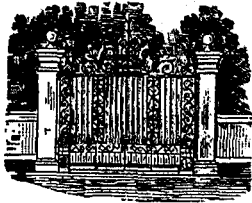


Outside the Gates.

NURSES AND THE VOTE.



To those of our readers who are anxious to take part in the great demonstrations of Women Suffragists, two opportunities will be open to them at early dates. The first demonstration is that organised by the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, of which Lady Frances Balfour is President, and is to march on Saturday, June 13th, from the Victoria Embankment, Northumberland Avenue, to the Albert Hall, starting at 3 p.m. There will be a section for nurses under their own beautiful banner, and those who come in uniform will be all the more welcome, as demonstrating to the public the desire of well-trained, thoughtful nurses, to become citizens, a responsible position in the body politic to which their work for the community entitles them.

Remember, nurses, because you are women you are classed with lunatics, criminals, and paupers—the other classes of human beings who are disfranchised. Therefore come, everyone who is at liberty to do so, and thus protest against this demoralising slur upon your intelligence and conduct. For those who are too tired to walk three miles on a hot June day, seats in the brakes at 1s. each will be available. Remember also that your patron saint, Florence Nightingale, is in favour of the enfranchisement of women. The fact that her glorious intellect is feminine should have won justice for her sex half a century ago.

The second Suffrage Demonstration, arranged to take place in Hyde Park on Sunday, June 21st, is organised by the National Women's Social and Political Union, and promises to be a stupendous affair. Already special trains from over seventy of the principal towns in England have been commissioned. Seven processions are being organised, each one to enter the Park at a different point. Marshals, captains, and scouts, to the number of 3,000, all of them to wear distinctive costumes, are being enrolled to take charge of the processions. The authorities have given permission for twenty platforms to be erected in Hyde Park, and from these platforms eighty women speakers will address the vast audience. The scene promises to be a remarkable one. The latest forecast gives 250,000 as the number of the demonstrators. Thirty large bands, among them several well-known ones, have been engaged. Nine very large silk banners are being specially made for the day, and in addition to these hundreds of standards and smaller banners will be in evidence. Trained nurses are cordially invited to take part in this memorable demonstration—to come in uniform or not, as they please. Trafalgar Square is suggested as their rallying centre, but they can join any of the seven processions most convenient. *Only be there!*

WOMEN.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland presided on Thursday in last week at a public meeting held at the Mansion House, Dublin, under the auspices of the Women's National Health Association. Lord Aberdeen said the movement had been taken up with extraordinary heartiness in every part of the country, and also with a most refreshing manifestation of co-operation on the part of those who, in regard to many things, had been widely at divergence. A vast amount of educational information had been imparted during the past few months by the Tuberculosis Exhibition, and the lectures on the prevention of consumption, which had been listened to by crowded audiences throughout the country. An interesting lecture was then delivered by Dr. Green, of New York, on the Pasteurising of milk and its effect in checking infantile mortality. The plant and appliances for this system in Dublin have been generously given by Mr. Nathan Straus, of New York.

Mr. Herbert Samuel has recently explained that the Home Office have carried out a very useful reform in regard to the treatment of women in prisons by the appointment of a woman inspector for the first time, and he promised to consider the appointment of a lady Prison Commissioner. By and bye, let us hope that trained and experienced nurses may be appointed to matronships of prisons, and a practical curriculum including the elements of hygiene, anatomy, and physiology be defined for warders and wardresses.

At a recent meeting of the National Council of Women of France, Mme. Weill announced that she had succeeded in obtaining permission for women to be members of the Committees for the Inspection of Prisons. Mme. Peronheau and Mme. Claire Bauer have been elected members of the Committee of Inspection of Moulins Prison, and a further development is that the Minister of Fine Art has just signed a decree authorising the appointment of women as attendants in public museums and libraries.

A much-needed fund, which owes its origin to Mrs. Leopold Seligman, has recently been founded called "The Educated Women Workers' Loan Training Fund." The object is to assist educated women who are obliged to earn their own living, and who have not the means to enable them to train for any of the professions or occupations open to women. Its distinctive features are:—(1) That money (if necessary) will be loaned for board and residence during the training period, as well as for the training fees, it being deemed wiser to help a few thoroughly rather than numbers partially. (2) That money be advanced with as little delay as possible, and special members of the Committee are therefore to have authority to meet pressing cases. It is desired to raise at least £1,000 for the fund this year, and to increase it year by year with donations and yearly subscriptions. There can be no better way of helping educated women to help themselves than by assisting them to enter on a course of professional or technical training which will fit them for a prosperous career. The Chairman of Committees is the Countess Dowager of Desart.

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