

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE matinée to be given under the patronage of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales by Miss Gertrude Kingston, in aid of the Women's Help Society, will take place at the Prince of Wales' Theatre on June 25. The programme will consist of an entertainment by Mr. Charles Collette; "A Man's Love," new three-act play, adapted from the Dutch by J. T. Green and C. W. Jarvis, the cast of which includes Mr. Leonard Boyne, Miss Mary Rorke, and Miss Kingston; and Mr. Walter Frith's operetta, "Locked In," in which Miss Jessie Bond will be supported by Mr. W. H. Denny.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN visited the North London Collegiate School for Girls and distributed prizes to the pupils on the 13th inst. Mr. E. S. Hanbury, Master of the Brewers' Company, presided. Her Royal Highness also witnessed the gymnastic class at their exercises.

QUEEN MARGHERITA of Italy has succeeded in re-establishing the manufacture of Burano lace. This industry had almost died out. The queen found an old woman who knew the stitch, and made her teach a number of young women. The result is that Burano lace has again become a source of large revenue to the people of Burano.

THE BARONESS ALEXANDRA VON GRIPPENBURG has started a journal in Finland. She was asked why she did not publish her journal in the Swedish language; she answered, "The Swedish women have plenty of papers to read, but the poor Finland women are forgotten."

LADY SANDHURST, at a recent meeting of the Brixton electors, vindicated the rights of women to sit in a representative assembly where work was done in which women could usefully engage. Women had done good work on boards of guardians, and indeed wherever the opportunity had been afforded them; and their influence and powers could be usefully employed in many of the complex and difficult questions, several of them vitally affecting the interests of women and children, and therefore within the province of women. She won all hearts by her kindly charm of manner. Mrs. Whitehead has also accepted an invitation to present the prizes at Rugby School, on Saturday, the 29th inst. It is quite evident that the Lady Mayoress means to rival her most energetic husband in popularity and public usefulness.

MISS NIGHTINGALE has written the following to the Band of Hope of the Rev. Lewis Davidson, Mayfield Free Church, Edinburgh: "Don't think you can do anything worth doing in a fit of enthusiasm, but train yourselves carefully to any work you are called on to do; and think nothing too small to do carefully, or to train carefully for, that is for the good of your fellow-creatures. For instance, good or bad cooking may make or mar the lives of thousands, and those, too, who are trying to do great things for our race. God sends us real and lasting enthusiasm—that is, the spirit of love and of power, and of a sound mind to carry us through our training and our discipline. It is He dwelling in us. That is His goodness to us. I knew Gordon. More than in anyone, you felt when you were with him that there was One always closer to him than anyone with him, in whose immediate Presence he always lived. That was the secret of his life."

MISS EVELYN CHAPMAN and Miss Nystrom, the pioneers of the Sloyd movement in England, are to deliver addresses during the summer meeting of the University Extension in Oxford in August next. These ladies, having taught Sloyd carving with great success in Norway and Sweden, are trying to promote this form of technical education in England, and have already given addresses in various parts on the subject. Mrs. Fawcett is also announced to lecture for the extension.

THE *Queen* says: Mrs. Fawcett and her daughter, Miss Philippa Garrett, have made a gift, the generosity of which is enhanced by its opportuneness. They have jointly paid over to the National Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India the sum of £400, to be devoted to the founding of two scholarships or prizes, one in Calcutta, and the other in Bombay, for native female medical students. In a country where, as in India, women can only receive medical aid from those of their own sex, it is evident that, thankful though they may be for the ministrations of a foreigner, those of a native, if equally well trained, are likely to be much more valuable. To facilitate the medical training of native women, whose means must often be extremely small, is to confer a gift of incalculable value upon the people of India. Practical proof of the esteem in which the names of Mrs. Fawcett and the late Postmaster-General are held in India have been forthcoming upon more than one occasion, and this kindly deed will certainly rivet the chain of sympathy still more closely. In the recent medical examinations in Calcutta, it is interesting to observe that one native lady outstripped all her European rivals.

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