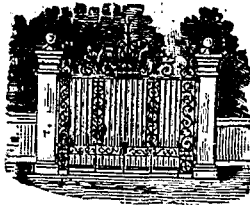


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The German Emperor has conferred the Prussian Order of Louise upon the Queen of Italy in recognition of her practical sympathy with, and work for, the sufferers in the terrible earthquake.

Mr. Asquith's reply to the demands made by the Women's Labour League on behalf of unemployed women has been deemed so unsatisfactory that a demonstration has been arranged to ask for further provision of work. It will be held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, on Thursday, January 21st, at 7.45 p.m. Mrs. J. R. Macdonald will preside, and Canon H. S. Holland, the Rev. R. J. Campbell, and several members of Parliament will be among the speakers. From September 24th to December 9th, 1,057 women registered themselves, and only 173 have been provided with work. The money spent on unemployed women is not one-twentieth part of the amount spent on men, although the Central Unemployed Body say, in a letter to Mr. Burns, that the recoupment from the women's work exceeds that of any other branch of the Central Body's activities. Three hundred women who have registered and failed to obtain work will be among the audience at the demonstration, and demands will be made for light work on the land as well as more workrooms.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons have decided to refer to a committee for consideration and report at their next meeting a formula for a new by-law, rendered necessary by the decision of the College to admit women to the examinations for its diplomas.

Nothing develops loyalty to leaders and good comradeship like adversity, and the meeting at the Queen's Hall on Thursday, January 14th, gave Mrs. Pankhurst a great ovation when Miss Mordan presented to her some beautiful jewels and an illuminated address; the gifts of grateful women for whom she had endured captivity. Mrs. Pankhurst, who can go to prison for her faith, or keep the largest meeting in London spellbound with the same quiet dignity, said, referring to her imprisonment, that she would be a mean woman indeed if she were not prepared to do herself what she was constantly advising others to do.

Tickets to hear the debate between Mrs. Humphry Ward and Mrs. Fawcett, at the Passmore Edwards Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C., on February 26th, can be obtained from Miss McKee, 12, Tavistock Square, W.C., and also from Mrs. Bertram, at 38, Palace Mansions, Addison Bridge, W.

Mrs. Chapman Catt, the President of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance, has written from New York to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence accepting the invitation of the National Women's Social and Political Union to attend a meeting in London this spring. This will be a glorious reunion, as the leading American Suffragists are one and all brilliant and charming women. It would be just lovely to have a debate for and against Votes for Women between Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Humphry Ward. Seats might be any price; they would go off like hot cakes.

The latest of the suffrage papers is "The Hour and the Woman." It is edited by Mrs. Billington-Greig and Miss Maude Fitzherbert, a certificated London Hospital nurse, and contains some brightly written and clever papers. A "Foreword" says that "It is well to be alive now that the hour cometh; and it is better to be a woman. For it is the woman's hour that is upon us—the hour of her struggle, the hour of her deliverance. By the labour of her hands upon the clay of the dead hours that are wet with the tears of her eyes she is moulding this hour, and she is making it her own." We wish "The Hour and the Woman," which is issued as an occasional paper, all success, but why did its friends elect that it should make its appearance printed on mustard yellow paper? Even if this is retained for the cover, we hope the text will in future issues be printed on something less trying to the eyes.

The Women of All Nations Exhibition will be opened at Olympia in September next. The work of women of all the countries of the earth will be represented. According to the latest Board of Trade returns there are five and a-half million women wage-earners engaged in trades and industries in the United Kingdom.

CITY CHILDREN.

Pale flowers are you that scarce have known the sun!

Your little faces like sad blossoms seem
Shut in some room, there helplessly to dream
Of distant glens where through glad rivers run,
And winds at evening whisper. Daylight done
You miss the tranquil moon's unfettered beam,
The wide, unsheltered earth, the starlight gleam,

All the old beauty meant for every one.

The clamour of the city streets you hear,
Not the rich silence of the April glade;
The sun-swept spaces which the good God made
You do not know; white mornings keen and clear
Are not your portion through the golden year,
O little flowers that blossom but to fade!

CHARLES HANSON TOWNE,
In *Everybody's Magazine*.

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