

terial which may accompany or follow this brief outline, and which will show you of what fighting material Mrs. Crane is made; also what foes she is encountering.

Our State Societies are responding cordially to this appeal. Already a goodly roll is sent in, and this work for betterment will doubtless be on our regular annual programme for long ages to come.

How women of even the most meagre intelligence, and even the most rudimentary imagination can fail to see the burning need of suffrage for all such work is something that is out of reach of my intelligence and my imagination! I simply cannot understand it. It is like going about with hands tied behind backs and saying "I am quite able to deal with bears, wildcats, or snakes; I do not need to have my hands untied." Mrs. Crane writes, "I sometimes think that *imagination is the saving grace*—to be able to see and feel for others," and this is, I think, profoundly true.

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The Infantile Mortality Conference.

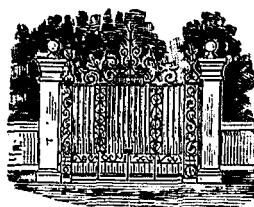
The arrangements for the National Conference on Infantile Mortality, which will be held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 24th and 25th inst., are now completed. On the Monday evening Mr. John Burns, M.P., the President of the Local Government Board, will deliver his address as President of the Conference. The Conference will be attended by between 300 and 400 delegates representing the leading health authorities in the United Kingdom, while there will also be present a number of other prominent social reformers and philanthropists, who will attend in their personal capacity and as representing societies which take a special interest in the subjects which will be discussed. Mr. J. J. M'Intyre, of the Glasgow Town Clerk's Department, is the Secretary of the Conference.

There is no doubt that of late years gas fires, especially in bedrooms, have greatly advanced in favour, and the announcement made at the annual meeting of the Gas Light and Coke Company, that they had been able to lower the price of gas by 1d. per 1,000 cubic feet will be welcome news to many. As to the "coin in the slot meters," they had taken 155,000,000 coins in connection with that service which showed its great popularity.

We are asked to say that Messrs. Charles Zimmermann and Co., 9 and 10, St. Mary-at-Hill, London, E.C., who receive quite a host of enquiries from nurses all over the United Kingdom in response to their advertisement of Lysol in this Journal receive a number of letters where no address is stated. They fear that this causes disappointment, and that nurses may think they fail in their promise, but, where no address is given, there is no means of tracing the writers.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The second reading of Mr. H. Y. Stanger's Women's Enfranchisement Bill, which was carried last week by a majority of 179 votes, proved that a large number of members of the House of Commons are convinced of the justice of this measure. It is unsatisfactory, however, that the Bill has been referred to a Committee of the whole House, because unless the Government gives facilities for further discussion the Bill is unlikely to progress further this Session, and its supporters will get no further than having placed on record a pious opinion. We must work unceasingly, therefore, until the enfranchisement of women is not only declared desirable, but is an accomplished fact.

In moving the second reading of the Bill, Mr. Stanger said it was complained that it was very difficult to grant the right to women, because there were so many of them. He held that the greater the number of them the greater the injustice. He met the statement that there was no demand for the vote on the part of women with a point-blank denial.

Mr. Acland, who seconded, said if women got the vote it would be good for men, because it would be a sign that the days were over when a woman could be treated as a piece of animated property to be abused as men pleased, or as a tender plaything to be shielded from all the serious questions of life. It was sometimes said that women should not have the vote because they could not fight, and an Army was essential to the existence of a nation, but it was an open question whether the national existence would be most affected by men ceasing to bear arms or by women ceasing to bear children.

A course of lectures has been organised under the auspices of the National Women's Social and Political Union, at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., on Tuesday evenings, at 8.30. On Tuesday last, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence lectured on "What the Woman Movement Means." On Tuesday, March 10th, Dr. Garrett Anderson will lecture. On Tuesday, March 24th, Mrs. Pankhurst speaks on "The Importance of the Vote." On March 31st, Miss Elizabeth Robins will lecture, and on April 7th Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., will speak on "Women and Practical Politics."

The Women's Freedom League is about to inaugurate a gramophone campaign. Mr. Zangwill, Mr. G. B. Shaw, and Mr. W. T. Stead are among the speakers of whose utterances in favour of women's suffrage "records" have been made.

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