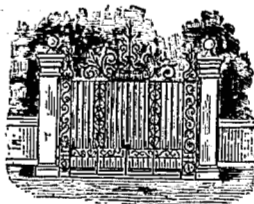


**Outside the Gates.****WOMEN.**

Owing to the near approach of the International Congress of Women, the Offices of the International Council have removed to 9, Members' Mansions, Victoria Street, to be conveniently near Head Quarters at Westminster Town Hall, so that all letters must now

be addressed to Miss Teresa Wilson, the Hon. Secretary, at that address.

Since the Meeting in Chicago many national delegates have accomplished their mission of inaugurating National Councils in the countries to which they belonged, and it is good news that two of these, Holland and Denmark, have lately affiliated to the International Council. New Zealand, New South Wales, and Victoria have organised National Councils to meet their immediate needs, and in all probability will in the near future be accepted for affiliation by the International Executive.

News comes of the intention of many eminent women to attend the Congress, and the American list is a brilliant one, which includes Mrs. Sewall, Miss Williams Bates, Lawyer, Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, Physician; Mrs. Hampton Robb, Trained Nurse; Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, Sculptor; Mrs. Parker Stetson, Author; Mrs. Marlow Taber, Actress; Miss Emily Sartain, Artist; Mrs. Florence Kelly, Mrs. Hasted Harper, Author; Mrs. Cynthia Alden, Journalist; Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, State Agricultural College, Minneapolis; and some two dozen other women foremost in the States in educational, political, professional and industrial work. Canada is also sending many eminent women, and from Europe already Mdle. Marie Popelin from Belgium; Frau Cauer, Dr. Tibertius, Frau Morgenstein, Fr. von Milde from Germany; Madame de Marsy, and Mdle. Klumpke from France have promised to take part in the proceedings; while Russia, Austria, Holand, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, are sending representatives so that from an International standpoint the Congress should be a great success.

We wonder if any of our readers are prepared to offer hospitality to foreign delegates? If so, please intimate the same to Lady Roberts-Austen, The Royal Mint, E.

The Treasurer also pleads that those intending to become members of the Congress will apply for tickets, price 7s. 6d. and 5s., as early as possible to Miss T. Wilson, 9, Members' Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W., as the labour of keeping account of and banking small sums takes much time.

The Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of the recently formed Society of American Women in London, published in a dainty booklet, are interesting reading. The Society has been formed in order to foster and

preserve amongst American women in this country mutual interest and pride in the country of their birth. The object of the Society is primarily social, and it is intended to promote in every way the highest ideals in Art, Literature, and Music. Intending members are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, 4, Lambelle Road, Belsize Park, N.W.

The registered medical women have an association which meets from time to time in the library of the New Hospital for Women to hear and discuss papers read by the members on subjects of special interest to medical women. At the last meeting two papers were read—one on the "Prevention of Plague," by Miss Traill-Christie, who lately returned from special plague work in India; a second paper by Miss Sharpe, on "X Ray Therapeutics." These meetings are a means of pleasant social intercourse between qualified medical women resident in or visiting London.

**A Book of the Week.****"SUNNINGHAM AND THE CURATE."\***

SUNNINGHAM was a riverside suburban district in the "sixties" when trains were scarce and far between and ten miles from the City meant real rurality, when bicycles were, so to speak, still in the shell and only the periodic resurrection of the "hobby-horse" foreshadowed their advent, and roused the jeers of its contemporaries, pleasantries which were well deserved (it may be added) for the absurd structure which the rider bestrode required propelling by that same unfortunate being, who, but for the honour and glory of the thing, might just as well have been afoot altogether.

Sunningham, then, was a mighty select village, not aggressive, but entirely self-respecting, with boundaries of every sort well-defined and not to be overpassed by the uninvited. The heavy stodginess of the chosen males and the silly irresponsibility of the females, in the highest Sunningham circle, would seem to render admission to that paradise somewhat undesirable, if the glamour of the unattainable had not enveloped it.

Into these elements is precipitated the curate, one Saul Hilary Davies—a by no means valiant son of the church—who was only head and shoulders higher than his fellows when he was in his pulpit, but who had a pronounced *idée fixe* of fighting a good fight for his own hand, and of diverting to his own advancement all the squabbles of the men and the sentimentalities of women of the parish, and the history of his struggles among these shoals and shallows makes some interesting reading. This study of a mean soul only half conscious of its baseness, vaguely striving to cloak that semi-revelation with another self-delusion is painfully true in its analysis, and is well felt and picturesquely described.

This unattractive gentleman succeeds in hiding his lowly origin and slightly discreditable antecedents from all except those most intimately concerned, and, moreover, nearly wins the hand and fortune of the greatest catch in his congregation, but she detects him in so

\*"Sunningham and the Curate: a Story of Creeds and Commerce." By Edith A. Barnett, author of "A Champion of the Sixties, &c." Chapman and Hall, Ltd., London.

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