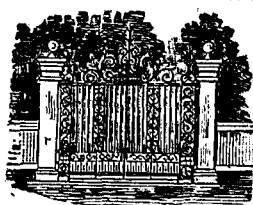


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



The article which recently appeared in the *Review of Reviews*, named, "For the Promotion of Good Motherhood: A Woman's Appeal to Women," is receiving notice through a circular sent out by Mr. Stead. It claims that "Every child has rights by virtue of its own existence as a child. It has the right to be well born; that is, legitimately born of healthy parents. It has also the right to be well fed, well nourished, cared for. It should be the aim of every woman to see that every child has its rights. There could be no more patriotic work for women than to bind themselves together in the interests of good motherhood. Men exhibit their patriotism in other ways. They have set themselves to form a vast territorial army, ready at any moment to defend the country, to shield the women and children from danger. It should be the work of women to bear strong sons to join that army, to rear them as Englishmen deserve to be reared, to train them to be sturdy, self-reliant, independent, the stuff from which new nations will be made, branches of the parent stock." A Ladies' Auxiliary Council should be formed, it is suggested, to deal with this question.

The London Society for Women's Suffrage will provide a unique feature at the Great Demonstration they are organising during Suffrage Week, April 26th to May 1st.

Suffragists belonging to various professions, trades, and industries will take part in a pageant designed to show foreign visitors to the Congress the part Englishwomen take in the work of the nation. The insignia to be borne aloft by the craftswomen are being prepared by the Artists' Suffrage League, whose members fashioned the banners for last year's procession. The ancient emblem of those engaged in fishery trades—the two crossed fishes surmounted by crowns—will be carried by Scotch fishwives in their characteristic dress. Those learned in the culinary arts have decided upon a golden gridiron which they will display on long staves; tailoresses, a pair of scissors with other minor professional tools.

The number of suffragists taking part in this Pageant is necessarily limited, for the massing of the Pageant will take place in the arena of the Albert Hall. It has been found that less than 1,000 will be hardly sufficient to represent the numerous trades and professions in which women are now engaged, but space necessitates 1,000 being the absolute limit.

As a reminder to the voters of the country that their fellow women workers ask for admission to

the franchise, the 1,000 suffragists will march from Eaton Square with full insignia and bands, via Sloane Street and Knightsbridge, to the Albert Hall. Lanterns will be carried, for the Pageant is timed to reach the Albert Hall at 8.15—a quarter of an hour after the Demonstration commences—and at the end of April it is probable that some artificial light will be needed.

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, has elected Miss Constantia Elizabeth Maxwell to be an Assistant to the Professor of Modern History. Miss Maxwell is the first woman who has become a member of the teaching staff of Trinity College since its foundation.

## Book of the Week.

### THE FIRING LINE\*.

Mr. Robert Chambers is a firm believer in the fact that the order changes in America; that the reign of reckless expenditure, gross self-indulgence, and moral irresponsibility is by degrees coming to an end. That it still exists to a marked degree, he is obliged to admit; the degenerates are still there, and doubtless it will take some time for them to die out, but he predicts a bright future for the society of his country, when the younger people, by a judicious intermarriage with other and more robust strains, put an end to the senseless self-indulgence, class prejudice, and harmfully frequent marriage amongst one particular set, looking on itself as the aristocracy of this democratic country. Looking at it from this point of view, it is sad to realise that the "degenerates," as he calls them, are the descendants of the great and noble people who were the first colonists of the States, the splendid, hardy race, beginning with the Pilgrim Fathers and the best blood of France and Spain, flying from persecution in our Eastern Hemisphere.

Never has the author given us a work of greater or more vivid interest than "The Firing Line." The story is laid in Florida, which apparently is becoming a favourite summer resort of the rich New York families; and here we have Mr. Chambers at his very best, for his power of description is truly marvellous; there is not the slightest exaggeration of language—you simply live with your characters and see with their eyes. The glories of sea and semi-cultivated woodland and primeval forest unfold before you in all the exquisite colouring of semi-tropical splendour and subtle perfume. The reader is at once thrown into the milieu of a delightful family party: Mr. Cardross, a successful New York business man, owning a large tract of land at Palm Beach, is spending some of his enormous income in improving his property. For this purpose he secures the services of Garrett Hamil, a landscape gardener, a charming, healthy-minded young fellow, connected with some of the old families, to which "inner circle"

\* Robert W. Chambers. (D. Appleton & Co.)

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