

Miss Patton answers these arguments by saying that she casts no reflection on either parties. She reasons naturally that it might lead to gossip by outsiders, which would reflect more or less upon her management.

The medical Superintendent has taken up a more or less neutral position, but has expressed the opinion that "he could not see anything wrong in a Hospital Nurse being escorted to or from the Institution by her brother, for instance, or some other girl's brother. He could not understand how any one could see any impropriety in a Nurse getting into a street car in which an *interne* happened to be sitting, and being escorted home by him. He declares that he would not allow in the Institution a Nurse who requires watching."

I hope the Board of Managers, and all who are interested in the good name of the Institution, will support Miss Patton in her right-minded crusade against such an impossible state of affairs as is existing in this Hospital.

If there are any further developments in this interesting situation, full details shall be sent, as this is a question touching very nearly the discipline of a large Training School. Such an incident and such a "revolt of the Nurses" would be almost as impossible in New York as in London. Broadly speaking, a very fair standard of conduct and discipline has been reached in the Hospitals of the Eastern States, but, west of Chicago, nature pure and simple is more often encountered. What the Nurses *like* is their first consideration, and it will take some time for the modern Hospital decorum to filter out to the wild, woolly West, where, however, contrary to a widely accepted belief, buffaloes do not roam in the leading thoroughfares of the principal cities. Miss Patton's action is being warmly supported by many Matrons "out West," who are trying to get the thin edge of the wedge of discipline into their Hospitals, and on her success depends a good deal of immediate and much needed reform in many of our Public Institutions.

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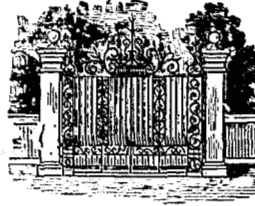
Another Exhibition.

AN International Exhibition of manufactures, appliances and inventions for the saving of life will be held at the Central Hall, Holborn, W.C., July 9th to 18th, 1896, in aid of the Guy's Hospital Re-endowment Fund.

This Exhibition is being promoted with a view to bringing before the public in a complete and comprehensive form the many devices and appliances which now exist for the prevention of loss of life from various causes and accidents.

Outside the Gates.

W O M E N .



THE Queen's Hall was thronged from floor to ceiling on Monday on the occasion of the twentieth annual meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association, and the proceedings were characterised throughout by the greatest enthusiasm.

We have before noted the grave fault in the drafting of the new Education Bill which shuts out the women from a voice in the education of the children of the State. It is also noticeable that no woman has been appointed on the Royal Commission for inquiry into the Liquor Traffic. Considering how hard women work in the cause of Temperance and what a burning home question is involved in the Liquor Laws, it is a great injustice to shut them out of the consideration of what may be done to amend the existing state of things.

The Women's Emancipation Union have forwarded a memorial to Mr. Balfour and Sir John Gorst in relation to the Education Bill. The document sets forth the following points:—

"That at present women sit upon School Boards by the direct vote of the electors, and that the work of women as members of these Boards has frequently been very helpful to the cause of education.

That the Education Bill, as it now stands, proposes to give the control of education for the future to educational authorities to be appointed by the County Councils of England and Wales, and more than one-half taken from the members of their councils.

That the law does not at present permit women to be elected members of County Councils, so that no woman could take a place on any of the proposed educational authorities as a direct representative of the people.

That, as shown by the action of the County Councils with regard to their Technical Education Committees, very few women are likely to be placed on the new educational authorities by the process of co-operation.

That, these authorities being empowered to take over by arrangement with the guardians of the poor the charge of the Poor-Law schools, this exclusion of women from the new educational authorities will be detrimental in this department also of public service.

That two-thirds of the pupils in our schools being girls or infants, and a steadily increasing proportion of our elementary teachers being women, there is urgent need of the active co-operation of women with in this part of public duty.

Your memorialists therefore earnestly request that you will, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, accept and embody in the Education Bill such amendments as shall secure to women their due share of representation on the new educational authorities."

With Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour avowed champions of women's suffrage, it is rather a bad beginning to ignore the rights of women in two large subjects such as Education and Temperance. Mr. Chamberlain is well known to be a bitter opponent of women's progress, but Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour are surely strong enough to maintain the courage of their views.

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