

Suffrage Committees who are to be allowed to affiliate themselves with the Society, which has now taken the name of "The Central National Society for Women's Suffrage." Those who are dissatisfied with the new state of affairs have, therefore, reconstructed the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, according to the old rules, with the one object of obtaining the Parliamentary franchise for women on the same terms as it is enjoyed by men, and several local bodies have signified their adherence to this action. The Executive Committee consists of Professor Adamson, Miss Becker, Miss Frances Power Cobbe, Colonel Cotton, M.P., Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Miss F. Davenport-Hill, Captain Edwards-Heathcote, M.P., Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Louisa Lady Goldsmid, Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., and others.

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MANY of our readers are doubtless interested in Zenana Missions. The *Queen* says:—"There are several organisations for Zenana work. The chief is the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. The Secretary, to whom candidates should apply, is Mrs. Sandys, Glendhu, Harrow. Ladies between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-three can be trained for the work of the Society, if previously accepted by the Committee as Probationers, at the Mildmay Training Home, Stoke Newington, and (for Medical training) at the Mildmay Mission Hospital, Turville Street, Bethnal Green. The inclusive charge for the training is £55 per annum, and occupies one year; but for the Medical training two years are necessary, and the inclusive charge for the latter course is £170. The principal subjects comprised under general training are Holy Scripture, Church doctrine and Church history, the geography and history of India, China, and Japan, one Oriental language, and ambulance teaching. The Medical course, which is divided into two parts (theoretical and practical), includes those departments of medicine, surgery, dispensing, and Nursing, which are likely to be most useful to the lady Missionary. If at the end of the course the Committee decide that the Probationer has such gifts as will render her valuable in the missionary field, the Society will offer her work and a salary. Another somewhat similar society, but working on an unsectarian evangelical basis, is the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, the office of which is at 2, Adelphi Terrace, W.C. Here, however, there is no regular prescribed course of training, general fitness in the eyes of the Society being the chief qualification. The Zenana Medical College, 58, St. George's Road, S.W., offers, as its name implies, especial training to those who wish to relieve the sufferings of helpless Indian women.

The course occupies two years of three terms each, and the charge of fifty guineas per annum includes board, residence, and instruction. Whether for Zenana or any other Medical work, it is, of course, infinitely better that a lady should take the longer course offered at the regular Medical Schools for women; but for those who cannot afford the time or the money, this two years' training is certainly valuable."

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THE "Victoria Home" was opened on the 28th ultimo by Lady Lytton, the wife of our Ambassador in Paris, who is always ready to come forward in the cause of charity. The Home is to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in Paris, and is intended for aged and destitute British residents. The lease of a house has been taken in the Rue Borghèse, at Neuilly—a suburb well suited for the purpose, as it is largely inhabited by English people of the middle and lower classes. The house will hold sixteen inmates, each of whom will have her own bed-room, which she can furnish according to her taste. Great credit is due to Mr. Gill, the hard-working Chaplain of the church in the Rue d'Aguesseau, for the zeal which he has displayed in the carrying out of all the details of his by no means easy task; one cannot help expressing a hope that when the old ladies are once comfortably installed in their clean and airy quarters they will be left very much to their own devices.

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"NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

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Proposition I.—That subscriptions shall be received to a Benevolent Fund, from which disbursements shall be made to relieve cases urgently needing temporary assistance. A statement of all such receipts and expenditure to be published in the *Record*.

II.—That for such cases of distress as need permanent assistance, the following procedure shall be adopted. Every annual subscriber to this journal shall have the right to send to the Editor the particulars of any such case, with which they may be personally acquainted, and if after full investigation it be found suitable, the name and particulars shall be entered upon a list. The *Nursing Record* will ask its readers to work unitedly for only one case at a time, and when that one, in the manner considered most suitable, is permanently provided for, the list of cases as above obtained, shall be published in the journal.

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