

to us especially excellent. We feel sure that they would stand hard wear well, and the texture and colours are so good that the most fastidious should have no difficulty in finding something to suit them. One broken check of brown and blue is specially attractive, while the plain colours in dark blue, brown, and electric blue, are also excellent.

ANTISEPTIC DRESSINGS.

MESSRS. ROBINSON & SONS, of Wheat Bridge Mills, Chesterfield, and 55, Fann Street, Aldersgate Street, E.C., have submitted for our inspection samples of their surgeons' lints and surgical dressings. The quality of the goods supplied by this firm is excellent, while their moderate prices should command universal attention. We have no hesitation in cordially recommending the antiseptic dressings, cotton wools and bandages produced by Messrs. Robinson, and we feel sure that those who test their quality will agree with us.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



THE combined Women's Suffrage Societies propose to hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 26th, at 8 p.m., at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place. Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P., will preside, and among the speakers are the Hon. W. P. Reeves (Agent-General for New Zealand); Mr. Faithfull Begg, M.P.; Mr. L. Atherley Jones, M.P.; Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Russell Cooke, and the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Lyttelton. It is to be hoped that every woman who is interested in the question of Women's Suffrage (and is there a woman who is not?) will make an effort to attend this meeting.

The question as to whether women students at Cambridge are to be granted the titular degree is to be decided by the Senate on May 21st. It will be remembered that the Syndicate recommended that women students who have kept nine terms, and satisfied the Tripos examiners, should be granted the B.A. degree; the M.A., and other degrees, being guarded by still more stringent conditions. Even this modicum of justice is strongly opposed by the undergraduates, who are beseeching their fathers and uncles to come down and vote against the proposal of

the Syndicate. Why should women be required to pass with honours before being allowed the B.A., when men get their B.A. and membership of the University with a mere pass? We are unable to say, unless it be that the pass examination would be so easy to the majority of women that the women B.A.'s would soon outnumber the men, and it is consequently considered necessary to insist on a more severe examination for women.

The inquiries of the Syndicate have conclusively proved that grave injustice is done to women by withholding the degree. Teachers who have been in competition with B.A.'s from other Universities have found themselves heavily handicapped. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Senate will support the recommendation of the Syndicate.

A Conference, convened by the Employment Sub-Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, was held on Tuesday at London House; Mrs. Creighton presiding. The question under consideration was the advisability of establishing a Central Employment Bureau for Women, and there was a consensus of opinion in favour of this step being taken. Among the speakers were Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Miss Louisa Stephenson (Edinburgh), the Hon. Emily Kinnaird, and Mrs. Yorke Smith. An excellent paper was read by Miss Margaret Bateson; and Miss King (Society for promoting the Employment of Women), Miss Younghusband, of the Gentlewomen's Employment Club, and Mrs. Williamson, of Manchester, also contributed valuable papers. It is hoped that the effect of the Conference will be to strengthen the hands of the Sub-Committee, and enable it to carry out a detailed plan of future work.

The first of a series of drawing-room meetings was held on Monday, May 10th, at the residence of Mr. Logan, M.P., with the object of making known the proposal to found an institute for women. Lady Henry Somerset, Lady Elizabeth Cust, Viscountess Harberton, and Mrs. Eva McLaren are taking an active part in the movement, which is associated with the re-organisation of the Pioneer Club. The proposal of the institute originated with Mrs. Philipps, wife of Mr. J. W. Philipps, formerly M.P. for Mid-Lanarkshire.

Miss Ruby Grace Halliday passed the final examination at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, last week. Miss Halliday is the second lady to receive the dental qualification and the first to hold this diploma from the London Colleges. Miss Halliday was a student of the National Dental Hospital, Great Portland Street, and of the Medical School of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

We learn from the *British Medical Journal* that an action is likely to be called in the Scotch Courts, asking that decree be pronounced ordaining the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to proceed to the examination of a female candidate for the diploma of that College, and if she be found duly qualified to grant her that diploma, and to confer on her all the rights and privileges thereto accruing. The facts are

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