

Outside the Gates.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE N.U.W.W.

In former years we have had pleasure in publishing portraits of newly-elected Presidents of the National Union of Women Workers, all of whom have been ladies distinguished for their good work for the community and for their interest in questions affecting the welfare of women, but we venture to think that the choice of the National Union—at the Manchester meeting—of its President for the ensuing year is a particularly happy one, and both on account of her public career and her delightful personality Mrs. Edwin Gray is a most popular President.

The National Union of Women Workers comprises women of many diverse classes and opinions and aims, and its President should therefore have knowledge of the world and wide sympathies. These the new President certainly possesses. She can also lay claim to pre-eminence as a woman worker. For the last ten years she has been a guardian in the City of York, and at one time served on the Workhouse Committee, where she studied the nursing question and took a great interest in the Infirmary and the nursing staff. This will be welcome news to the societies of trained nurses which are affiliated to the National Union, as, so far it has not taken a great interest in nursing matters. At the present time children are her greatest interest. She is, as a Guardian, chiefly engaged with the Children's Committee, and she is also a manager of one of the elementary schools of York, an office to which she is appointed by the Corporation.

Mrs. Gray is deeply interested in everything affecting the welfare of women, and is president of a flourishing Sick Club for Women in York, "The York Female Friendly Society," which was established in 1788, and has 520 members. She was also one of those who started a Health and

Housing Reform Association in York, on which Mr. B. S. Rowntree, who has done such excellent work in connection with Housing Reform, also serves. The Association employs a fully-trained nurse and sanitary inspector as Lady Health Visitor, and has made a very careful study of the needs of York in health and sanitation, and has also acquired much first-hand information on the question of infantile mortality and the feeding and care of children.

The National Union of Women Workers is fortunate in having secured a President who will discharge the duties of this important office with dignity and charm.



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The women elected as Town Councillors in the recent municipal elections in England and Wales number six in all. They are: Aldeburgh, Dr. Garrett Anderson; Bewdley, Mrs. Woodchurch; Brecon, Miss G. E. Morgan; High Wycombe, Miss Dove; Oxford, Miss Merivale; Reading, Miss E. N. Sutton. The women candidates headed the poll at Oxford, Brecon, and High Wycombe. Mrs. Malcolm has the honour of being the one woman Town Councillor elected in Scotland—for Dollar. The number is all too few, but better luck next time.

The results of the campaign by the Huddersfield Corporation against infantile mortality show remarkable figures. The infantile mortality figure for 39 completed weeks of the present year's workings is 85. At the corresponding date last year the figure was 138. On comparing the figures with the returns of the Registrar-General it appears that Huddersfield had an infantile mortality for the first six months in the current year lower by 22 per cent. than the 76 great towns of England and Wales. Women, decrease it still further.

The Woman Worker, the official organ of the National Federation of Women Workers, is a bright little monthly journal, edited by Miss Mary R. Macarthur, and in the recent issue the

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