

did an assortment of Probationers' and Nurses' "trousseaus," incur the bothers of home dress-making, with a consequence of badly-fitting gowns, helpless looking caps, and aprons of clumsy shape? What terrible visions of badly garbed Probationers one has seen coming "on duty" for the first time, showing none of that dainty and professional charm given by a well-cut and well-fitting outfit. So many new Pros., contrasting their home-fashioned outfit with the smart appearance of wise Nurses who have gone to an outfitter, frequently discard their first uniforms and invest in a completely new "set," thereby throwing away the money and time expended on the first uniform.

Messrs. Garrould's show-rooms just now are full of autumn novelties, as well as the normal dainty stock in cloaks, bonnets, &c. One of the nicest cloaks we have ever seen is the double-breasted "Newmarket like" cloak, with sleeves, and an outer detachable cape—à la golf cape—with straps, so that it can be worn open at will. This lovely cloak in excellent material begins at the marvellously low price of 25/6, and in gradations rises to £2 2s. Other cloaks, such as the "Jubilee"—a very pretty one—the "Angelus," and the "Glen Mary"—a most popular one, with a frill cape—begin even at lower prices. All the serge and cloths of which these and the well-cut and smart-looking Hospital gowns are made have been shrunk. The bonnets, the caps and the aprons, the latter being made "reversible" by having buttons and apron on either side, are of the nicest finish and style, and the white sleeves which can be had either plain or with dainty frills, and in linen or nainsook are of the most tempting description. During the visit of inspection many Nurses came in to purchase. Several old customers looked very nice and trim, while some who entered the shop for the first time, had wisely determined to change their "outfitter," who evidently did not understand the mysteries and intricacies of "uniform," for Messrs. Garrould, who have made the art of dressing Nurses well a specialty, and are most successful in their effects.

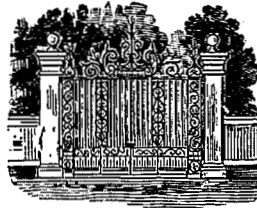
BOVRIL.

Good beef tea Bovril is like good wine, it needs no bush. But the careful methods of its manufacture and the excellent materials which are employed in this preparation have obtained for it a reputation and an increasing popularity with the medical profession which is generally acknowledged. How popular Bovril is with the public is perhaps best proved by the fact that at the recent annual meeting of the Company, a dividend of 15 per cent. and a bonus was declared.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

PROMINENT WOMEN WORKERS.



It may be questioned whether "Women Workers" are well advised in continuing their Annual Meetings with closed doors. That hitherto they did right in excluding their brothers and husbands in order to test their own powers, will be admitted.

But criticism similar in kind, though not, of course, in degree, might be showered on them, as has not been spared in regard to the Adamless Eden across the Atlantic. Miss Florence Balgarnie put it in a nut-shell when she said of that one-sided venture, that they were making the same mistake that the men, in enclosing themselves in an Eveless Eden, have made down the ages.

However, there can be no doubt as to the splendid qualities either as speakers, or as entrusted with the chairmanship of a meeting, possessed by many of those expected at the forthcoming Conference of Women Workers at Nottingham. A journalist was heard to whisper, when "sitting under" to report the words of wisdom which fell from the mouths of another and less exclusive gathering of women, "It is a grotesque idea, but if those ladies only put on trousers and high hats, and sat in the House of Commons, their intelligence and alertness would put to shame many now sitting there." These words are equally true when applied to those who yearly gather for a few days to discuss in the "House of Ladies."

Lady Laura Ridding will deliver the Address of Welcome; and no one better could be chosen to undertake this pleasant duty. She has a charming personality, which of itself suggests welcome and goodwill. The eldest child of the first Earl of Selborne, she married Dr. Ridding in 1876, when he was Head Master of Winchester College. In 1884 Dr. Ridding was consecrated the first Bishop of Southwell, which diocese has since been the scene of Lady Laura's very effective work among women. She is a contributor, from time to time, to various well-established monthly magazines.

Mrs. Louisa Creighton, President for the year of the "National Union of Women Workers," deserves an article devoted entirely to herself and her work. She is essentially a worker, and with "the reason firm, the temperate will" she has won the full confidence of those brought into relation with her. She married Dr. Creighton, now the scholarly Bishop of Peterborough, in 1872, when he was Fellow and Tutor of Merton College, Oxford. Surrounded by so much learning, she, assisted by other vigorous wives of famous Oxford Dons, started some Ladies' Lectures, which have developed into the Association for the Education of Women. Since then her husband's ecclesiastical duties have called him to work in Newcastle, in Worcester, and Cambridge, and now, since 1891 in Peterborough; but everywhere, in addition to her heavy home duties

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