

on the treatment of wounds and the work which devolves upon nurses in this connection.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Korteweg for his most interesting lecture, and to the Matron of Heideheuvel, Miss Maryn Bosch, for her charming reception, and the meeting was brought to an end.

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HOLLANDIA.

LADY JELTJE DE BOSCH KEMPER.

LADY JELTJE DE BOSCH KEMPER, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick, is the daughter of the eminent Dutch professor, Jeronimo de Bosch Kemper. She was born in Amsterdam in the year 1836, and has lived there ever since.

After the death of her beloved father she felt a strong desire in her to make her life more and more useful to her generation; in this respect she now follows the example of her ancestors. Her name is well known all over Holland, since she belongs to several philanthropic institutions, to which she gives both her material and moral assistance. Many institutions of the last twenty years owe their existence to her energy.

For a great many years she has belonged to a Committee which tries to help on women when in need by procuring them useful needlework.

In October, 1878, she became a member of the Committee of the "White Cross" Society for nursing in epidemics. The object of this Committee is to educate nurses by giving lectures, and by enabling them to learn the practical part of Nursing in Hospitals.

Not until a sufficient examination has been passed can the nurses be sent by the Lady Superintendent—also a member of the Committee—to those families who wish to have nurses in their own homes and to pay them according to a fixed code. The Committee pays an annual salary to the nurses, and therefore receives all the payments.

In 1890 a Dutch monthly paper on nursing appeared, in which she took a keen interest, being a frequent contributor. For one of the Chicago papers during the Exhibition she wrote a very interesting article on sick nursing.

In 1892 a National Congress of Nursing was held in Amsterdam, of which she was the President. The result of the Congress was the formation of "The Netherland Association for Nursing," now the Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick, to which a great many physicians and nurses belong. Though very young, this Association promises to be of great use to sick nursing in our country, and Lady de Bosch Kemper expends much time and trouble on the secretarial duties connected with it.

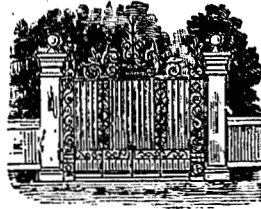
For some few years she has spent much time and thought in organising a Cookery and Household School in Amsterdam, and her lectures in several places in Holland have had the result, that besides this first useful and flourishing school, many others are arising or exist already.

Her last interesting task is to promote, as member of a committee of eminent men and women, a better position for women before the law. This work finds very much encouragement in Holland.

This short sketch, in which there is not space to touch upon her private life, may give a superficial idea of the life of one of the most eminent women in Holland at the present time.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



THE action of the Queen, in entertaining the House of Commons at Windsor last Saturday, is characteristic of her whole career, and is a keynote to the reason why Her Majesty has endeared herself throughout her reign to the whole nation. By the

mismanagemment of some officials the reception of the Commons at Buckingham Palace in the Jubilee week was not an unqualified success, but no sooner did the Queen become acquainted with this fact, than she issued an invitation to all the members of the House of Commons and their wives to a garden party at Windsor Castle, thereby proving, though proof is not needed, that by nature, as well as by her position, she is the first lady in the land, and that though her subordinates may occasionally bungle, their Sovereign, with innate courtesy, will retrieve the situation. Indeed, in the present instance the House of Commons has cause to congratulate itself that those who were responsible for the function at Buckingham Palace blundered, otherwise the unique opportunity which was theirs on Saturday would not have been afforded to them, and as to the wives of M.P.'s, who were included in the invitation, they almost imagined that they were within measurable distance of their human rights.

At a public meeting in support of the Women's Institute, recently held at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, the objects of the institute were explained by its promoter, Mrs. Wynford Philipps. The institute, which will shortly be opened at 15, Grosvenor Crescent, has been founded to supply the constantly increasing demand for a central meeting place for women engaged in all departments of public and professional work. It is strictly a non-party institution, and will comprise several departments of work, amongst which are a *Reference Library*, a *Society of Societies*, which will bring workers into relation with all societies which have for their object the benefit of women and children, or that have any relation to women's work, a *General Information Bureau*, a *Women's Lecture Department*, a *Statistical Society*, and other important departments, which have been formed in connection with the work of the institute.

The institute will be entirely under the direction of the founder, who will for the first year invite the co-operation of a council of representative women. After the first year an annual meeting of all members of the institute will be convened to elect the council. The present council contains many well-known names, and is a widely representative one. Election by a committee, appointed by the council, is necessary in order to become a member of the institute. Men as well as women will be eligible for admission provided they are engaged in literature, art, science, or any other branch of knowledge, or have worked for the women's cause, or for any great philanthropic purpose.

The institute is a definite attempt to concentrate the scattered interests of women, and focus them in a

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