

Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., at 11, Kensington Palace Gardens, on Thursday, June 8th. The *fête* is being arranged by the Ladies' Guild of the Hospital, of which Countess Cawdor is President, and Mrs. R. W. Perks President of the Council. The proceeds are to be given to the fund now being raised by the London Homœopathic Hospital for the repayment of the debt of £14,000 due to capital funds.

The National Committee for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis are endeavouring to raise £50,000, so that the first sanatorium may be started and equipped. It is believed that the friendly societies which are unable to touch their invested funds to erect such Sanatoria will maintain beds in them when once established. Further assistance from the public will therefore not be needed.

Speaking last week at the annual meeting of the East End Mothers' Lying-in Home, Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., who moved the adoption of the report, testified from personal knowledge to the admirable management of the institution, whose keynote, she said, was simplicity combined with cleanliness. There was only one fault to be found with the home; it was distinctly too small for the population, but she understood that the balance at the bank was smaller still. On the occasion of her recent visit with the English doctors to France she saw no clinics that could in any way compare with their modest home.

A new convalescent home at Cookridge, near Leeds, erected under the will of the late Mr. Robert Arthington, has been opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds in the presence of a large gathering of citizens. The home is in connection with the Leeds Infirmary.

An idea of the enormous cost of the war to Russia may be gathered from the fact that the expenditure of the Russian Red Cross Society for the month of April alone was nearly £74,000.

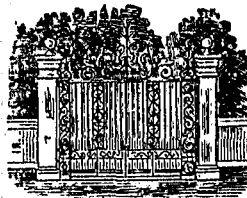
It is announced that a "national fraternal sanatorium for consumptives" is to be established on a colossal scale in New Mexico. The sanatorium, which is to be known as the Fraternal City, will be conducted on the municipal ownership plan, and is to accommodate 25,000 consumptives.

Professor Ernst Schmidt, of Marburg University, Germany, will this year be the recipient of the Hanbury gold medal, which is awarded biennially for high excellence in the promotion of original research into the chemistry and natural history of drugs. The medal is presented in memory of the late Daniel Hanbury, the distinguished botanist. The medallist also receives the sum of £50, presented by Sir Thomas Hanbury.

It is announced that a number of citizens of Washington have inaugurated a project to test Dr. Sohon's theory that a sojourn in the Arctic regions will cure consumption. The steamer *Havana* has been chartered, and will sail from Halifax on June 15th with a number of consumptive patients on board, to cruise along the central coast of Greenland, returning about September 30th. The experiment will be watched with much interest.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A petition signed by Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy and a large number of leaders of the Women's Enfranchisement movement, who are to be congratulated on the prompt action taken, was introduced last week into the House of Commons by

Mr. Keir Hardie. It ran as follows:—

"To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled. This petition of women assembled at the House of Commons, Westminster, May 12th, 1905, with the hope of assuring the second reading of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill, sheweth:

"That your petitioners view with indignation and alarm the existing procedure of the House of Commons, which reduces legislation to a mere game of chance and permits the repeated and insulting postponement of the consideration and satisfaction of the just claims of women to citizenship.

"Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will so reform your procedure as to secure in the future fair consideration of public questions with some regard to their relative importance,

"And your petitioners will ever pray."

The authorities of Bedford College for Women (University of London) are appealing for £250,000, in order that the projected rebuilding and endowment scheme may be efficiently carried out. The College can show a fine record of work as a claim to public support.

With the object of supporting the appeal a meeting was held at the residence of Professor Westlake at 3, Chelsea Embankment, last week, when the Duchess of Marlborough, who presided, said it was time that London had a university college for women equal in beauty and proportion to other public buildings. There were many such colleges in America, and they had done good service in turning out self-reliant, self-supporting women. There was no reason why even a married woman should not be educated.

The lease of the College was expiring, and it was necessary to erect new buildings. "I should like," said the Duchess, "to see as a result of this meeting a splendid university, with big gardens and grounds and laboratories, and endowed with rich scholarships and professorships."

The Right Hon. A. Dyke-Acland said the question at issue was a simple one. Was Bedford College to be destroyed, wiped out, or was it not? In about twenty years they would have to depart from their present position, as the ground landlord, Lord Portman, declined to sell them the freehold site of the present building.

The speaker also stated that Lady Tate had generously promised that if a new site and building were obtained that she would provide a library, in memory of her husband, at a cost of £10,000.

We heartily wish success to the project.

The freedom of the City of Edinburgh has been conferred on Miss Flora C. Stevenson, LL.D., and she

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