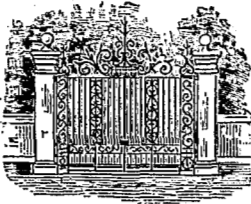


Outside the Gates.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS OF GREAT BRITAIN.



The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at Morley Hall, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W., on Tuesday, October 29th, at 11 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA.

- 10.30 a.m. Devotional Meeting in Small Hall.
 11 a.m. Council Meeting in Morley Hall.
 I. President's opening remarks.
 II. Report of the year's work of the Union.
 III. Report of the Hon. Treasurer on the financial condition of the Union.
 IV. Distribution of Ballot Papers for Election of Officers and Members of Executive.
 V. Appointment of Tellers.
 VI. Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

Amongst the eight resolutions to be brought forward are the following:

Proposed by MRS. PERCY BUNTING, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland.

"The National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland desire to offer their respectful sympathy to His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, in the loss of their sister, the Empress Frederick of Germany, and also to record their appreciation of her constant and thoughtful interest in, and encouragement of all work that tended to the raising of the education, character, and status of women.

"In a life developed by union with one of the noblest of men, and subsequently marked by much sorrow and suffering, she recognised how much might be done in her high position, and did not fail to use her great intellectual gifts and culture to advance in many departments the moral as well as the intellectual interests of women. The Council share with the women of the land of her adoption the sense that a great woman has passed away, and that we are the poorer."

Proposed by MRS. HEYWOOD JOHNSTONE, on behalf of the Association for the Compulsory Registration of Midwives.

"That this Council, having regard to the urgent need for Legislation to control the practice of Midwives, resolves to use all means in its power to obtain promises of Members of Parliament to ballot for the Bill next Session; and further to urge upon its local Branches the importance of holding public and other meetings in support of the Bill."

2.30 p.m.

VII. Reports of Sectional Committees:—

- (a) Publications.
 (b) Legislation.
 (c) Industrial.

- (d) Rescue and Preventive.
 (e) Work among Children.
 (f) Girls' Clubs.
 (g) Work among Men and Boys.
 (h) Indian and Colonial.
 (i) Domestic Science.
 (j) The Associated Guild of Registries.
 (k) The Central Bureau for the Employment of Women.
 (l) The Joint Committee for Lectures on Charitable and Social Work.

- VIII. Report of the International Council of Women.
 IX. Announcement of election of Officers and Members of Executive for 1902.

X. Any other business.

By the invitation of Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson, a *Conversazione* will be given on the evening of October 29th, to all Members of the National Council, at the Sandringham Club, Dover Street, W.

The Meeting of Branch Secretaries and Representatives, and of the Members of Sectional Committees, will be held at Sion College, Victoria Embankment (near Blackfriars Station on the Metropolitan Railway), at 11 a.m., on October 30th.

The Conference on Rural Housing will be held in the Hall of Sion College, at 2.30 p.m., on October 30th.

A Book of the Week.

KIM.*

To ask one's readers to appreciate Rudyard Kipling seems something as though one were to entreat them to admire a diamond; and yet conceivably there are some to whom this tale of the East—rather this lump of the East cut out bodily from the history of India and handed over to us to make what we can of—may be a thing more puzzling than interesting.

To the present writer, anything about India is of interest; but anything that brings the dim Orient before the very senses, as does this, is simply intoxicating. "Them spicy garlic smells, and the tinkly temple bells" are in the nose and the ear as one reads. The sun beats down upon the plains, the wind blows healing from the cool hill snows; the men and the oxen labour along the Grand Trunk Road, the women chatter in the bazaars—the native and the European move in and out the fabric of Empire, drawing threads that no future can disentangle; the devotees cry to their gods at temple and shrine, the aged lama, lord of the great monastery in Thibet, carries his begging bowl about the streets.

"I was never out of England, it's as if I saw it all."

Kim is the orphan child of Kimball O'Hara, a private in an Irish regiment, the Mavericks. His wife being dead, this man takes to opium, and dies before long, leaving Kim to the care, or the neglect, of a half-caste woman. Kim grows up in the streets of Lahore, and sees and hears and knows all that there is to see and hear and know in the streets of a great wicked city. His father, through all his degradation, carefully preserved Kim's birth certificate, and also the paper which showed that he was a Freemason. He used to talk to his little son of the Red Bull on a green flag, which was the ensign of the

*By Rudyard Kipling. (Macmillan.)

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