

the establishment personally, patterns will be sent free with an estimate and form for self-measurement. The firm prefers to carry out any orders after taking the measurements of the individual, and, therefore, does not keep a large stock of ready-made uniforms, believing that the best results are attained by attention to individual requirements. Excellent cloaks, made to measure, in navy or black cloth are obtainable from 17s. 9d. to 29s. 6d., an admirable pattern being one gathered full into a yoke at 19s. 6d. The useful cape, lined with scarlet flannel, which Bart's nurses wear with their uniform dresses when crossing the Square, may be obtained at the low price of 11s. 6d. Uniform dresses are a special feature. The prices, which, of course, vary with the material used, range from 16s. 6d. to 31s. 6d. A full-sized apron is obtainable at 1s. 11½d., or, in a better quality at 2s. 11d. Besides doing a large trade in uniforms, Messrs. Wallis also make a specialty of hospital furniture, and have recently supplied no less than 250 sets, all in oak, to the London Hospital.

#### MESSRS. BROOKS & Co., LONDON BRIDGE.

Nurses should not forget the establishment of Messrs. Brooks & Co. at 143, Borough High Street, London Bridge, to which we recently referred at greater length in these columns, which is conveniently situated in regard to many hospitals, and where they will find an admirable selection of the things they need, at moderate prices.

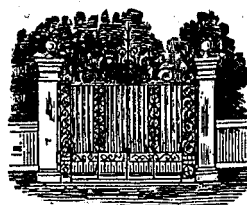
#### ICILMA.

From time to time we have drawn attention to the advantages of Icilma, which is an oxygenised form of the natural Selama water, procured from a spring in Algeria, which rises from a depth of 900 ft. below ground. The water if used in drops or with a spray, and allowed to dry on the skin, will quickly allay superficial skin irritation such as prickly heat, sun burn, mosquito bites and kindred ailments. It may also be used with advantage in the case of fresh bruises.

Soap made with Icilma Water will be found a very useful toilet article, as the Icilma counteracts the roughness, irritation and shininess caused by the use of many ordinary soaps. Just at this time of year, the very best skins need attention, and the moment is a happy one for proving the beneficial effects of Icilma, which does its work by its neutralising and purifying effect on the acids extracted from the skin. All information may be obtained from the Icilma Company, Ltd., 142, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



Mrs. Beatrice Harraden, Mrs. Ayrton, and Mrs. Humphry Ward are appealing for £50,000 to secure a freehold site and building for Bedford College for Women, so that the valuable work of the College carried on in permanent and adequate premises may build up and develop in the very heart of the British Empire the opportunities offered to women students of all nations. It will be remembered that her Majesty the Queen showed her interest in the scheme by contributing £100 to the Fund.

Mrs. Farquharson, of Haughton, has done good work in asking the support of all Scottish Members of Parliament for the Bill entitled Local Authorities (Qualification of Women). The Bill, which has the second place on Friday, April 6th, only applies to England and Wales, but the Scottish Association for the Promotion of Women's Public Work, of which she is the President, is affiliated with the Women's Local Government Society, and as the movement has received much practical help from Scottish Members of Parliament in the past, she is appealing for their support at the present time. Dr. Marshall Lang, Principal of Aberdeen University, put the case well at a public meeting when in moving a resolution he said:—"They could not produce an intelligent, a virtuous, an energetic and godly race unless men and women—the two halves of humanity—co-operated in the consciousness of joint partnership and joint responsibility."

Mrs. Edith Searle Grossman, a New Zealander, writes as follows, in the current issue of the *Empire Review* as to the effect of granting the suffrage to women in New Zealand:—"The increased political activity of women has not led to the dire results prophesied by the anti-suffragists. Domestic life has not been even disturbed. The married people who quarrel over politics are those who are bound to quarrel over something. So far the franchise has not brought about any revolution. It has helped to raise the position of women in New Zealand, but not to any remarkable extent. It has increased their interest in politics, and certainly promoted the introduction of humanitarian legislation into the House. It has not affected home life perceptibly, nor altered the character of women."

The Equal Rights Petition Committee in the Transvaal is hopeful that whatever differences of opinion there may be on other points, British settlers and the Transvaal are unanimous on the subject of the Women's Franchise. General Botha has announced to a meeting of the South African Women's Federation that it is possible that the Het Volk will recommend the granting of the franchise to all women over twenty-one, and that the Central Committee is already in favour of this course.

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