

hand in hand for charity with great success, serve to re-strengthen the bonds between the two peoples so that they may know one another better and better."

In speaking of the splendid work of the good deaconesses during the last 50 years, Mr. Wunderlich told the following tale, which shows in what respect the Sisters are held, and the spirit which governed their lives. It was at the time of the Arabi Pasha insurrection and the bombardment of Alexandria, when all the Europeans had fled, and the town was left to an infuriated and unruly native mob, who were devastating it. Naturally, the Sisters stuck to their post, and when a savage and fanatical band of men made a rush for the hospital, Sister Barbara Erckmann walked up to the gates, and, calmly greeting them, asked them what they wanted, adding: "Have we not always done you good? If you have any wounded, bring them to us, and we will attend them." It was the gentle answer turning away wrath. The powerful personality of a good woman which saved the situation. Only those who know what fanatical Mohammedans can be in time of war will realise how wonderful it was that they quietly moved on, only asking that the flag which was acting as a landmark should be lowered. "This same spirit of trust in God, of self denial, sense of duty, and fidelity, even unto death, still reigns among the Sisters, and will enter the new hospital, grow and flourish, and in proceeding under such auspices we need have no fear for the future."

A hymn was then sung, after Mr. Wunderlich's speech, after which followed the curious ceremonial of laying the foundation stone by Mrs. Wunderlich, who placed the documents, the Egyptian newspapers, and journals and coins of the day, Mr. Wunderlich then gave three blows with a hammer on the stone, and the same action was repeated by Count Bernstorff, in the presence of Youssef Pacha Zia, Mustapha Pacha Ibadi (representing the Government), Chataway Bey, Mr. E. B. Gould, the President and members of the Committee, and almost the whole of the German colony, the Ven. Archdeacon Ward, and the German Pastor, who each offered a prayer, followed by a hymn. Refreshments were then taken, and everybody dispersed in preparation for the banquet, which was held in the evening at the new Khedivial Hotel.

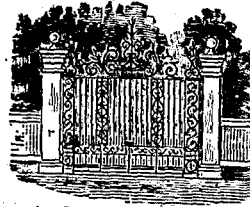
As one said good-bye to the Sister Superior, and shook hands with the other Sisters, one could but feel a sense of respect towards women who were devoting their lives to others, and a desire to bring home to lay nurses that while we are endeavouring to base the nursing of the sick on scientific lines, and bring our training into a methodical system, and our profession into a definite and recognised shape and standing, that we must keep up our ideals, and not degrade our work into a mere means of obtaining a livelihood or into a commercial enterprise.

EDLA R. WORTABET.

Cairo.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



capital.

"Le Lycéum," a ladies' club has been opened in Paris in the Rue de la Bienfaisance. Members of the London Lyceum Club will no doubt find it a delightful *piéd à terre* when they visit the French

An address signed by many influential people is to be presented to Miss Annie Leigh Brownne as a token of gratitude for the public service she has rendered in the Women's Local Government Society, of which she has been the Hon. Secretary and guiding spirit for so many years, and whose valuable national work was crowned last session by the passing of the "Qualification of Women Bill, 1907."

Hampstead has returned the first lady member of a Metropolitan Borough Council. There was a bye-election to fill a vacant seat for the Belsize Ward last Thursday, the two candidates being Miss R. E. Lawrence, LL.B., and Mr. A. J. Collett, a former member of the Council. There are over 2,000 electors in the ward, and Miss Lawrence was elected by 319 votes against 129 for Mr. Collett.

A memorial, signed by many members of Parliament, bishops, clergy of the Church of England, and Nonconformist ministers, has been presented to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging him to include in the new licensing legislation proposals for the gradual limitation of the employment of barmaids for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The memorialists ask Parliament not to interfere with women now employed as barmaids, but to prohibit the employment of new barmaids.

Mrs. Dickenson, one of the honorary secretaries of the Barmaids' Political Defence League, says that if any such legislation is proposed the barmaids will make strenuous opposition to it.

Overheard at a man's club:—

FIRST LORD: "What's your opinion of the barmaid question?"

SECOND DIRT: "Matter of supreme indifference to me. Don't frequent pot-houses or Piccadilly. Means one or the other."

On the recommendation of the Day Schools Subcommittee it was agreed at the weekly meeting of the Education Committee of the London County Council that organised games shall be regarded as a permanent part of the ordinary curricula of London County Council and non-provided schools, and that expenditure on maintenance account not exceeding £750 should be sanctioned in connection with such games for the children attending the schools. It is suggested that the games should include the following: Cricket, football, basketball, hockey, rounders, and tennis.

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