

York-has attained to a responsible position under the government as under secretary of war, Battle Abbey, the historic house purchased by Mr. Grace from the heir of the late Duchess of Cleveland, will be the scene, during the next parliamentary session, of many interesting week-end parties Mr. Robert P. Porter who has been for some time living in Oxford with his when politics will be a dominating feawife and daughter, is in negotiation for ture. Lady Donoughmore's ambitions in the interests of her husband's political future are only equalled by those of ter's fancy, but so modern an edifice was soon forgotien when he discovered the Duchess of Marlborough for her husband. In society circles it is well known that there is some little compe-tition between the ladies on both sides. Lady Donoughmore is her husband's most devoted assistant. Away from his office in the seclusion of his home she renders him material assistance with his private correspondence. She works on the typewriter with a great deal more experiness than many a city clerk, and in this way she relieves the under secretary of much of the anxiety of trusting government secrets to hired clerks. Outside Pail Mall she is prac-tically his private secretary, and has become such a keen political student that her husband considers her advice well worth having. Considering the comparatively short time she has been in England it is asserted that she knows ore about English politics than many English women who have been political propagandists for years. If her husband does not rise to a high position in the service of the country it will not Mrs. Luke is now over ninety years be her fault. Battle Abbey presented all the feaold, and so feeble in health that the writing of letters has become difficult for her. It may therefore be looked tures of a fully equipped family mansion when Michael Grace acquired it some time ago for his English resi-dence. All the decessary legal docuupon as a special favor to readers of this paper that Mrs. Luke wrote out for them, in her own hand, the first ments were signed, when he heard that the mansion was the scene during the latter days of the last century of one of the most daring burglaries on record. stanza of the hymn which has made her famous from one end of the world The author of the hymn was mightily Although he claims to be by no means of a superstitious nature, he proceeded surprised to find herself a celebrity as the result of her unpretentious verses, at once to the lawyers who had charge not realizing that their sweetness and of the sale and protested that the whole history of the place had not been dissimplicity were qualities at all are it closed to him. He referred to the story of the burglary when \$50,000 worth of The details with which she supplies jewalry was extracted from one of the rooms one evening while the Duchess of Cleveland was entertaining a distin-guished party at dinner. The fact that one of the articles stolen on the occasion was a famous necklace of dia monds and rubies and emeralds which Queen Victoria had presented to the Duchess of Cleveland, was in itself sufficient to prejudice Mr. Grace against the occupation of so insecure an establishment written seem somehow to match the | my young sisters, who stood near him, | It is also from the ranks of Sunday erene beauty of the face in the accom- and said "Where did that come from? I never panying photograph. Mrs. Luke's father, a well-to-do Engheard it before.' lish country gentleman named Thomp-son, had been one of the founders of 'Oh, Jemima made it,' was the rethe Sunday School union, and the orig-inator of the Home Missionary society 'On the Monday he asked me for a copy of the words and tune. This he sent, with name and address in full, His life was largely given to organizing missionary work, and it was only natural that his daughter to the 'Sunday School Teachers' Magazine. should become absorbed at an early age One immediate result of the publicain the same interests. She yearned to go to India as a missionary, but the tion of the hymn was to bring to Jemima. Thompson-as she then was-the offer to edit a missionary magazine for death of her invalid mother threw the care of the house on her shoulders. children, called the Missionary Reposi-Then when her father married again tory. and she was once more free to go, and had taken the necessary course of It was suitable and congenia work," she writes, "and I welcomed h studies, she was held back by illness a graciously sent from above to fill up the blank in my prospects. I soon became much interested in the almost at the moment the ship sailed, and her heart seems to have been al most broken by the ultimate decision that her health would not permit her to undertake such arduous work in so trying a climate. Like the brave girl she was, she swal-lowed her disappointment, and plunged into Sunday school work. One morn-ing in (84), when she was twenty-eight me some delightful correspondents, and among my most kind and faithful help-ers were James Educeston, Robert Morfat, James Montgomery, Anna Braith waite, E. M. Jackson, and Mrs. Morth years old, she was traveling in one of the funny old-fashioned coaches of the day to a distant village to see how mer of "Peep of Day" celebrity. One contribution came from Dr.Livingstone, one of her missions was getting on There was no other inside passenger also letters of encouragement from Is-ace Taylor, Dr. Harris, and Hishop and so to pass the time, she began to Summer. scribble verses on the back of an enanterbury. acribble verses on the back of all charters.
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defy the attacks of the most determined burglars. The new addition to the amous residence is now nearing completion, and in a few weeks Mr. Grace will be able to dispense with the services of the London safe deposit which holds large quantities of his most valuable possessions in plate and jewelry.

Rome, having bought one of the glorious old palaces of the Ro-man aristocracy to which she has added modern conveniences in-cluding a wonderful bathroom fitted up entirely with pink marble. Mrs. Horwitz's eldest daughter who married an Italian count also lives in Rome, Mrs. Thomas B. Bowring has just re





MRS. JEMIMA LUKE.

Author of the Famous Hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of 'Old."

I Read That Sweet Story of Old," writ- | be stated here that the poor struggling ten by Mrs. Jemima Luke. The aged author with a family has been already found.

author of that hymn has refused, for "conscience sake," to pay a tax imposed by the British government for the edu-cation of children in an Episcopal creed in which the gentle old lady, being a ongregationalist, cannot believe. So, course, she is to receive a visitation from the sheriff's officers, and enough of her small property is to be seized and sold to satisfy the unyielding mands of a law not unlike that which drove the Pilgrim fathers from Ply nouth, England, to Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts,

Mrs. Luke is only one of an army of God-fearing folk who are ready to pay this wicked world. the rest of their taxes, but have vowed thhold that part which was to be devoted to compulsory education of me as to how the hymn came to be

to the other.



The Duckess of sluthestand, who has a been moved by the sufferings of the well known in the Orbials isin a. Her kindness of heart brings har to his side of the water.

ty cottages in the little village of May-fair. This house is just off Park lane, and was part of the dowry to the governor of that day when he married Miss Davies, a farmer's daughter. Though upon almost as a mesalliance, the property thus added to the Grosvenor marriage will take place view. able in the whole of London. Though too, this cottage of olden times has probably received an additional story t still preserves the pretty wooden pan eling which is so decorative and which is kept white in the drawing room at least. Mr. Porter has another object in negotiating for this house beside that of making it his London residence. H needs more room now for the beautiful antique furniture he is so assiduously collecting. His house at Oxford is already crowded with the collection h has made since his arrival in England, and he hopes to find a good deal more within a short limit of time so that having lived with it for a certain period it will be duty free when he returns to the United States with the whole of his splendid collection. . . . Mrs. Claude Ponsonby, who was Miss Horwitz of Baltimore, is receiving con-

dolences from everyone at the necessity which has compelled her to shut up her delightful London house in Queen's Gate Terrace, to spend the winter in the Mrs. Edgar Bowring, is noted for the Pyrenees. This is no less serious a matter than the ill-health of her little son Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Ponsonby have taken a pretty little villa at Po, though the place has for them a very sad memory, for it was there that they lost their other little son of typhold. It is at the house in Queen's Gate Terrace that Mrs. Ponsonby keeps all the best of che works of art collected by the late Hon. Ashley Ponsonby, her father-in-law, and his father Lord de Mauley. The Ponsonbys always have old snuff boxes with grea appointments at the British court, she of famous old Delft. old snuff boxes with great histories, and laude Ponsonby's cousin, Capt. Fritz

turned from New York to her London home at 7 Palace Gate, having cura house in London. One in Berkeley tailed her annual visit to her native square close to the Earl or Rosebery's | land to the great mystification of her beautiful residence first took Mr. Por- friends, especially as tast year, being the exception that proves the rule, Mrs. Bowring went as a guest to the Durbar a quaint little house which some 200 years ago figured as one of the pret-ty cottages in the little village of May-ring wished to be in London at the time of the marriage of their rich kinsman, Victor Bowring, whose engagement to the widow of the late Mr. Hanhury, minister of agriculture, is being It was only in The marriage will take place immediately after the settlement of some law bust ness arising from a dispute with Mrs. Hanbury's relatives over the reading of a certain part of the late minister's will. Mr. Hanbury left \$350,000 a year to his wife for life, with a suggestion that she make certain dispositions of the property, the reading of which might be taken either as a desire ex-pressed or as an absolute testamentary This point has been intention. cussed once in the courts and decided in Mrs. Hanbury's favor, but Lady Mil man, Mrs. Hanbury's sister-in-law, is now appealing, and the coming marriage is awaiting the termination of this appeal, as it would be annoying to have the honeymoon broken into by law. One of Mr. Bowring's first gifts to his prospective bride on their en-gagement was a tiara of diamonds and pear shaped pearls, the pearls being the very largest that could be got in London, and a wonderful stomacher of prodigious gems to match it. Love of these immense jewels must run in the family for Victor Bowring's mother enormous pearls and stupendous diamonds that she wears. Mr. Bowring is a well-known figure in London so ciety and is everywhere remembered as being extremely tall. He has a very young face and snow white hair, the result of typhoid fever; and because of this and his extreme height he is known as "Mont Blanc."

LADY MARY.

school teachers that the forces of the missionary societies have been continually supplied. The Missionary Reposhas long since died a natural

At the age of 30 this energetic cham pion of missions was married to the Rev. Samuel Luke, a Congregational minister. She was 25 years a wife, and has been 35 years a widow. "Lonely as the life may be," she says nalvely, and with a sigh at the thought of her never conquered yearning to be a missionary "and much as one may miss the dear companionship, what a blessed thing it is not to be a Hindoo widow!" day her thoughts are with the Hindoo women, and especially the child-widows whose sufferings on account of the cruel native customs have never ceasd to be sources of sympathetic sorrow to the gentle old hymn writer.

years ago, but she has a son and grandhildren to comfort her declining years, and lives in her own pleasant home al peace with all the world-except the Helish government, for which her prayors ascend that it may mend its vit ways, and cease to impose taxes to which no Congregational conscionce

The Grand Duke Alexis is an uncle of the czar of Russia. He is now admiral-general, supreme chief of the Russian navy and marine resources. He is 54 years old. His distinguished presence, graceful carriage and exquisite manners make him a notable figure. He visited America in 1871, with an escort of an imposing Russian squadron. His early romance was one of the sensations of Europe. Alexis loved and was beloved by a lady of the Russian court.

| William II had been operated on for a the district but in spite of the Worcestershire police department's best ef fots, not the faintest kind of a clue to growth in the throat, which might be cancerous, all the world began specu-Mary Swinburne's slayer could be un-covered. What mystified the authorilating seriously about the character of ties more than anything else was the his successor. The kaiser has now reapparent utter lack of motive, for so covered, but his health is poor and he far as they could discover the woman has small chance of reaching a ripe old was on unfriendly terms with no one and her financial position would not age. There are many who are conattract even the meanest robber. As the stranger with whom she had been vinced that, in spite of official assurances to the contrary, the kaiser carseen just before her death could not be found, suspicion naturally fell upon ries with him the seeds of the terrible disease which killed his grandfather. A few days ago, the jail at Lincoln father and mother.

The result is that the crown prince is being watched with an interest which nobody felt in him so long as his versatile father seemed young and healthy. The kaiser has taken care that his eldest son, like all the other men of the Hohenzollern family, should remain in the background. The kaiser is an imperious man, extremely jealous of rivals for public interest in his own country, and the princes of all the branches of the house of Hohenzollern have been made to feel this keenly. Consequently, when public chroniclers begin to sum up the knowledge of the German crown prince at their disposal they find that his youthful royal highncas is, to use a sporting term, a very dark horse indeed. Considering his imdark horse indeed. Considering his im-portance to the German empire and to the world in general, it is surprising how little has been ascertained and published about the character, tastes. pursuits and pasalons of Crown Prince Frederick William, and disappointing that such details as have leaked cut concerning his sayings and doings throw a somewhat unfavorable light on his august person.

A DISAPPOINTED FATHER.

The German crown prince is very tall-he stands over six feet in his stockings-and of slender build, though extremely muscular. From his earliest boyhood he showed more aptitude for outdoor sports than for studious pur-suits, and it is an open secret that the kaiser is bitterly disappointed with his firstborn's intellectual development. The expression of the crown prince's face is now heavy, and if he were not the son of a monarch he would be regarded as rather a dull fellow.

The most careful and systematic eduation training imaginable, conducted by expert instructors in their respec-tive branches, hay failed to supply the own prince with a mental equipment equal to that of the average young man in Germany. The kateer feels this so keenly that he is known to wish that his second son. Fridee Eitel Frits, who is excentionally beight and brainy, could succeed bins on the throne instead of his eldon aon, or that the crown princa could hervow his younger brother's

death, but it lives in its sucessors, each missionary society now having its half. penny missionary magazine for children, and missionary literature of world-wide interest is constantly issu-

ing from the press." ing habit once barrawed an automobile and went for abride through a country district wherein the native who talks through his horse collar was largely in evidence.

undertaking, and the circulation in-creased rapidly. It was not limited to one missionary society, but gathered facts of interest from all. It brought

of such vast wealth that the expense ineldent to standing for gural extortions Mrs. Luke's two daughters died many was to him a more matter to receive the attention of his valet. farmer, who had acquirel a grisvance against the millionairs owner of the Red. Hot Hoodco, stc., bud swern to whip the owner when the occasion arrived. The man who betrowed the portable

arrest him on the charge of murder as he was leaving the jail.



When the tramp had been removed to a cell, the warder returned to the bathroom, gathered up and pieced to-gether the tiny bits, and read: "I murdered her. God help me. Murder will dered her. God help me, aurder will out." On the same page were other references to the Kiddermister crime which convinced the authorities that the murderer they were so anxious to meet had fallen into their hands. By the time the tramp had served his 10 days' sontence, the police had com-pleted their case and wore ready to re-

AUTOMOBILE.

THE MAN AND THE BORROWED

A man who had acquired the borrow-

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