

WOMEN.

The Queen has accepted a copy of a novel by a new writer, Miss Lucy M. Rae, entitled "The Heart of a Great Man," which Messrs. F. V. White and Co. will publish this month. Miss Rae was formerly the Matron of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

The Genuine Old Bric-à-Brac Sale which is to be opened on Monday, May 11th, for a week, at 16, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, promises to be even more successful than that held last year, and if our readers will recommend their rich friends to pay a visit to the sale they may be assured that any money spent will be spent to good purpose, as most lovely articles have been entrusted to the Committee for sale by ladies and others compelled by adverse circumstances to part with family treasures.

One sad feature of this year's sale is the number of officers' widows and families who are desirous of realising their possessions—one of the terrible results of the late war. We hear of the honour and glory—titles, medals, and crosses for the successful living—but what about the impoverished widows and orphans of the already forgotten dead? The horrible pinch of poverty is theirs, and the Committee of ladies who are going to devote their whole time next week to this sale are most anxious to realise the best prices possible for every article belonging to these sad ones. It is to be hoped that the wives of those to whom the war has brought access of fortune may find time during the week to visit the sale, and pay, pay, pay.

Very fine porcelain, Dresden, Capo di Monte, Swansea, and Chelsea, lovely old needlework and lace, quaint old jewels, and magnificent old cut glass will be displayed in abundance, and nothing will please all concerned more than to find ready purchasers for all these beautiful works of art.

Coincident with the appointment of Miss K. Chamberlain as resident physician at the Royal Free Hospital, the benchers of Gray's Inn have decided to refuse the application of a lady who sought to enter her name as a student at that Inn and read for the Bar.

But if the law is cold, the increasing recognition accorded to women doctors is inducing a greater number of young women to study medicine. For the present session at the School of Medicine for Women in Hunter Street, 230 students have entered their names. A recent census shows 115 fully-qualified lady doctors now practising in London. In Wimpole Street there are seven, all, it is understood, with lucrative and increasing practices. Harley Street has four lady doctors.

The services of women physicians and surgeons are much appreciated by hospitals. The medical staff at the Royal Free Hospital includes sixteen fully-qualified doctors, and at this institution the seventy students are girls. At the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, there are two lady M.D.'s on the consult-

ing staff and thirty-three acting and visiting women physicians and surgeons.

There are lady medical officers at the Canning Town Hospital, Blackfriars Provident Dispensary, Church Army Dispensary, Homer Street, and at the Institution for Diseases of the Eye at Fulham. At the Clapham Hospital, Jeffreys Road, the medical staff includes two ladies.

The honorary acting physician at the Midland Hospital, Birmingham, is a lady, and there are visiting or resident lady physicians and surgeons at hospitals in Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Hull, Bristol, Birkenhead, and Oxford.

Another victory is to be accorded the Scottish Association for the Promotion of Women's Work. Its first definite claim to recognition was secured when, owing to its influence, the Linnean Society recognised the right of women scientists to be admitted to full membership. Now, through the instrumentality of this energetic body, Miss Reid and Miss Fiddes have proved successful candidates for admission to seats at the Aberdeen School Board.

At the annual meeting of this Association it was announced that Miss Flora Stevenson, now LL.D., had been elected once more Chairman of the Edinburgh School Board—a well-deserved honour, to judge by the encomium which the Dean of Edinburgh University passed on Miss Flora Stevenson, when she recently accepted the Doctorate of Laws. The Dean said: "I feel that in Miss Stevenson's case words of introduction are almost superfluous, for she has lived her life before the eyes of her fellow-citizens. Miss Stevenson appears here to-day that we may stamp with the seal of academic approval the splendid services which she has rendered in the cause of education. Herself a lady of many accomplishments and wide culture, she has earned the lasting gratitude of the intellectual sisterhood in this country, for it is due in no small measure to her activity and sympathetic support that the movement which thirty-six years ago created the Association for the Higher Education of Women ultimately culminated in the admission of ladies to curricula and degrees in the Scottish Universities. Miss Stevenson's relations to the Edinburgh School Board are unique, for she was a member of the first Board appointed by the 1872 Act; she has been a member of all subsequent Boards, and she is now serving on what is probably the last of its race. Her appointment to the chairmanship of the Board three years ago was a fitting recognition of her indefatigable zeal, and her re-election within the last few days shows how well she has retained the confidence of her colleagues. But Miss Stevenson's sphere of influence extends far beyond the School Board. She strenuously promoted the movement for the establishment of day industrial schools, and the Act of 1893 is sometimes known by her name; she has served on important Departmental Committees on Habitual Offenders and Reformatories, and she is associated with other public bodies too many to enumerate." Nurses are proud to own Miss Flora Stevenson (who is the sister of the President) as a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses.

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