

Midget, and a deerhound, Hal, contribute to the Fund. She says, "Taking care of humans is a great anxiety, and they are often very ungrateful. How they would get on without us, I can't think."

Many other dog friends have written and sent contributions. Gipsy is very pleased with the response to the letter, but not satisfied. Many, many more bricks are wanted.

Contributions should be sent addressed to Gipsy, at the Rectory, 42, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

Amongst well-known names on the Committee are those of Lieut.-Colonel Montefiore, R. de M. Rudolf, Esq., I.S.O., the Rev. E. F. Russell, and others. The bankers are Messrs. Hoare and Co., 37, Fleet Street, E.C.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Would that we had space to appeal to the charitable in support of all the splendid institutions working for the good of the disabled, but this cannot be the province of a nursing paper, and meanwhile this good work may be well left to the *Charity Record*, which, as usual, has issued a Christmas Appeal Double Number, providing reliable information concerning the efforts made for the relief of suffering in hospitals and kindred institutions. Those with money to bestow may well be guided in its distribution by this admirable paper.

The Rev. Henry Pitt, vicar of St. Mary's, Southwark, has undertaken to provide outfits of second-hand, but good, clothing, including silk hats, for clerks and other persons of this class who are genuinely seeking employment and who must present a respectable appearance.

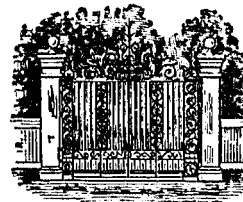
The poverty-stricken who have "to keep up appearances" are, of all classes, the most to be commiserated. We hope this practical parson may receive the support he deserves.

Preaching in Norwich Cathedral, Dean Lefroy said it was one of England's gigantic blunders that persons could not avail themselves of the English Poor Law until they were in the gutter. The object should be to prevent men getting into the gutter, and they should be helped before calamity robbed them of the spirit of self-respect and independence.

The Hostel of St. Luke, 16, Nottingham Place, W., appeals for £10,000 for the erection of a new hostel. The Council has purchased a freehold in Fitzroy Square, and it is most desirable that a suitable building should be erected on this site, rather than that the existing house should be adapted. The hostel is a hospital and nursing home for the clergy of the Church of England and their families, and is the only institution of its kind, giving assistance at a time when it is most needed, and placing within the reach of those clergy whose means are most limited the very highest medical and surgical skill.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Her Majesty the Queen has graciously promised £1,000 towards the Building Fund now being raised on behalf of Bedford College, University of London. Mrs. Ludwig Mond has also promised £1,000, and the Clothworkers' Company will contribute £250 when the Fund reaches £50,000.

The mound in front of Buckingham Palace, where a statue of Queen Victoria is to be erected, is now being removed to make room for the foundations of the memorial, and a large body of men are employed upon the work. The foundations are to be laid somewhat earlier than was anticipated in order to provide employment for a number of men at a time when work is greatly needed.

We wonder who were the brave women who unfurled flags bearing the words, "Votes for Women" and "Will the Liberals give Votes to Working Women?" at the great political demonstration at the Albert Hall last week, the Premier having omitted to refer to this most urgent reform in his oration. The fundamental principle of Liberalism is "No taxation without representation," and until the gross injustice done to women in this particular is removed, no party has the right to the title of "Liberal."

It is deeply to be regretted that the women who had the courage to claim the inalienable right of every civilised human being, were scoffed at, insulted, and summarily ejected from the Liberal meeting.

In the *North American Review*, Mrs. Russell Sage has some wise things to say on Work for Wealthy Women. She thinks they often miss their opportunities and ignore their responsibilities. But the course of womanhood, on the whole, she considers, is progressing. "Twenty-one years ago, I did not think that women were qualified for suffrage; but the strides they have made since then in the acquirement of business methods, in the management of their affairs, in the effective interest they have evinced in civic matters, and the way in which they have mastered Parliamentary methods, have convinced me that they are eminently fitted to do men's work in all purely intellectual fields."

The *New York World* estimates that out of 55,000 babies born in Manhattan borough during the past eleven months, only thirteen births took place in the fashionable Fifth Avenue, which is four and a half miles long.

The figures for other fashionable thoroughfares show a similar low birth-rate. For instance, in the section in which Mr. Rockefeller's residence is situated only one birth is recorded.

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