyterians. Up in the far north-west beyond Winnipeg, an Episcopalian bishop stopped for the night with a Scotch family who had been brought up in the kirk. She lamented that her bairns had not been baptized; but they were so far removed from any church that it had been impossible to give them that rite. "I'll baptize them for you," said the lord bishop. Janet was not prepared to have any ceremonies that she considered half pagan over her children. So she replied "I will spier Sandie about it." In the morning when the man who claims the monopoly of ordination as the only legitimate successor of the apostles inquired again, the daughter of Jennie Geddes answered: "We have concluded to wait for a regular ordeened meenster." For once the tables were turned. The bishop was not ordained!

The British and Foreign Bible Society, which carries, finished and in course of production, 1,500,000 copies of the Word of God. Their daily output or shipment of Bibles is 6,000 copies average during the year, or 1,800,000 annually. Occupying nearly one side of a very large room, I was shown 1,200 volumes of the Holy Scriptures, collected together by Mr. Francis Frey, who amassed a great fortune in Bristol as a manufacturer of Frey's celebrated Cocoa. One peculiarity of this Quaker gentleman was to buy one copy of every variety, dialect and form and size of the Word of God, until he had 1,200 copies, principally in English, Welsh and Irish languages. Friends of the Bible Society, at a cost of £6,000, nearly \$30,000, bought this great library of Bibles and gave it to the society, since the death of Mr. Frey three years since.