

upon health, upon the quality of the work, and upon character. Miss KENNEDY, Cambridge, followed with a Paper upon the life of Women Out-Students at the Universities, the chief dangers of which are the temptation to over-study and to under-eat. Miss Galloway, of Queen Margaret College, Glasgow; Mrs. Patrick Geddes, of Edinburgh; Miss Macdonald, of College Hall, London; Dr. Marion Gilchrist, and Mrs. Stanley Boyd, M.D., all took part in the discussion.

In the evening, the Conference of Women Workers had, for the first time in its history, a

#### MUNICIPAL RECOGNITION.

At the Municipal Buildings there were nearly 2,000 people, including besides the delegates and visitors most of the *élite* of Glasgow and Edinburgh, among whom were a large proportion of University men. The reception was magnificent, and the Buildings, with its marble halls, and grand staircases, looked its very best decorated with palms, and late autumn plants and flowers. At nine o'clock there was a short meeting in the banquetting hall, at which the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Lady Laura Ridding, and Miss Janes, the Organising Secretary of the Conference said a few appropriate words. All the women put on their prettiest frocks for the occasion.

#### THE CAUSES OF INTEMPERANCE AMONG WOMEN

was the subject of the third morning's sitting, at which Mrs. BELL, wife of the Lord Provost, presided. Miss A. W. RICHARDSON, B.A., tutor Westfield College, opened the matter with a very carefully prepared paper, bristling with good points, and with the well authenticated testimony of eminent physicians. The number of "women habitués," she said, convicted more than ten times for drunkenness had nearly doubled since 1876. She declared that though intemperance had disappeared from the surface of "society" it is secretly increasing among educated women. Dr. SOPHIA JEX-BLAKE introduced the discussion, and said that from her experience she could not endorse the remarks of Miss Richardson. The intemperance which is a growing evil among middle-class women is intemperance in tea and coffee. She however strongly condemned the practice of taking "nips." As regards intemperance among the poor she did not think sex had much to do with the matter. She believed the only remedy to be that suggested by the Bishop of Chester. Dr. ELIZABETH PACE confirmed the experience of the former speaker. Environment, she said, had much to do in encouraging or preventing the evil. The physical discomfort and sufferings of many shop girls laid them under greater temptation to drink, especially as their food was rarely sufficiently nourishing. Mrs. STANLEY BOYD, M.D., recommended a greater knowledge and more extended advice as to the relative value of food stuffs, on the part of those attending Nursing Mothers. Dr. JANE HENDERSON urged the necessity of better legislation in regard to the confinement of the intemperate. Miss LEES, of the British Women's Temperance Association, laid great stress upon teaching children to be self-controlled in everything. Dr. WALKER, of London, said that in her experience intemperance was increasing among middle-class women. Lady Mary Murray, Miss CLIFFORD of Bristol, and the Hon. EMILY KINNAIRD

also took part in the discussion. Miss RICHARDSON, in her reply, suggested that women who drink intemperately did not consult lady doctors; a view of the matter which Dr. Jex-Blake generously conceded was very possible. Thus a glaring discrepancy between the opinion of men and women doctors was accounted for, much to the amusement of the audience.

The afternoon Meeting was densely crowded, a large number being unable to find seats. The subject was—

#### HOW WOMAN CAN RAISE THE STANDARD OF MORALITY.

The reading of the principal paper fell to Mrs. CREIGHTON. We have tried, she said, ignorance; it is now time to try knowledge. She deprecated, however, the eagerness among women to talk about subjects hitherto forbidden. Opinions differ as to how much a mother should tell her children, but there is no doubt they should be provided with the armour to help them to resist. All should be impressed with the sanctity of marriage, the wrongfulness of divorce, and the obligations of the marriage tie.

Mrs. PERCY BUNTING introduced the discussion. Talking of the army, she said, we have been accustomed to regard the army and navy as a noble institution—how then is not a higher standard not demanded among the men? She doubted if women's temptations were greater than those of men. To a half starved girl no temptation was greater than money. Women should be more interested in the standard of public amusements.

Lady FRANCES BALFOUR dwelt upon the influence for good or evil of "Society"; and Mrs. ARTHUR PHILLIP (Birmingham) deplored the increase of such literature as "The Manxman," "Hester Waters," etc., in that they have a pernicious influence upon the character of girls.

#### THE CONCLUDING MEETING

held in the evening was not well attended, owing to the fact that many were leaving Glasgow by the night train, or would be leaving early in the morning. The papers, however, on the Ethics of Work, the first by Miss CLIFFORD, Poor Law Guardian of Bristol, and the second by Mrs. CREIGHTON, were excellent, and well deserved a larger audience. Indeed, one lady who spoke was not far wrong when she said that they should be printed in pamphlet form, and distributed broadcast among workers of all kinds.

The Farewell Address was delivered by Mrs. LINDSAY. She briefly reviewed the work of the Conference, spoke of the inspiration gained by the meeting of so many experienced workers, and, finally, bade farewell to all present.

Votes of thanks were then given on all sides, to Miss Janes and Miss Macgregor, the Hon. Secretaries; to Mrs. Mirrlees, the President; to the Lord Provost, and Mrs. Bell; to the hostesses who had given such generous hospitality to visitors, and to others.

The Conference came to an end with the Doxology. Those who stayed in Glasgow on Friday had the opportunity of visiting several of the splendid Institutions of the City, and especially the University, under the guidance of Professor Young, Keeper of the Hunterian Museum, and later Queen Margaret's College, where Miss Galloway kindly entertained her visitors to tea.

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