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The British Journal of Hursing.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

Mr. Edgar Willett calls attention in St. Bartholo-mew's Hospital Journal to the fact that in future, ladies will be eligible for election as Governors, of course by payment of £52 10s. This is a wise departure. Why not go a step further, and make women

eligible for the position of Almoner? The House Committee consists of a Treasurer and four Almoners, and we feel sure this historic institution would greatly increase its popularity by so sensible a provision.

Miss Frances Power Cobbe, whose death removes a veteran worker for the good of humanity and of the animal kingdom, gave minute instructions to her medical adviser as to the precautions to be taken after her death so that there could be no possibility of revival in the grave. Her executor was also instructed to ascertain that her directions had been carried out, and in the event of any failure in this respect she pronounced all the bequests in her will to be null and void.

On the subject of premature burial Miss Cobbe once wrote : "My great-grandmother, after whom I am called, a famous heiress, was a notable case of narrow escape. As a girl she passed into a state of apparent death, and a great funeral was ordered for her. Among the guests came a young girl friend, who in-sisted that she was not dead, and raised such a stir that the funeral was postponed, and time was allowed to pass till the marvel became that there were no signs of change. I could never ascertain how long this comatose state lasted before she recovered; but she did recover, so thoroughly that after her marriage with Richard Trench, of Garbuly, she became the mother of twenty-two children. Obviously this was no case of a feeble, hysterical, cataleptic subject."

President Joseph Smith, of the Mormon Church, testified before a Senate Committee at Washington that if a Mormon wife refused to give consent to her husband re-marrying as often as he pleased she would be destroyed by the Lord. President Smith added that he did not mean that the husband could kill the wife.

It seems almost incredible that Mormonism is not made illegal in the United States. No doubt it would be if American women had the suffrage in the majority of the States.

The visit of the King to the *Victory* not long since re-calls another visit, paid forty years ago, on the anniver-sary of Trafalgar, to the historic battleship by Queen Victoria, accompanied by the Prince Consort. The Queen first visited the quarter-deck, where, surrounded by a laurel wreath, a brass plate bears the inscription "Here Nelson fell," and then asked to be taken to the cockpit where he died. On reaching the spot, she stood for several moments in silence before the urn which marks the spot, and "so affecting was the emotion she displayed that it brought tears to the eyes of more than one who witnessed it.

Programme of the International Congress of Women in Berlin.

"PHILHARMONIE," BERNBURGER STRASSE. June 13th-18th, 1904.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS.

I.-EDUCATIONAL SECTION.

- First Secretary ... Fraulein Helene Lange. Second ,, ... Fraulein Gertrud Bäumer. Monday, June 13th.—The Education of Women as Future Mothers; Domestic Education; Kinder Garten.
- Tuesday, June 14th.—Elementary Schools, Their In-fluence on the Education of Girls; Co-education, the Public Elementary School for the Whole Nation (Einheits Schule).
- Wednesday, June 15th.—Continuation Schools, Their Object and Aim; Other Institutions for the Education of Women.
 Thursday, June 16th.—The Higher Education of Women (Secondary Schools).
 Friday, June 17th.—University Education of Women.
 Saturday, June 18th.—Women's Part in Education: (a) As Teachers; (b) On Boards of Education.

II.-EMPLOYMENT SECTION.

- First Secretary ... Fraulein Alice Salomon. Second ,, ... Fraulein Else Lüders.
- Second ,, ... Fraulein Else Luders. Monday, June 13th. Agriculture and Domestic Service. Tuesday, June 14th. Women in Industry.
- Wednesday, June 15th. Women in Trade and Commerce.
- Thursday, June 16th.—Women in Social Work. Friday, June 17th.—Women in Science. Saturday, June 18th.—Women in Art.

- III .- SECTION FOR SOCIAL WORK.
- First Secretary ... Frau Anna Edinger. Second ,, ... Frau Katharina Scheven.
- Second Second ,, ... Frau Latharina Scheven. Monday, June 13th.—Poor Law Work ; Work amongst the Sick and the Convalescent.
- Tuesday, June 14th.—Social Work amongst Children and Youths.
- Wednesday, June 15th.-Work for the Improvement of Morals.
- Thursday, June 16th.—Prisons; Tomperance. Friday, June 17th.—Trade Organisations; Labour
- Bureaus. Saturday, June 18th .- Social Work of various kinds; Legal Advice to Women ; Clubs, Homes, &c.

IV .- THE LEGAL POSITION OF WOMEN.

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 First Secretary ... Baroness Olga von Beschwitz.
 Second ,, ... Fraulein Dr. Gottheimer.
 Monday, June 13th.—The Position of Women in the Civil Law: (a) The Effect of Married Life in General; (b) Married Women's Property Law.
 Tuesday, June 14th.—The Position of Women in the Civil Law: (a) Parental Power; (b) The Un-married Mother and her Child; (c) Guardian-ship ship.
- Wednesday, June 15th.—Social Legislation and Women; Women and Political Societies.
- Thursday, June 16th .- Women as Municipal Officers : (a) Poor Law and Guardianship; (b) Municipal School Boards.



