

but all her conservatism will be swallowed up in democracy. There is a class of women, of course, who are not conservative, who defy all conventions, but they are such as were evil even in the land of Judæa.

Words to some persons mean something: to most they mean nothing. They will combine two opposites and think they have said something new. When they say "Liberal-Conservative" they have solved the eternal contest between anarchy and order. Catholic and Atheist lie down together in the "Modernist." Democracy, Utopia, and Heaven are interchangeable terms. And yet the world has often looked democracy in the face but will not know it for what it is. In democratic Athens nine men out of ten were frank slaves. In republican Rome there were a million captives. The French Revolution showed democracy in its sheer nakedness. So intelligent a person as a professor in the University of London was filled with glee when democracy in Russia declared itself, for now, he said, "the peasants will have schools."

When Father Simon was asked by the Archbishop of Paris what he was doing to prepare for the higher orders of the priesthood he offered as his qualification, that he was criticizing the Bible. A man in these days acquires political fame according as he succeeds in destroying the customs and institutions under which we live. Nothing is too minute to escape the scrutiny of a mean and jealous mind striving after an equality with those of nobler nature. Any system stands as a system, as a chair stands on four legs, although it may remain for a time upon three in virtue of its old stability. England is acclaimed as a democracy and as proof of its success. England never was a democracy, is not now, and never will be until England is no longer England. England carries on by reason of its old monarchical inertia. All that is good is old.

A few weeks ago a Prince came and walked this earth. Anyone of sensibility recognized him at once for the Bonnie Prince come again, with his ancient Stuart face, and eyes, and hair, and mien. He was the Soldier son returned from