

London Letter.

The engagement is announced of Lady Sybil Beauclerk, niece of the Countess of Minto (wife of the Governor-General of Canada,) to Mr. Wm. F. Lascelles, of Scots Guards, aide-de-camp to the Governor-General. Lady Sybil is the younger daughter of the late Duke of St. Albans by his first wife, and is therefore a descendant of Charles II and Neil Gwynne. Mr. Lascelles is the elder son of Lord Francis Lascelles, British Ambassador to Berlin. His mother, who died a few years ago, was a daughter of Sir Joseph Olliffe, a celebrated physician in Paris in the days of the second Empire, whom Alphonse Daudet cruelly maligned under the name of Dr. Jenkins in "Le Nabab." Another engagement announced from Canada is that of Miss Sykes, niece of Colonel Straubenzie, to an Englishman named Falls.

Interest in the matrimonial prospects of Lord Crewe increases every day. He is forty-one; Lady Margaret Priurose was eighteen on January 1st. The day of her birth is responsible for her having been christened Margaret Etrenne (New Year's gift.) When she becomes Countess of Crewe she will chaperone a step-daughter only five months younger than herself. Lord Crewe is not only a strikingly handsome man, with winning manners and an expression of gentle melancholy befitting his past sorrows, but he is also a poet of the gentle, dreamy order. I advise your fair readers to get his "Stray Verses," published when he was Lord Houghton. His first wife, whom he married when he was twenty-two, was a Graham, of Netherby. She inherited great beauty from her grandmother, the mad Duchess of Somerset, who sixty years ago, then Lady Seymour, was the Queen of Beauty at the Eglinton tournament. The Duchess was a granddaughter of Richard Brinsley Sheridan and the lovely Betty Linley. Seven years after her marriage Lady Houghton died, leaving her disconsolated husband with three daughters and a son. The boy died at the age of seven. So the "preux chevalier" has had his troubles. By way of distraction he went in ardently for political life, and became Mr. Gladstone's Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland; but as he held the post during the heat of the Home Rule controversy, he found himself boycotted by Dublin society. If rumor is to be believed, Lord Crewe's political convictions cost him more than mere popularity; they caused him a bitter heart ache. He had conceived an affection for the lovely daughter of a proud old house wedded to Tory traditions. For a while society speculated as to which would be the stronger, the personal magnetism of the man or the cut-and-dried opinions of the beauty's family. How the romance ended I do not know, but Lord Crewe suddenly withdrew from the field. Those who should know say that he never ventured to put the decisive question; but that he deemed himself repulsed is evident to all who know the poem, written in that eventful year, wherein he tells his lady that he "shall watch her footsteps down the road;" and adds: "Till you turn and beckon I stand and wait!" That, however, was nine years ago.

No one would guess, to see them, that he and Lady "Peggy" have so many years between them. She is very self-possessed and sensible, as well as charming. The Prince of Wales, who is a great friend of Lord Crewe, as well as of Lord Rosebery, and is fond of the latter's motherless girls, was delighted at the engagement. The wedding will be one of the events of the season. Of course Lady Peggy will be very rich, as her mother was a Rothschild. People are saying that the elder girl, Lady Sybil, will probably marry soon and that Lord Rosebery will then be forced,

in self defense, to make that declaration which has been hanging back for so long.

You remember that exotic novel, "Via Lucia," which your able reviewer "slated" so unmercifully some months ago, but which made quite a sensation here? I hear from Rome that the authoress was married recently to her publisher, Mr. William Heinemann. Among the guests at the wedding was Mr. Whistler, who had come from Paris specially for the occasion. The bride's real name was Magda Stuart Sindici. Her father was formerly an officer in the Italian army, and her mother is first cousin of the Duke of Berwick. That ducal family descends from the Royal Stuarts. The first Duke was an illegitimate son of James II. Magda Heinemann (or "Kassandra Vivaris," to give her the literary title) is only two-and-twenty. Her remarkable book was written while she was yet in her teens.

The death of the amiable Countess of Sefton is much regretted. You remember that she lost her husband not long ago and that her son, the young Earl, is confined in a private asylum. Her death is the more sad as, contrary to all expectations, the young heir is getting well, and the doctors confidently predict his return to perfect sanity and to active life. His aberration was caused by an injury to the head, the result of a fall from his horse, not by any brain disease. I wonder whether the fair young girl, whose engagement to him was so sadly broken off, will welcome him back.

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