

while to learn enough about what food is made of, to be able to follow directions on diet with intelligent care. A single-term course of lectures on this subject was begun, on the 10th inst., at the Ladies' Department of King's College, London, in Kensington Square, by Professor A. H. Church, Professor of Chemistry in the Royal Academy of Arts at Burlington House, and author of the handbook called 'Food,' for the South Kensington Museum. The lecturer instituted an entertaining comparison between food as supplied to human beings, and fuel as consumed by steam-engines. Both happened to contain certain constituents in common, with the result that both heat and work were produced in the recipients. But, whereas engines wore out at last with use, and had to be repaired by outsiders, the human body was constantly repairing itself by the food when eaten. He then entered into further particulars of the necessary constituents of food, emphasising the differences between it and fuel. A few easy chemical illustrations enlivened the lecture, which was fully attended."

THE Women Suffrage advocates are not going to let their bill die a natural death, though the Government will not take the question up, and a meeting in favour of Women's Suffrage was held at Mrs. Jacob's, in Queen's Gate, on the 14th inst., which was largely attended by both men and women. The audience represented, perhaps, the more zealous and strong-minded section of the party, one or two members of Parliament were present, and Mr. MacCarthy made a very elegant speech in its favour; but the laurels were carried away by the ladies, principally by Mrs. Winford Phillips, who made an exceedingly good and sensible speech, addressing herself principally to the condition of the women who have to earn their living for themselves, and the unanimous resolution carried at the end was mainly the effect of her eloquence.

GREAT sympathy is felt for Lady Sandhurst, that after her fight and decided victory she should have been deposed from her seat on the County Council. The London County Council has testified, in an emphatic manner, to the desire of its members to see women made eligible to take part in its deliberations. By forty-eight to twenty-two the Council has placed on record its "hearty" approval of the bills now before Parliament for enabling women to sit as County Councillors, and instructed its Parliamentary Committee to draw up petitions in their favour. In reply to some doubts on the subject of women's fitness for these duties, expressed by Mr. Frederic Harrison, Miss Jane Cobden responded by citing several branches

of the work for which women would show themselves well fitted. She mentioned that Lady Sandhurst had already, during her short membership of the County Council, made it her business to look after baby farms, and had twenty-three of them under her supervision—an announcement which was greeted with loud cheers. In support of the Earl of Meath's bill, which is at present before the House of Lords, petitions are being signed praying that the legal disability may be removed, and that duly qualified women may be permitted to be elected to County Councils in the same way as men.

UPON the occasion of Mrs. Fawcett's visit to Belfast last week, the lady telegraphists of that city expressed a strong desire to see the widow of the late Postmaster-General. Mrs. Fawcett accordingly visited them at the General Post Office, where she was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers, as a token of the sincere regard entertained by the women in the Post Office for the memory of the late Mr. Fawcett—of his constant thoughtfulness for their welfare, and of the permanent good results which have flowed from it.

THE Marchioness of Lothian has accepted the office of President of the Edinburgh Association for the University Education of Women, to which she was elected at the annual meeting of its members. Lady Aberdeen, the retiring President, has offered a prize of £5 to be competed for in the class of English literature next session.

THE *Queen* says Mme. de Morsier is anxious to direct the attention of English women to the programme of the International Congress of Women's Societies, which is to be held in connection with the Paris Exhibition. A charge of ten francs will be made for admission to the congress, and communications should be addressed to the office of "La Bibliothèque des Œuvres des Femmes," 21, Passage Saulnier, Rue Lafayette, Paris. The programme will include philanthropic work, educational work, art, literature, and science, and civil legislation as it affects women. The honorary vice-president is Mme. Koechlin Schwartz; and the vice-presidents, Mesdames de Verneuil, Isabelle Bogelot; secretaries, Mmes. Emilie de Morsier, Maria Martin, and Beurdelez; treasurer, Jules Marsais.

THE Women's Congress, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, will be open five days in all, assembling on Tuesday, June 25. On Wednesday, the historical section will meet; on Thursday, econo-

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