

SIR WALTER BESANT

THE INTERESTING CAREER OF A
FAMED ENGLISH WRITER.

Versatile and Many Sided—Well Known
Novelist's Dream Is Crystallized in the
People's Palace in London's East End
— Wonderful Institution Which Is
Benefiting the Poor.

The late Sir Walter Besant was born at Portsmouth, England, in 1838. He was educated at King's College, London, and Christ's College, Cambridge, where he was graduated with high honors in mathematics. This training tended to fit him for the church, but he abandoned this career and was appointed senior professor in the Royal College of Mauritius. When he was compelled by illness to hand in his resignation, he returned to England, where he had lived ever since.

The author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" was more than 30 years making his present literary reputation. His first book, which was published in 1868, was called "Studies in Early French Poetry." Sir Walter acted for many years as secretary for the Palestine Exploration fund, in which capacity he wrote, in 1871, the "History of Jerusalem," with the late Professor Palmer, and was editor of the great work entitled "The Survey of Western Palestine." Meanwhile he contributed much to magazines.

In 1871 he formed a partnership with James Rice, and the story of this literary partnership is one of the most interesting in the history of collaboration. It was successful from the first and ended only with the death of Mr. Rice in 1882. Mr. Rice's name originally appeared as one of the authors of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men." He made the business arrangements for the production of the novel, but he was then too feeble to do anything more, and the book is really Sir Walter's in its entirety. He selected the scene and the subject and wrote the story. Through this novel he made a place and a name for himself that are in some respects unique. Dickens in his time used the whole of London as his field; Sir Walter contented himself in the main with but a part of it. That part is a world in itself, but it was practically unknown even to Londoners until this novelist photographed it in a dark and startling manner for the benefit of the world. It is hard for Canadians to understand what a tremendous place the east end of London is. It is still harder for them to understand how this greasy quarter should have been so utterly neglected and unknown as it did until Sir Walter went into the nooks and slums and told the world what he found there and laid bare the abject misery and wretchedness of its inhabitants. It was "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" which prompted the building of the great People's Palace, a vast experiment intended to bring the comforts of home and club life within the reach of the poverty stricken masses.

It was not Besant's fault if the experiment was a comparative failure. It is still doing good, but not on the scale which Sir Walter thought possible for it. In this wonderful institution there is a vast hall in which the sculptured forms of the queens of England look down on throngs of 8,000 or 10,000 working men and women, dancing, parading and enjoying themselves in ways far more innocent than they knew before the realization of Sir Walter's idea. And in addition to this there are co-operative schools for boys and girls and clubs where both sexes may learn useful trades and fit themselves to occupy comfortable places in the world.

Sir Walter Besant was a versatile man. Not only his literary work, but his business and his philanthropic relations with the world revealed a many sided character. The books he wrote after the death of Mr. Rice bear little resemblance to the volume on which he made his reputation, "Dorothy Foster, a Tale of the Days of the Pretender," is a historical novel, essentially like "All Sorts and Conditions of Men." "The Holy Rose" was a venture in still a new direction. The pictures of England in the old days of Deftford 140 years ago, when the English and the French were always at war, when "Home Fair" was an institution and when the English sailor was a much more interesting personage than he is now, that are given us in "The World Went Very Well Then," are gems based upon Sir Walter's early excursions in books rather than upon his later observation of life itself. Sir Walter had the business of book selling at his fingers' ends. He was the head and front of the Incorporated Society of Authors, who are banded together to protect themselves against the publishers. He was a hard worker and a practical man who believed in getting as much money as he could out of the books which he was writing.

Sir Walter was popular almost everywhere in London. One might find him, perhaps, in a west end drawing room or in an aristocratic club, or one might meet him again in the worst slums about Whitechapel. He was as much at home in one place as the other and seemed to have as many friends in one world as in the other.

Sir Walter was knighted at the Queen's jubilee in honor of his literary achievements.

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What's in a Name?

Some years ago a certain William Stickers resided in a village about 50 miles from London. Having narrowly escaped capture for poaching, he went to London, hoping, amidst the bustle of the great city, to escape detection. He was, however, much disturbed and greatly surprised in finding as he supposed, that his offence had become known in London, for on looking up at a street corner he observed "Bill Stickers Beware." But the climax was reached when, on a boarding round some newly-erected buildings, he was horrified to read: "Bill Stickers will be prosecuted." He could hold out no longer, and accordingly gave himself up, and confessed his guilt at the nearest police station.

Stamp of Edward VII.

Newfoundland has been using the stamp of Edward VII. for the past three years, it having first appeared early in 1898. This stamp is one of a set of five—all devoted and known as "the Royal set" in the stamp world. On the half-cent stamp is Prince Eddie, son of the Duke of York; on the one-cent is Queen Victoria; on the two-cent King Edward; on the three-cent Queen Alexandra; on the five-cent the Duke of York, who will shortly visit Canada. Newfoundland leads the Empire in this issue, and the set is immensely popular, being still in use.

Shakespeare and Marie Corelli.

Miss Marie Corelli is the literary lion of Stratford-on-Avon. She lives in a large and extremely pretty house and it would be difficult to imagine a more desirable environment for literary work. Miss Corelli is very popular in Stratford, and there is little doubt that the great majority of its people are far better acquainted with "The Mighty Atom" than with "Hamlet."—London Mail.

Scraps.

The coinage of India last year was about £80,000,000.
Australia is nearly 26 times larger than the British Isles.
An Irish jury recently brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the prisoner almost guilty."
The Boer prisoners in Ceylon have applied that their families may be allowed to join them, as they like the country, and wish to become permanent settlers.

Words of the Wise.

The man with but one idea in his head is sure to exaggerate that to top-heaviness, and thus he loses his equilibrium.—A. Hill.
Hard workers are usually honest; industry lifts them above temptation.—Boyce.
A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.—Lamb.
Going to law is losing a cow for the sake of a cat.—Chinese proverb.

WEAK, NERVOUS WOMEN

Could we read the hearts of women what a vast amount of suffering would be exposed. Female weakness has produced more invalids among women than any other cause. Have you any of the following symptoms? Nervousness, Weakness, Backache, Headache, "All-Gone" Feeling, Hot Flashes, Variable Appetite, Restlessness, No Ambition, Easily Excited, Painful Periods, Bearing-down Pains, Leucorrhoea, Pimples on the Face, Pains in the Loins, Eyes Sunk, No Vital Energy, etc. We Can Cure You. It matters not who has treated and failed in curing you. Consultation by Mail is Absolutely Free, and if curable we will tell you so. Don't let surgeons operate on you. We can cure you without cutting. Our New Method treatment is mild and pleasant. Family doctors have treated you for years, yet you are not cured—they only help you from time to time. Let us cure you at your own home by our New Method Treatment. Hundreds are being cured. Why not you? We will mail you our Symptom Blank simply for the asking, and we will tell you free of charge what we think of your case. Remember, your letters are kept strictly private and confidential and are answered in plain sealed envelope. Write at once, enclosing stamp for reply. Address Dr. W. H. SAUNDERS & Co., Sta. C, Chicago, Ill. Mention this paper.
Dec. 21, 1900, dwalyr.

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Beginning with **Tomorrow, Friday, July 5th**, and continuing a through this month, we will commence clearing out summer stocks. We laid in an immense stock of summer goods early in the season. We have done a tremendous cash trade every day since April last. Now we are left with odd lots, broken sizes, short lengths, etc., etc. All these misfits must be cleared out this month as fall goods are already arriving and we must have the room.

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34 Ladies' Silk Waists, \$3 quality, choice of the lot at \$1.75. P. K. and fine Lawn Shirt Waists with insertion, newest kind, choice of the lot at 79 cts., worth \$1.30. Dress Skirts for all occasions. 200 Ladies' Dress Skirts for all times to wear, black and colored, all sizes, selling this month at 90 cts., \$1.50, \$1.90 and \$2.75.

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About 260 odd pairs of Summer Boots for Men, Women and Boys to be sold this month at 59c., 68c., 95c., \$1.30 and \$1.95 a pair, regular price for these goods almost double. And a thousand of other useful and seasonable articles will be offered during this July Clearance Sale. Come and look through our 6 large stores. Be here on Saturday for Big Bargains.

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