

who was formerly made of honour to the late Queene, a beautiful lady, and he has many fine children, so that none envy his good fortune. After dinner we went to see Sir William Temple's, neere to it; the most remarkable things are his orangerie and gardens, where the wall fruit trees are most exquisitely nail'd and train'd, far better than I ever noted elsewhere. There are many good pictures, especially of Vandyke's, in both these houses, and some few statues and small busts in the latter."

have the gout, took Swift into the gardens, and amused him by showing him how to cut asparagus after the Dutch manner.

It was probably whilst residing here that Swift first met his Stella, the daughter of Mr. Johnson, of Richmond, Sir William Temple's steward. She followed Swift to Ireland, was privately married to him by the Bishop of Clogher, and died of a broken heart in 1727. The parish register of Richmond contains an entry of her baptism, as already stated.



EAST SHEEN.

These gardens were about as famous as those of the Carews at Beddington\* for their growth of oranges.

The house has some literary history, for Swift was for nearly two years resident as a guest in Sir William Temple's house, and thus he had often an opportunity of meeting King William, who was often a visitor there. The king treated Swift with much familiarity, and offered him the command of a troop of horse, which he declined. This was, of course, before he had entered orders.

On one occasion King William, visiting Sir William Temple, who happened at the time to

Sir William Temple was hospitable and friendly, but correct and abstemious. It was this Sir William Temple who was the author of the *mos*, "The first glass for myself, the second for my friends, the third for good humour, and the fourth for my enemies." It would have been well if "lords" in the last century and "working-men" in this could have been brought to acknowledge the wit of this remark, and to act on it. The following lines are to be found in Sir William Temple's "Essay on Gardening":—"If we believe the Scriptures, we must allow that God Almighty esteemed the life of a man in a garden the happiest that He could give him, or else He would not have placed Adam in that of Eden; it was the state of

\* See *ante*, p. 189.