

shackles of an old morality;” we are introduced to an Anglican Bishop with “subsidiary wives;” and there are Pleasure Cities for such as care to use them.

With all the glamour of the new society, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, thus suddenly thrust upon him, Graham for a few days remains content. But there is one woman among the throngs, who still cherishes ideals which are like a survival from an age which still dreamed of democracy; and she speaks to Graham, and bids him dare—bids him be a man, and rule. Inspired by her voice, he goes forth into the great awful labyrinth of scientific appliance which London has become, to see how his people live. And he sees. In this book, as in all others, Mr. Wells puts vividly before us the intense cruelty and selfishness of science *per se*. He lets us see as with a Röntgen Ray, the awful consequences of knowledge, uncontrolled by religion or morality. The London to which he introduces us is a smokeless London, and of perfect sanitation. But the reign of Love and Liberty has not come with the perfection of drains or the multiplication of labour-saving appliances. Human nature is there, and they have removed the influences that still in our day make for the unseen and the holy.

Self rules, and self is cruel and rapacious, and lustful and treacherous. Man is his own enemy still, and we see more plainly than ever the rock upon which Zola and Bellamy have split, and realize with a new imperiousness that Mr. Whiteing has got nearest to the solution of the enigma when he proclaims that the only thing to save man is a New Birth.

And the magically awakened sleeper lives just long enough to uproot the deadly tyranny of wealth, and to give to the miserable city its new start at the cost of his own life; as has been the fate of every saviour of society, from the least even to the Greatest.

G. M. R.

The Coming Congress.

THE Congress Handbook (price 6d.) will be on sale at the office of the International Council, 36, Victoria Street, S.W., after June 20th.

Readers of the NURSING RECORD will kindly note that application for tickets must be sent direct to Miss T. F. Wilson, 9, Members' Mansions, 36, Victoria Street, S.W. The ordinary ticket of membership is 7s. 6d., but members of any Society affiliated to the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland are entitled to tickets at the reduced rate of 5s. Money orders are payable to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Treasurer, International Congress Fund.

Membership of Congress includes the right to apply for not more than two tickets of admission (subject to the approval of the Hospitality Sub-Committee) to the official entertainment at Stafford House, on the evening of Monday, June 26th.

Applications for these tickets (price 5s. each) should be made immediately, to the Hon. Sec. of the Hospitality Sub-Committee, Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson, 76, Portland Place, London, W., with “Stafford House Entertainment” written on the envelope.

The Countess of Aberdeen hopes to entertain the delegates to the International Council, and the members of the Congress, at a farewell gathering to be held on the evening of Tuesday, July 4th. Applications for cards of invitation are to be addressed to the Countess of Aberdeen, International Council Office, Members' Mansions, 36, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

LIST OF FIXTURES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN.

MONDAY, JUNE 26th.

2.30 p.m.—Public Meeting of Welcome to International Delegates. Presidential Address. Westminster Town Hall.

9.0 p.m.—Official Reception at Stafford House. Members of Congress received by the Duchess of Sutherland and the Countess of Aberdeen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27th.

10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.—Sectional Meetings. Westminster Town Hall, St. Martin's Town Hall and Church House. Education, The Child, Life and Training, Professions open to Women, Medical Women, Labour Legislation, Political Enfranchisement of Women, Art, Prisons and Preventive Work.

8.0 p.m.—Public Meeting, International Arbitration. Queen's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th.

10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.—Sectional Meetings as above. Education (School), Women Inspectors, Women in Literature, Domestic Service, Women in Public Life, Rescue Work, Treatment of Destitute Classes, Girls' Meeting, Business Session of International Council.

9.0 p.m.—International Delegates and Invited Speakers received by Lady Battersea at Surrey House.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29th.

10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.—Sectional Meetings as above. Education (Universities), The Work of Women in the Physical and Biological Sciences, Local Government, Civil Disabilities of Women, Women's Clubs and Social Settlements, Women in the Drama, The Home as Workshop, Business Meeting of the International Council.

8.0 p.m.—Public Meeting. Suffrage (under the auspices of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies). Queen's Hall.

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