

THE Committee, in their annual report for the past year, of the Kidderminster Infirmary, state that since the Children's Hospital had been opened, the subscriptions had not proportionately increased. The expenses were necessarily much greater, and an effort should be made to obtain additional public support. An increase of income by about £200 a year was required.

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A LECTURE will be delivered to-day by Dr. B. A. Whitelegge, on "Notification of Infectious Diseases," at the Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, Regent Street, W.

### WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE reason of the popularity and success of the Queen Regent of Spain is not far to seek, as the following graceful story *apropos* of the death of the sister of Senor Emilio Castelar will illustrate. Her Majesty received the news in the midst of the bustle of the birthday festivities of the little King, as she entered the reception-room where the guests were assembled for the great banquet. She did not call for one of her high functionaries, but said to the President of the Council himself, "Go and tell M. Castelar that I forget that he is the head of the Republican party; that I only see in him a national glory, a great orator, an artist that has no peer, and that I have the deepest sympathy with him in his loss, both as Spaniard and as Sovereign."

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THE Queen of Roumania, whose literary talents are so well known, has accepted the presidency of the new Woman's Library, which is shortly to be opened in Paris, in connection with which there are to be a picture gallery and club-room. Meanwhile women authors are requested to send their works and their names as members to Madame Juliette Guy, 41, Rue St. Georges, Paris.

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THE Viceroy's medals, granted in connection with the National Association for Medical Aid to the Women of India, have been presented to Miss Masili and Miss Thomas, of Agra.

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In Finland the liberal professions are nearly all open to women; there are women in the Senate, and women as magistrates, agents, bank clerks, and commercial travellers; whilst they are employed in the postal, telegraph, and telephone departments as largely as in England. In Finland they practise what we hardly do more than preach in this country, as witness the way in which

a Finnish mother lately trained her large family of daughters: "one to teach needlework and weaving, one for farm inspector and veterinary surgeon, one for housekeeping, one for companion to lady, one for millinery, one for dressmaking, one for teacher, one for engraver at the Helsingsfors mint, one for teacher of wood engraving, one for teacher at a commercial school." It is time that English girls were brought up and taught how to earn their living in the same systematic way.

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THE Home for Lost and Starving Dogs is just now in urgent need of funds, and lovers of "the dear doggies" are bestirring themselves upon its behalf. The Marchioness of Tweeddale, Mrs. Jeune, and Miss Lankester are organising a concert, for which the Marchioness of Tweeddale has promised to throw open her reception rooms. As the music is sure to be excellent, the tickets will doubtless soon be sold.

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THE right of Lady Sandhurst to serve on the London County Council has been challenged on account of her sex, and the decision of the judges before whom the question will be tried is looked forward to with great interest by the advocates of women's rights. Her opponent, Mr. Beresford-Hope, was three hundred votes below her on the poll. Legal proceedings must, of course, cost money, and as Lady Sandhurst only presented herself as a candidate in compliance with the wishes of persons anxious to see women represented in the Council, it is not considered just that she should be put to any personal expense in the matter. It is hoped, therefore, that funds will be forthcoming to meet the necessary expenses.

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WHEN asked by a representative of the *Women's Gazette* whether she thought women, as a rule, fitted for public work, Lady Sandhurst answered, "No, not as a rule. But there are, of course, exceptions, and the services of the women who constitute these exceptions are, I think, invaluable. It is not long ago since I held the opinion that our sex should never use anything but passive influence in public affairs, and even now I cannot help feeling sorry that the necessity for our coming forward should exist. If we had a nation of good men the interests of all might be left in their hands; but as, alas! we have not, it becomes incumbent on women of education with wide sympathies to study what good they can do for the helpless and suffering amongst us. I believe that we have as many gifts as men, and that God meant us to use them for the good of His creatures; I believe also that happiness and true moral

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