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The second Lenten lecture given by this Society took place on February 21st, and was very well attended. The audience, chiefly ladies, listened with great interest to Dr. Arthur Newsholme, who had selected "Diphtheria in the House" for his subject.

diphtheria was well known already 2,000 years ago, Dr. Newsholme proceeded to insist on the necessity of a pure milk supply, and the most stringent precautions against infection. He also spoke strongly on the evils of over-crowding in Board Schools.

The third Lenten lecture, which was delivered last Wednesday, 28th inst., at 53, Berners Street, treated of "Infant Mortality and the Employment of Married Women in Factories." The lecturer was Dr. George Reid, Medical Officer of Health to the Staffordshire County Council.

Miss Henrietta Kenealy is to lecture at Mrs. Jopling's School of Art, Logan Place, Earl's Court Road, S.W., on "Medical Nursing," next Friday, March 9th, with special reference to cases of Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, and Heart Disease.

## Outside the Gates.

## WOMEN.



THE Queen has conferred the decoration of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India on Constance Mary, Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, wife of the Right Honourable Victor Alexan-der, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Viceroy and Gover-

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nor-General of India.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian attended a meeting, held by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 2nd inst., to further the pro-posed scheme to found a School of Applied Design in connection with the Royal School of Art Needlework at South Kensington. The meeting was not called to raise funds, but simply to get an expression of opinion in the City as to the need of such a school for women in this country.

The *Queen* says :---" The universal excitement and talk about the "sweating system" has subsided, as all such bubbles of excitement subside, but the problem is still before us unsolved, and must continually op-press the minds of those genuinely interested in industrial questions. An address delivered by Mrs. Sidney Webb (Miss Beatrice Potter) to the Oxford Women's Liberal Association on Thursday evening last week was an important contribution to knowledge on the subject. Mrs. Webb's magazine articles are well known, and also her important work on co-operation, but the full force of her mind and powers can only be realised by those who have heard her give an extemrealised by those who have heard her give an extem-pore address, and answer questions upon it. Mrs. Webb defined the "sweating system" as work done (1) for low wages, (2) under insanitary conditions, (3) for over-long hours; and showed that although the "middleman," who was supposed to be the cause of it, had in the last ten years practically disappeared, the evil existed still, and the whole nation had become the "sweater". She hearest for a data area on a putting " sweater." She herself-and she gave an amusing and interesting account of her experiences when, for an experiment, she worked in a sweater's workshop in the East End—had come to the conclusion that the cause of sweating was the absence of a responsible employer in the case of home-work ; someone who, like the factory owner, could be held responsible for the condition of his *employees*. Therefore, she held the real remedy to be an extension of the Factory Acts to small workshops and to home-work by including every small shop or home where work is taken from the factory of the wholesale trader; the trader should be compelled to keep a register of these places and names, and the inspector would visit them, and where he found un-satisfactory conditions would hold the trader, not the workers, responsible. By degrees, no doubt, home-work would be driven out of the field. Would this be a hardshind. At once the poor wife or widow who a hardship? At once the poor wife or widow who cannot leave her home seems to appeal to us. Mrs. Webb looked upon this "poor widow" as quite a drama-tic person ; she regularly appears on the scene. When

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Finally, at the Duchess of Bedford's, 15, Belgrave Square, on Tuesday February 27th, Mr. Owen Lankester addressed the usual large audience on "Diet." At the close of the lecture, half an hour was devoted by the lecturer to answering questions and furnishing supplementary information.



