

the latter preferred. The truth is, they supply a better "copy."

Mrs. Travers Symons' rush up the House of Commons on Tuesday in last week has lost us another small privilege in its sacred precincts. The women are no longer to be permitted to play "Bo-peep" inside the Members' Lobby—they are not to be permitted to pass the door-keepers (they help to maintain) who are stationed just inside. Alas! never again may the proud wife and mother take a squint through the peep-hole and behold her lordly menkind reclining in grandiose solemnity usually on the back benches.

We own to some sympathy with Mr. Hamar Greenwood, the ungallant, who is desirous of excluding all women from the Members' Lobby during the sittings of the House. Surely the House of Commons is not a pleasure place, and the tea and twaddle which goes on in the season cannot be conducive to business. Unless women have business within the precincts of the House let them keep away until such time as they enter on equal terms with men—as the elected representatives of constituencies.

A Public Meeting of professional and industrial women in support of Women's Suffrage will be held at the Queen's Hall on the evening of November 17th. Amongst the speakers are Mrs. Ayrtton, Madame Sarah Grand, and Miss Gore Booth. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D. Nurses are cordially invited. Admission is free. Reserved seats 2s. 6d. and 1s.

Medical women have at last gained a great victory, for which the best of them have been striving for years. As announced, the Royal College of Surgeons has decided to admit them to "the examinations of the Conjoint Examining Board in England, and to the examination for the diploma in public health; and to admit them to the examinations for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, and to the examinations for the licence in dental surgery." A committee has been appointed to prepare a formula for the necessary alterations of the College bye-laws.

The struggle which has been brought to a triumphant end began as early at least as 1895, when the London School of Medicine for Women sent a petition to the two Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians. Nothing, however, came of the petition; but in 1906 the question was again raised, and a petition presented to the Royal College of Surgeons. In a Statement showing the progress since 1905 it was proved that of the students qualified from the London School, 204 have taken the M.B. degree of the University of London, 112 the B.S. degree, 48 the M.D. degree, and 5 the M.S. degree. The gold medal in every subject of the Intermediate and Final M.B., B.S. examinations has been obtained by students of the school—in some subjects more than once. Medical women are not yet admitted to the examinations of

the Royal College of Physicians; but that will follow upon the decision of the sister College. Great value is, of course, attached to the examinations of the two Colleges on account of their high standard.

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COMING EVENTS.

October 22nd to 31st.—Institute of Hygiene, 34, Devonshire Street, W., Infants' Health Exhibition, 2—9, admission 6d.

October 23rd.—Central Midwives' Board Examination, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C., and at Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

October 23rd.—"At Home," 50, Queen's Gate, S.W., to the Nurses' Union, 3—6.30.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

LECTURES.

October 27th.—"The Responsibility of all Members of the Nursing Profession towards the Heathen World." By Cecil J. Davenport, F.R.C.S., of Shanghai Hospital, 10.30 a.m.

October 29th.—Sale of Work in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League, at 67, Guilford Street, Russell Square, W.C., 11 to 6.

October 29th.—Penal Reform League. First Annual Meeting, Caxton Hall, Westminster, 8 p.m.

October 29th.—Great Demonstration of Women, organised by the National Women's Social and Political Union. Royal Albert Hall. Chairman, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

November 2nd.—Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland. Examination in Nursing and Attending on the Insane.

November 3rd to 7th.—Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster.

November 10th.—London Society for Women's Suffrage. Annual Meeting, Council Chamber, Caxton Hall, Westminster, 3 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

An aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

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