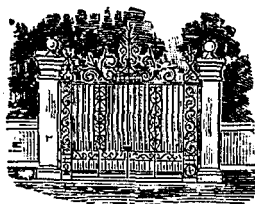


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Sister Agnes Karll writes: "All of us sometimes ask in the whirl of daily life and its prosaic duties, 'Is there any poetry left?' But if anyone had wandered on a recent occasion amongst the Thuringian Mountains and forests near Jena, he would have thought he had seen a vision full of poetic force out of the olden times. Amidst the forests, beneath a tree in the full beauty of its young May-leaves, the Dryads were dancing their lovely dances, sometimes singing, sometimes following the sweet notes of the flute, played by one of their number in the background. One could not have believed one was in the matter-of-fact twentieth century if one had not seen under the trees modern women in gowns of to-day's fashion. Just a short hour and all were gone to engage again in the battle of life, but some of those present will never forget the picture full of beauty and loveliness, the pure young faces under the green wreaths, the graceful forms in the Greek garments, and the sweet, simple notes of the flute in the quiet forest. It was a wonderful idea of the ladies of Jena (Association 'Frauenwohl') to give the tired Committee members of the German National Council of Women such a touch of Nature and Youth as a recreation, after the exertion of three days' business meetings, and Frau Stritt, the President of the Council, could say nothing better to thank them than that we all hoped these young girls would later further the work we had begun.

"The German National Council of Women was reorganised last year, as the direct work, with nearly 200 associations, was too much for the President and Secretary. Most of these associations are now federated in provincial Councils as the Bavarian, the Silesian, the North German, the Rheinisch-Westfalian Council, or, in professional Councils, as the German teachers and the German Nurses' Associations. So the Committee is a double one, (1) the officers elected by the General Meeting, and (2) all the Presidents of the provincial and professional associations. The whole committee must meet once a year to decide the business of the National Council, and the first meeting of this kind was that in Jena from the 13th to 15th of May. As the President of the German Nurses' Association, I was one of the 23 members present, and under Frau Marie Stritt's able leadership the Committee disposed in five sessions of a great deal of work. It was decided, amongst other things, to delegate Frau Stritt to the Peace Conference at the Hague, and to ask dear old Frau Henriette Goldschmidt-Leipzig to act as a Patron of the International Council of Women, for the German National Council, when

all our different associations pay a lifelong donation for this patronship.

"On the evening of the 14th of May, the German National Council of Women held a meeting in the beautiful 'Volkshaus.' Three papers were read, the first by Frau von Farster-Nürnberg on 'The Care-taking of Babies,' then 'The Training of Nurses' fell to my share, and the paper on 'The Freedom for Women to Associate, and take part in Meetings' was read by Adelheid von Welczek. Though it was a very hot day, there was a large and interested audience. The discussion, after the two first papers, was very good, and after the last one a unanimous resolution was passed."

"George Eliot" died in 1880, and more than 26 years after her death the first memorial of her in the district in which she was born, in 1819, has just been erected. It takes the form of a granite pillar, with an inscription recording the dates of her birth, death, etc., and the words, "Lest we forget," erected near her birthplace in Arbury Park by Mr. F. A. Newdegate.

Coming Events.

June 3rd.—Meeting at 10, Hill Street, Mayfair, to inaugurate a Navy and Army Male Nursing Association, 3.15 p.m.

June 6th.—Conference of representatives of the City and Metropolitan Borough Councils on the question of taking measures to limit the spread of pulmonary tuberculosis, in the Town Hall, Paddington, 3 p.m.

June 11th.—Opening meeting of the Red Cross Conference, Examination Hall, Earl Roberts presiding, 12.

June 13th.—Her Majesty the Queen opens the Queen's Fête in aid of the Lord Mayor's Cripples' Fund at the Mansion House.

June 14th.—Princess Henry of Battenberg attends the annual meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association, Lord Ampthill presiding, Grosvenor House, 3.30.

June 18th.—Opening of the International Nursing Conference, 5, Rue Las-Cases, Paris, Mons. Mesureur presiding, 9.30 a.m.

June 21st.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, Hotel Normandy, 7, Rue de l'Échelle, Paris, 10 a.m.

June 29th.—General Meeting and Social Gathering of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, at the Hospital.

A Word for the Week.

"If the power to do hard work is not a talent, it is the best possible substitute for it. Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up. A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck. Luck is an *ignis fatuus*. You may follow it to ruin, but never to success."—Garfield.

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