

husband, especially in the Patriotic Volunteer Fund now being raised by the Lord Mayor. Doubtless the eighty-five thousand pounds will speedily be collected, as the movement is naturally popular.

THERE will be a concert at the Mansion House to-night, in aid of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund. The South London Musical Club will send its male-voice choir, and the following artists will, with others, give the good cause the benefit of their services: Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Annie Marriott, Miss Whitacre, Mr. Harper Kearton, Mr. Robert Hilton, and Mr. George Mueller (violin). Mr. Charles Stevens is the musical director.

MRS. E. G. C. GILBERT, president of the New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association, has secured eleven hundred signatures in one little town, Keene, N.H., to the petition for Municipal Woman Suffrage.

MRS. WICKHAM FLOWER is about to remove her useful Hospital for Sick and Incurable Children from Cheyne Walk to a building near the Old Church at Chelsea. To help in furnishing it, a bazaar was held on the 25th and 26th inst. The poor little patients contributed enough of their own handiwork to fill one stall.

LADY CARLISLE has got a score of Cumberland and Yorkshire farmers up in London upon a sight-seeing holiday, and took them to the House of Commons on Thursday night. By her generous invitation these worthy yeomen have come to town for a "thorough change," and Lady Carlisle is personally conducting them on a tour through the principal spectacles of the capital and its environs.

THE *Daily Telegraph* says:—"A fashionable gathering at Burlington House, on the occasion of the annual Ladies' Conversazione of the Royal Society, was entertained by many highly-interesting exhibits of a mildly scientific nature. Professor Silvanus Thompson, in addition to apparatus illustrating the polarisation of light, showed a new process of electro-plating by means of cobalt, which possesses all the good qualities of nickel, and does not peel off, the only objection to its use being the somewhat higher price caused by slight demand. Professors Liveing and Dewar exhibited an absorption spectrum of oxygen, compressed to a pressure of 2,250 lb. per square inch, in a steel tube with quartz ends, with results proving that the earth's atmosphere limits the rays which can reach us from the outside, the same as

was proved by Dr. Janssen recently through observations on the air between his laboratory in Paris and the Eiffel Tower. Mr. A. W. Clayden's model, reproducing the ocean currents, excited general interest. What is the cause of cloud and fog? Mr. J. Aitken, F.R.S., the able Scotch investigator, showed an apparatus for counting the dust particles in the atmosphere, and by means of this apparatus he demonstrates that if there were no dust in the air there would be neither clouds nor fogs, because the vapour would have nothing to condense upon. Great attention was paid to photographic views of animals in motion, by Mr. Muybridge."

MRS. HALL has undertaken the secretaryship of the proposed London County Association, for which ladies as well as gentlemen are eligible for membership, and in connection with which both men and women may learn the needs of their country, and judge of the comparative advantages of different modes of supplying them. The responsibilities that women have to perform for their country are now an accepted fact; but it is well that they should first learn something of governments, and of different modes of action to achieve certain ends. It is with this the association proposes to deal, and, if successful in London, it may possibly afterwards be extended to the provinces.

MRS. MALLET and Miss A. L. Browne, hon. secretaries of the Society for Promoting the Return of Women as County Councillors, ask for help to make up the deficit in the fund for the election expenses of candidates. The following statement shows how the money has been expended: Preliminary meeting at St. James's Hall, £7; elections at Brixton and Bow, £223; legal costs—Mr. Beresford Hope's, £216; our own, £300; measures taken before judgment to protect lady councillors against possible penalties, £22; taking counsel's advice after judgment as to position of Miss Cobden and Miss Conns, £13; stationery and postage, £49—total, £830. Already received, £570; deficit, £260. Subscriptions may be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mrs. E. M'Laren, St. James's Lodge, Delahay Street, London, S.W.; or to the bankers, Sir S. Scott, Bart., and Co., 1, Cavendish Square, London, W., crossed "To the Order of the Society for Promoting the Return of Women as County Councillors." Mr. Beresford Hope's solicitors press for payment, and funds are therefore urgently needed.

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