

them to have been beneficial to the colony, and the laws passed had been copied elsewhere. In questions of social reform, the care of the children and aged, and the like, women had taken a deep interest. The effect of women's suffrage on the conduct of elections, too, had been excellent. In New Zealand on election day hotels were closed and canvassing prohibited, and women could go and vote with the same propriety as they could go to a place of worship. The moral tone of the New Zealand Parliament had always been high, but now a man whose character was in any way tainted had better save his time and money; he stood no chance of getting into Parliament. In temperance questions, too, women's suffrage had exercised a beneficial influence; women sought to secure a proper control of the sale of intoxicants. In New Zealand woman now stood even higher than she did, and instead of being a mere afternoon tea machine she had a wider sphere of action. The working of the Act had been eminently satisfactory, and no man would now dare to suggest its repeal or amendment. He thanked them for their address, and on behalf of the women of New Zealand wished them success in their movement. The deputation thanked Mr. Seddon and withdrew. What a delightful Premier Mr. Seddon would make in this country. Why not?

The death of Miss Davenport-Hill, who stood for, and was elected on to, the London School Board in 1879, and rendered excellent service on that body for fifteen years, removes one of the pioneer women workers whose name must ever be held in grateful remembrance by all those who appreciate the value of women's public work to the community at large.

A very successful meeting in connection with the Scottish Association for the Promotion of Women's Public Work was recently held, on the invitation of Mrs. Farquharson of Haughton, F.R.M.S., at Annisland House in Kincardine O'Neil, Aberdeenshire. Dr. Farquharson, M.P., presided, and in the course of his remarks indicated the object of the Association as an endeavour to give women the same opportunity as men to do good, honest, straightforward public work. To give them a fair field and no favour. He was opposed to all class legislation, or sex legislation either. There was no reason in the world why the whole range of public life should not be thrown open, and let the best man or the best woman win. They had, therefore, formed an association on the broad lines of keeping an eye on all who would hamper women in discharging public work.

Women and girls are no longer employed in the underground work of coal mines, but the number engaged on the surface in picking coals shows an increase in West Lancashire.

The mines inspector reports that in the last completed year 1,735 girls and women were so engaged, or 130 more than in the previous year. Of these 191 were between fourteen and sixteen years of age, and twenty-two were between twelve and fourteen. In the same district 218 boys of thirteen to fourteen years were employed below ground, and ninety-four between twelve and fourteen on the surface.

A DAY OFF DUTY.

"I am to have to-morrow off; I wonder where I could go?" The remark is not infrequently heard in a London hospital, and is generally made by those nurses who come to London from other countries—say, Scotland or Ireland.

To those who have no relations or intimate friends within reach, a "day off" is sometimes a matter for consideration, and the necessity of procuring fresh air with little expense is, to many nurses, an essential of the day's proceedings.

The resident in London is really well off in this respect, although a large number of nurses are ignorant of their good fortune in being able to procure a day's outing with only a small outlay of money.

For one day I would suggest a trip to Windsor and from there to Virginia Water. An excursion ticket to Windsor can be procured at Paddington for half-a-crown, and a further fare of 2s. secures a seat in a comfortable brake which takes the sightseer to and from Virginia Water. An excellent train leaves Paddington at 12.5, arriving at Windsor at 12.45, and if the lady has been wise enough to fortify herself with a light lunch before leaving the hospital she is ready to begin the business of investigation at once.

The Castle is, of course, the sight that must be seen at Windsor; and as the considerate policeman in charge of the gate will probably inform her "it saves walking about if you begin with the Chapels," she will do well to follow his advice.

St. George's and the Albert Chapels come close together, and, after they have been inspected, a free ticket can be obtained to view the State apartments. These are well worth seeing, and give one an excellent idea of the rooms used by His Majesty on State occasions. To the Scotch nurses I would particularly recommend to their notice a portrait of Mary Queen of Scots; it is in all respects the most beautiful picture of her that I have ever seen, and, looking at it, one can well imagine the fascination of the ill-fated Queen.

The inspection of the State apartments is interesting more from an historical point of view than from any other; it allows one to picture vividly the various rulers of Great Britain who received in State in these rooms, and the picture is useful in brushing up one's history, and it also brings in a human element to the tales we have heard of former Courts.

A few other places of interest can be seen in the precincts of the Castle. The Round Tower may be inspected and the ascent made; this process is best left to the discretion of the individual—it cannot be recommended to tired people.

On leaving the Castle a seat on a brake can be obtained for 2s. return fare, and the money is well spent on so beautiful a drive. Unfortunately the ordinary two-horse brake is not allowed to drive down the Long Drive. Still the avenue can be very well seen from the road, which runs for some distance parallel with it. When the Great Park is reached the real beauty of the drive begins, and, if the driver happens to be a communicative person, he will probably point out the lovely avenue called Queen Anne's Avenue; he may even go the length of showing the occupants of the brake a distant view of the house of the M.P. for Windsor!

The most satisfactory way of really seeing and enjoying the beauty of Virginia Water is to leave the brake a little before the termination of the drive and

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