

## WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

UNDER the patronage of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and several other members of the Royal Family, an *Al Fresco* Fayre and Floral Fête will be held on behalf of the Grosvenor Hospital on May 29, 30, and 31. In addition to the Albert Hall the committee has been obliged to hire the South Kensington Conservatory. In the latter the Village Fair will be held, and in the former the Floral Fête, but there will be no extra charge for admission. Natural materials will be used in constructing the scenery, and some two hundred ladies will disport themselves in rustic costumes, while twenty "village maidens" will vend ten thousand copies of the "Golden Grain Guide." Among the stall-holders will be Lady Coke, Lady Hertford, Mrs. Bancroft, Lady Constance Howard, Lady Torrington, Lady Coleridge, Lady Gough, Mrs. Ronalds, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Margaret Seymour, Mrs. Arthur Weguelin, the Countess Von Lutzow, Lady Jane Taylor, Lady Decies, Mrs. Evelyn Ellis, Mrs. Stopford, Mrs. A. J. Ram, Mrs. W. Cunard, and Lady Dalrymple Elphinstone.

THE Princess of Wales has fixed Tuesday, the 7th of May, for laying the foundation stone of the new building in the Euston Road of the New Hospital for Women, and will receive purses containing the sum of £20. Mrs. Garrett Anderson has worked indefatigably to raise the required £20,000, and so far has been most successful. During the past week the Vestry of St. Pancras has made a donation of £100 towards the building fund, out of a sum they have at their disposal for charitable purposes, making £13,000 paid or promised. This leaves a balance of £6,400, towards which Mr. Henry Tate has generously offered £1,000, providing the remainder of the £20,000 is obtained within the next four months.

THE Duchess of Abercorn will visit Croydon on the 14th of May, for the purpose of opening a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Croydon Literary and Scientific Institution.

At the Liberal Unionist Conference at Birmingham, a woman's meeting was the principal event on the 26th ult. Mr. Chamberlain referred to the participation of women in politics as tending to advance political morality.

THE preparations for the International Congress of Women, to be held at Paris during this summer, continue in great activity. During its sittings the Congress will be divided into four sections for discussion. The historical section is to consider

the "Influence of Women and their action in the march and development of ideas." The economic section will discuss "Labour and wages of women in different countries, and their exclusion, or otherwise, from liberal careers." The moral section will bring forward its own subjects, and discuss the best methods of establishing purity, and the legislative section will take up the reformation or abolition of such laws as establish the inferiority of women. Ladies intending to take part in it should send their names to Mme. Petti, general secretary, 27, Rue de Berlin, Paris.

MISS DAVIS is making arrangements for lady guides to be in attendance on parties at the Paris Exhibition.

MISS SANDFORD, Professor of Rhetoric at Minnesota State University, has selected nine of the best writers in her class to train as journalists.

THE name of Mrs. Clark, of Cleveland, is to be commemorated in a Hall of Liberal Arts, at the new Cleveland College for Women, to which she has given the magnificent sum of £20,000.

THE work of organising in the United Kingdom a branch of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India is making satisfactory progress. Messrs. Coutts and Co. and Col. John Robertson, the hon. secretary, 65, Kensington Gardens Square, have already received several donations and further promises of further annual subscriptions. Gen. Sir Donald Stewart, Lady Burdett-Coutts, Lady Edward Cavendish, Sir William Mackenzie, M.D., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M.P., and Mr. Keswick (of Jardine, Skinner, and Co., Calcutta) are among those who have lately joined the general committee.

THE "Forsyth" Technical College, of which Princess Christian is the patron, has removed from Victoria Square to 19, Queensberry Place, South Kensington. The aim of the college is to supply a course of training in the domestic arts and other practical subjects to gentlewomen over the age of sixteen. The course comprises instruction in dressmaking, cookery, millinery, upholstering, household management and domestic economy, hairdressing, clear starching, and fine laundry work, book-keeping, hygiene, and sick Nursing, elocution, finance, and investment of money. The terms for resident pupils are thirty-six guineas per term (inclusive of instruction); for non-resident students, twelve guineas; or each class may be taken separately for one guinea a term of twelve lessons. Time table:—Monday, eleven

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