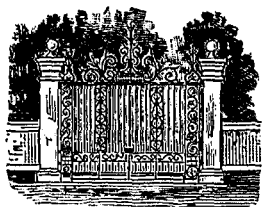


**Outside the Gates.****WOMEN.**

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN will perform the opening ceremony of the Trades' and Inventions' Exhibition at Ashford, Kent, next month. Mr. Julius Kingsford is the hon. secretary of the Exhibition, one feature of which will be a carhorse procession, to be judged by Lord Hothfield and Lord Gerard.

On the 7th inst., at the residence of Mrs. McCallum, Guardian of the Poor for Chelsea, a drawing-room meeting was held to consider the best methods of helping the poor who drift in and out of our Workhouses and Workhouse Infirmaries. A large number of ladies interested in the question were present, and the meeting was opened by an earnest and thoughtful address by Mrs. Brandreth, one of the Guardians for Kensington. She pointed out with great force and clearness the difficulties that exist in obtaining correct information regarding those who apply for assistance, the vast amount of imposture and fraud that exists, and the desirability, in all cases, of making investigation before affording relief. Mrs. McCallum, in an excellent speech, explained the valuable nature of the work done in this direction by the Charity Organization Society, and the untiring care and patience with which they went into all cases brought before their notice. Those who are connected with the Poor Law cannot but be aware of the enormous number of undeserving cases, who would not work if they had the chance, preferring to subsist on the alms of a credulous public, and, betweenwhile, find their way into the rate-supported institutions of the country. These "ins and outs," as they are called, are among the most hopeless of the community, and are encouraged in their dissolute and improvident habits by indiscriminate charity. An interesting discussion followed, eliciting the following conclusion:—That the charity which is content to put its hand into its pocket, and gives merely because it does not like the sight of poverty and misfortune, can in no sense of the word be considered *charity*, and that people who act in that way are largely responsible for the increase of pauperism, and the manufacture of vagrants. Further, that in view of the largely increasing number of professional beggars, etc., it would be well in all cases to institute a searching inquiry either privately or through some recognised source, with a view to finding out whether the case was a deserving one or not.

Mrs. Cope, Assistant Superintendent of the British Women's Section in the Woman's Building at the Chicago Exhibition, and who had charge of the Royal and other important exhibits, has just received the following gratifying mark of appreciation from the Board of Lady Managers:—

"DEAR MADAM,—I have the honour to send you herewith copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Lady Managers at their sitting of the 11th August, 1893, as a testimonial of

your valuable services and efficiency in the Woman's Building, World's Columbian Exposition.

SUSAN GALE COOKE,  
*Secretary Board of Lady Managers.*"

"Resolved.—That the Board of Lady Managers express its appreciation of the work of the Foreign Women Commissioners, Representatives, and Lady Custodians, who have assisted so materially in making the Woman's Building a success."

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Commission at its session in Chicago, Illinois, 11th August, 1893. Witness my hand and the seal of the Board of Lady Managers, World's Columbian Commission, this 12th day of January, 1894.

SUSAN G. COOKE,  
*Secretary Board of Lady Managers.*"

The resolution is on vellum, handsomely illuminated, and bears the great seal of the Board of Lady Managers.

**— Science Notes. —****THE ENDURANCE OF BODILY PAIN BY THE LOWER ANIMALS.**

PROBABLY no one who has given the subject any serious attention would deny that the lower animals possess the faculty of reason. It has been, and still is, the custom of some thoughtless persons to say that the actions of the lower animals are instinctive, while those of man are rational; when such persons observe an action performed by an animal, which, if a man's mind had directed it, they would term rational, they deny to it this quality simply because it is not the action of a man, but of an animal. This is to beg the whole question and to reason in a circle.

Darwin, speaking of the reasoning powers of animals compared with those of a savage, asserts that they do not differ in nature, but only in degree. The man "would take notice of much slighter circumstances and conditions, and would observe any connection between them after much less experience, and this would be of paramount importance." He goes on to say, "I kept a daily record of the actions of one of my infants, and when he was about eleven months old, and before he could speak a single word, I was continually struck with the greater quickness with which all sorts of objects and sounds were associated together in his mind, compared with that of the most intelligent dogs I ever knew. But the higher animals differ in exactly the same way in this power of association from those low in the scale."

To shrink from physical pain is certainly instinctive, and it appears to show a high degree of reason and self-control to willingly and patiently submit to acute pain in order to secure immunity from pain later on; and yet, in this particular respect, some of the lower animals appear to surpass not only the average child of a few years old, but even many adults. The following incident was related by Dr. Daniel Wilson, Bishop of Calcutta, to his son. An elephant in the Bishop's diocese was afflicted with disease of the eyes, and had been for three days totally blind. The owner of the elephant asked Dr. Webb, an intimate friend of the Bishop, whether he could do anything to relieve the

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