

Professional Review.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

An illustrated annual, entitled *Hospital Saturday and the Medical Charities*, has been issued by the Hospital Saturday Fund, edited by Mr. R. B. D. Acland. It contains an account of the work of the Fund by Mr. Acland, as well as articles upon various Metropolitan and other hospitals.

An article upon the "Work and Aims of the Prince of Wales's Fund," from the pen of Sir Savile Crossley, is of interest as being the first official account issued of the aspirations of the Committee of this Fund. The aims and hopes of the Committee centre, "in the collection of subscriptions sufficient to keep the hospitals free of debt; to improve them; and, where required, as population increases, to build new hospitals." Another aim, we note, "is to acquire that control over the administration and efficiency of our hospitals which must naturally accompany the distribution of a large fund." This consequence we have always foreseen and foretold, is inevitable. At the same time it accounts for the fact that the formation of the fund has not been welcomed with a great amount of cordiality by the Committees of many hospitals. The tendency of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund is, no doubt, to absorb many subscriptions and donations which would otherwise find their way directly into the coffers of the hospitals; and, secondly, as the effect of this centralization, to establish a Board of Control to which the Committees of the hospitals will be subordinate, for the body which holds the purse-strings will have the right—it is even its duty—to enquire into the management of the institutions to which it gives financial aid, and also it will be able to dictate to Committees of Management the terms upon which this aid shall be bestowed. The constitution of this Board of Control is, therefore, of the utmost importance to all hospital Committees, and we do not doubt that they will see the necessity of using their influence to obtain as efficient and representative a Board as possible.

It is now well known that the Hospital Saturday Fund has decided to discontinue its annual street collection, a decision in which all who are interested in the well being of the Fund will rejoice. Other methods must, however, be adopted if the Fund is not to suffer pecuniarily, and it is, therefore, proposed to substitute for a public collection in the street, on one summer's day, a private collection, extending for some weeks, among all who can be interested in hospitals, and then on one day, to gather up the results of that collection and forward them to head quarters.

This year arrangements have been made for a public meeting, at the Mansion House on Saturday, October 29th, at 4 p.m. The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, has promised to preside, and it is hoped that the Lady Mayoress will be able to receive contributions collected on behalf of the Fund.

In order to make the scheme a success, the co-operation of a large number of persons is required, and it is hoped that many of those who have taken part in the street collection in the past, will still continue to give their services under the new conditions. It is also hoped that many who would never have collected publicly in the streets, may be induced to collect privately by means of cards.

Outside the Gates.

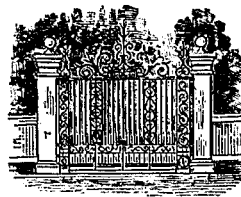
WOMEN.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS, WILL BE HELD IN PRINCE'S STREET ROOMS, NORWICH, ON OCTOBER 25th, 26th, 27th AND 28th, 1898.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 1898.



10.0—Devotional Meeting. In the Rest Room.

10.30 to 1—Mrs. Alfred Booth presiding.

Address of Welcome. Presidential Address, Mrs. Alfred Booth. "Technical Education for Girls from Elementary and Secondary Schools": Papers by Mrs.

Francis (London), Miss Sproule (Wakefield); Discussion opened by Miss F. L. Calder (Liverpool), Miss Angwin (Sheffield).

The Lady Battersea presiding.

2.30 to 4.30—"The Work of Midwives and Maternity Nurses": Papers by Lady Laura Ridding, Miss Katharine Twining (Plaistow); Discussion opened by Miss Hughes (The Nurses' Co-operation). Mrs. Heywood Johnstone.

Mrs. S. A. Barnett (Toynbee Hall) presiding.

7.30 to 10—"The Friendly Society Movement": (a) From the individual point of view: Paper by Mrs. Peile (Cambridge); Discussion opened by Miss Worsley. (b) From the economic standpoint: Miss Edith Deverill (London); Discussion opened by Miss Edith Page (Norwich).

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.

10.0—Devotional Meeting. In the Rest Room.

Miss Blanche Pigott presiding.

10.30 to 1—1. "The Care and Nursing of the Epileptic."—Paper by Miss Gibson (Matron of the Infirmary, Birmingham); Discussion opened by Miss Annie Cazenove.

2. "The Care and Education of Deaf Mutes."—Paper by Mrs. Henry Ware (President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the British Deaf and Dumb Association); Discussion opened by Miss Boulton.

3. "The Care and Training of the Feeble-Minded."—Paper by Miss Grayson (Liverpool); Discussion opened by Mrs. Burgwin (Organiser of Special Classes for Defective Children under the London School Board).

The Lady Laura Ridding presiding.

2.30 to 4.30—"The Treatment of Parents of illegitimate Children in Workhouses": Paper by Mrs. Healey (Liverpool); Discussion opened by Miss Clifford, P.L.G. (Bristol). "Children in Need of Legal Protection": Paper by Mrs. S. A. Barnett (Toynbee Hall); Discussion opened by Miss Steer (London).

2.30 to 4.30—In another Hall. Young Ladies' Meeting: Papers will be read on (1) "The Place of Culture in a Girl's Life": By Mrs. Rendall (School House, Charterhouse, Godalming); (2) on "A Neighbour Guild, and how to work it": By Mrs. Francis Steinthal (Ilkley), etc., etc.

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