

the Government the importance of the medical inspection of schools. It was urged that inspection should be compulsory, and under the control of the central authority. Such inspection is already in force in New York, in Paris, and in Japan.

It is claimed that inspection would do much to banish such preventive ailments as measles, diphtheria, and scarlet fever as completely as rabies has been stamped out by recent measures, and that the future of many children would be happier and more useful to society if, as a result of medical inspection, they were persuaded not to enter occupations for which they are physically unfit.

The Viscount Portman has accepted the office of President of the Samaritan Free Hospital, Marylebone Rd., N.W., in succession to the late Lord Leigh.

Mrs. Robert Price has arranged a performance of living pictures to take place at Queen's Gate Hall on May 1st, in aid of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W. The pictures and tableaux are to be arranged by Mr. Alfred Parsons, A.R.A., and Mr. Malcolm Bell will act as stage manager.

The New Hospital for Women, where a sale is to be held early in the summer in support of the funds, has secured a strong list of patronesses. Amongst those forming the Sale Committee are Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., and Miss Sidney Browne, Matron-in-Chief.

The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital at Nice has been opened by Princess Christian in the presence of a distinguished company, including the founders. The inaugural service was conducted by the Bishop of Gibraltar, after which Sir George White, to whose generosity the hospital largely owes its existence, delivered an address on behalf of the founders.

It is possible now-a-days to "make a name" for almost any article by extravagant advertising, but the only sure way of acquiring a reputation that is worth having is to give sterling value at moderate prices.

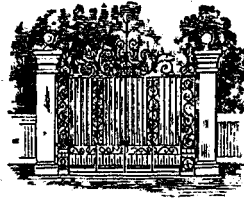
In nothing is this more evident than in the advertising of cycles. Thousands of pounds have been spent and sunk in the advertising of bicycles that the test of time has proved to be inferior, while on the other hand there are a few machines on the market to-day which enjoy a world-wide reputation for excellence that has been gained by merit alone—without a single penny being spent by the makers in advertisements.

Prominent among these latter is the Coventry Challenge, which, by the way, is the only cycle in the world that is backed by a ten years' guarantee.

Mr. Edward O'Brien, the world's largest cycle dealer, Coventry, supplies the Coventry Challenge at exceptionally low prices, and his enormous turnover in these machines and other leading Coventry makes, enables him to offer extremely advantageous terms on easy payments.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Miss Gertrude Tuckwell, who presided at the Annual Reunion of the Working Girls of London, who are also Trade Unionists, announced that 3,200 new members have been enrolled in the last fortnight. Shop girls, civil servants, tele-

phonists, tailoresses, and workers in many other industries were represented in the audience, which filled the Club Union Hall. Amongst the speakers were Miss Hedges, of the dressmakers' and milliners' organisation; Miss Elizabeth Glen, formerly a telephone operator; Miss Melsheimer, of the White-chapel Tea-Packers' Union, Miss Mabel Hope, of the Postal Telegraph Clerks' Association; and Miss Margaret Bondfield, of the Shop Assistants' Union.

Speaking at the Annual Meeting of the Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, Sir John Cockburn said that, awful as was the tragedy of the unemployed poor, it was surpassed by that of the unemployed rich. Health, moral and physical, could only be sustained by employment. Although marriage superseded industry sometimes, it ought to be considered as accidental and employment as a necessity. Nothing, he thought, afforded a better field of promise than gardening. In a garden nursery a woman was as much in her element as in a child nursery. The Bureau, he hoped, would not only provide work for women at home, but would send them over the seas.

On Thursday, March 22nd, a reception was given by the Women's Total Abstinence Union in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Leather-Sellers, St. Helen's Place, Bishopsgate, E.C.—The President, Miss A. W. Richardson, B.A., and the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke received the guests. A short meeting followed the reception, when the large hall was well filled. Miss Richardson presided and gave a powerful address. After showing the advanced position which the temperance question occupies to-day in comparison with that of fifty years ago, when total abstinents were looked upon as faddists, Miss Richardson said that alcohol is the greatest hindrance to national efficiency in this country, affecting the body and brain, and worse than all deteriorating the higher powers of truthfulness, love of duty, and all that makes for high and noble character. Miss Richardson affirmed that drinking among women is becoming the main social problem of the day. If mothers became the victims of strong drink there was little chance of our maintaining our place among the nations. Would not her hearers do something to check this growing evil?—The Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke explained the work of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, referring especially to the federated leagues for nurses, deaconesses and teachers. In forming the last-named society, Mrs. Yorke said the Union had

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