

## GUILIELMUS REX.

The folk who lived in Shakespeare's day  
And saw that gentle figure pass,  
By London bridge—his frequent way—  
They little knew what man he was!

The pointed beard, the courteous mien,  
The equal port to high and low;  
All this they saw or might have seen—  
But not the light behind the brow!

The doublet's modest, gray or brown,  
The slender sword-hilt's plain device,  
What sign had these for prince or clown?  
Few turned, or none, to scan him twice.

Yet 'twas the king of England's kings!  
The rest with all their pomps and trains  
Are moldered, half remembered things—  
'Tis he alone that lives and reigns.  
—[Thomas Bailey Aldrich, in *Century*.

## ROYALTY AT WORK.

The daughters of the Princess of Wales, says Lady Elizabeth Hilary in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, are sensibly educated. They know how to sew so well that they can make their own gowns, and their knowledge of every art taught them is thorough. They can go into the kitchen and cook—cook well; they understand the art of bread-making, and if they were ever thrown upon their own resources would be able to take care of themselves. And this has been done not only as an example to other mothers in the kingdom, but because her Royal Highness thought it right for her daughters. I wonder how many of the daughters of American gentlewomen could make butter, sew, paint, are good musicians, have a knowledge of sculpture and can read and speak three or four languages? And yet this is true of the daughters of the Princess of Wales, who was herself, while thoroughly educated, taught all the industries that would be a part of the knowledge of a daughter of ordinary gentlefolk. Sweet-faced, healthy-looking girls, they are always gowned in the most simple manner and work at their books and with pencil and needle in a way

that would shame the daughter of many a tradesman who ought to thoroughly understand everything that is really woman's work.

## AN INCIDENT.

"When will the preacher begin?" An individual, neither a member of the Society of Friends, nor remarkable for his piety, walking near a meeting-house, to which several Friends were proceeding, overtook one of these, with whom he was on intimate terms; expressing a desire to enter, he asked his companion when preaching would commence. To this the Friend, pointing to a convenient seat, replied in a whisper, "If thou sits down there, and looks back over the actions of thy life, preaching will begin with thee directly."

## THOUGHTS.

Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished.—*Bacon*.

God is the Fountain of Life. We are the little streams which flow forth from the great Fountain Head to refresh and gladden all with whom we come in contact.

If we conquer an enemy by force he is still an enemy, and liable at any time to rise up against us. If we conquer by love we have made of our enemy a friend, and a friend gained in this way will be a true friend.

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## LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

A new leader in temperance work, and one in whom the membership of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, especially just now, are deeply interested, is Lady Henry Somerset, who a few months ago was made President of the British Woman's Temperance Association. Mary Allen West writes in the *Union Signal* a most interesting sketch of her, from which this is taken.