

of the owner inscribed on the reverse side. All the medallists of former years have now received new medals in lieu of the old ones, which have all been called in.

Lady Priestley has consented to preside at the opening lecture of the course on "Home Sanitation," to be given by Mrs. Clare Goslett. This course is likely to prove a great success, and it is hoped that it will be repeated at various centres during the session. The first lecture, entitled "Dangers from Air," will commence at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st, in the Lecture Room of the Society, 53, Berners Street.

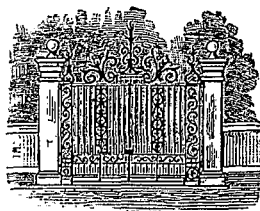
By kind permission of the Earl of Meath, a course of lectures on "Sick Nursing" is to be given at 13, Lancaster Gate, W., commencing on November 7th, at 11.30 a.m. Sister Katherine will deliver this course of lectures, and the popularity of this lecturer, combined with her wide experience both in Nursing and lecturing, should ensure their complete success. It has been decided to admit ladies' maids, children's nurses, etc., to these lectures at a reduced fee, as it is felt that some acquaintance with the art of Nursing the sick should be of immense value to them.

Miss Morgan has just completed a course of lectures in Essex and is about to begin one in Lincoln, where her work was highly appreciated last year. Miss White's second course in Gloucester is proving as successful as her first, while Mrs. Dickson is drawing large audiences at Northumberland Heath.

Miss Rose Squire is the delegate chosen by the National Health Society to represent the Society at the Health Congress, to be held at Glasgow. She is in every way admirably fitted for the post, having had great experience in all matters of hygiene, both as lecturer to the N.H.S., and as Inspector of Workshops in North Kensington.

— Outside the Gates. —

WOMEN.



This week, the Women Workers of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, are taking counsel together in Glasgow, the great city of the North. Kindness and hospitality have been showered upon the delegates in every direction. It is hoped that there will be much practical result from all the discussions. At any rate, such a Conference has this one good result—it brings the various women of England into contact with each other, and practically demonstrates that though they are all of them working on different lines, their efforts tend in the same direction, viz., that progress which must be made by any community if it does not want to retrograde. In

our next number we hope to publish a descriptive account of the Conference as a whole, as seen from our representative's point of view—that is as neither a delegate of some Institution nor as a speaker.

Hypocrisy is popularly regarded as one of the contemptible vices belonging to those who do evil under the cloak of religion. But it would appear from recent revelations that it by no means is the exclusive property of this class. Men have lately come forward with all sorts of specious arguments *in re*, and would have us believe that the Empire has not harboured iniquity, that in short, it does much good in that it prevents far worse evil in our streets. A torrent of abuse has been poured upon Mrs. Ormiston Chant, and others who gave evidence before the Licensing Committee. For want of a better peg on which to hang ironical declamation, Mrs. Chant's "pretty dress" has been fully described in order to divert the attention of the public from the main point. But clearing the ground from all such bye-play it is impossible for the unprejudiced not to see that the witnesses brought against the Empire gave their evidence with extreme moderation, and without the slightest tinge of fanaticism. If, in their final decision, the County Council permits the promenade, with its degrading tactics, to continue, what are we to say but that our governing bodies assist the vicious. Let there be no lack of honest, healthy amusement for every one, whether high or low; but let it not be said that those who seek it have to run the gauntlet of an Empire promenade.

Mr. J. T. Grein, writing in *Life*, tries to make out a case for the Empire in a cleverly written article. He honestly confesses the character of the Empire promenade, and throughout there is no taint of hypocrisy. "We all know," he says, "that the promenade is frequented by women who are neither maid nor wife nor widow. But what of that? So long as they behave in an orderly way, as they invariably do in the Empire, they deserve no more public attention than any other visitor." So far, so good. This is Mr. Grein's opinion, and he has a right to his opinion. But he goes on to say, "Women like Mrs. Chant, and men like the Liverpoolian Mincing-Laner, don't know the world and do not trouble to know it. They hear what is going on at the Empire; they rush to see. They magnify"—which is not true—" . . . but neither Mrs. Chant nor her partisans appear to see the vast blackness of the London streets . . . And in order to raise the moral tone of this Babylon . . . these prophets of Pharisaism agitate for the closure of a place where, if there is vice at all"—if there is vice at all! has he not admitted its existence?—"it is kept in bounds of decency, and prefer to turn the evil into streets where there is room for more chaos. Verily, it is a strange morality, a strange religion, to try to extirpate a disease by fostering an epidemic." In other words he would say, they strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Mr. Grein is a clever man; as founder and manager of the Independent Theatre, and by introducing high-class plays, he has done much to elevate the tone and enrich the literary qualities of the English stage. But such arguments as those used above are quite unworthy of him.

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