

New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

LE CORSET MAILLOT.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to a corset made exclusively for Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, of Wigmore Street, viz., "Le Corset Maillot," of which we give an illustration. This corset, which is cellular in texture, and therefore porous, has also the advantage of suppleness.

It gives the requisite support where necessary, but there is no undue pressure. All sizes are kept in stock, and it may be obtained at prices beginning at 35s. 6d.

We do not need to demonstrate to nurses the

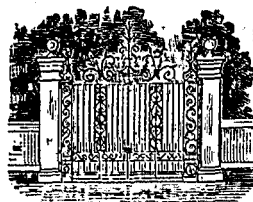


high standard of excellence maintained by this firm in all departments. The majority are already well acquainted with it. The French corset department is under the control of Mademoiselle Zilva, and the individual requirements of each customer are carefully studied. It will, doubtless, be of interest to our readers to know that, under Mademoiselle Zilva's direction, special corsets are constantly being made for ladies who are under medical care, and who are unable to wear the ordinary corset. It is a great advantage to invalids to know where they can obtain a well-made corset suited to their need, and they can have every confidence in those supplied by Messrs. Debenham and Freebody.

Outside the Gates.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.



The annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland was held on Wednesday and Thursday in last week at York, in the Large Hall of the Friends' Meeting House. Miss Clifford, the President, was in the chair. There was a large gathering of delegates, and some interesting business was transacted.

Miss Janes presented an excellent report of the year's work of the Union. The Executive had had under consideration the question of the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and had deputed the Legislation Committee to inquire into the matter. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Sec. of the Society for State Registration, and Miss Hobbs, Secretary of the R.B.N.A., had been invited to attend the Committee and give information on the subject. Subsequently the Executive had passed a resolution in favour of the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the burning question, and Mrs. McKenzie Davidson had formed part of a deputation to the Public Health Committee of the House of Commons to urge the appointment of such a Committee, which was appointed and had taken evidence last session, and upon the rising of Parliament had suggested its reappointment next session to continue its work.

The Executive had had under consideration the Licensing Bill, introduced by the Government, and had passed a resolution expressing the hope that no legislation would be passed which, in order to protect one class of property, would run the risk of increasing rather than lessening the national vice of drunkenness. With regard to the introduction of Chinese labour into South Africa it was felt that it was not a matter with which they could deal.

Miss Janes also read a report dealing with branch work during the year. Among the points mentioned was the consideration by various branches of the employment of young women as barmaids, and at Scarborough the branch petitioned the licensing magistrates on the subject. At York the question of women as managers of day schools had been under consideration and a deputation from the branch waited upon the local Education Committee, with the result that twelve ladies had been appointed as lady managers of non-provided schools. York had formed a committee for securing the representation of women on local governing bodies, and had secured the election of a lady on the local hospital committee.

The report was adopted on the motion of Miss Hertz.

Mrs. George Cadbury presented a balance-sheet showing that the subscriptions for 1904 had been £589 3s. 10d., and the donations £154 18s. 6d., each a substantial increase on the previous year. The number of subscribers was 990, an increase of forty-four. The total expenditure had been £833 19s. 3d.

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