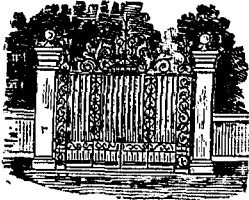


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



London this week is enjoying a feast of Woman Suffrage. Many very distinguished women are here as delegates taking part in the Congress of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance. The reception at the Lyceum Club on Sunday night was very animated and delightful. Never before, we should imagine, had so many brilliant women of all nations been gathered together under its hospitable roof.

The Rev. Anna Shaw, wearing her favourite pale mauve, so becoming a contrast to her silvery white hair, spoke quite informally upon the earnest request of the Reception Committee, and said many wise and tender things, amongst them: "It was impossible for any great movement to stir the hearts of men without stirring the hearts of women also." "No man was good enough to govern another man without his consent, and all men were not good enough to govern all women."

The public meetings of the Alliance have been most enthusiastically attended, and we hear that our foreign visitors were greatly touched and charmed with the Meeting, and Pageant of Women Workers, at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. In the procession the women doctors formed a most picturesque section in their gorgeous academic robes; most of the nurses, who used the Red Cross as their emblem, wore their caps and indoor uniform; the midwives for the first time marched in procession in their own section, the emblem of their craft being particularly charming—the plaster medallion of the head of an infant being surmounted by the motto of the Midwives' Institute, "*Vita Donum Dei*."

The Bethnal Green Board of Guardians have unanimously elected Miss James, one of the two lady members of the Board, to the position of Junior Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Miss Eda Berlon has been appointed editor of the *Philanthropist*.

Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson has accepted the office of Co. Hon. Secretary to the Society of Women Journalists, in place of Mrs. George Curnock, who has resigned.

Speaking at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Work Section of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts at the Church House, Westminster on Monday, Dr. Weir, of Korea, spoke of the need of more women workers in that country, where girl babies were of such little consequence that they had a strange habit of dying. When the little girls were given a name they were called something signifying pity for them. More often they had no name at all.

Verses.

A baby's feet, like sea-shells pink,
Might tempt, should heaven see meet,
An angel's lips to kiss, we think,
A baby's feet.

Like rose-hued sea-flowers toward the heat
They stretch and spread and wink
Their ten soft buds that part and meet,

No flower-bells that expand and shrink
Gleam half so heavenly sweet
As shine on life's untrodden brink
A baby's feet.

A baby's hands, like rosebuds furled
Whence yet no leaf expands,
Ope if you touch, though close upcurled,
A baby's hands.

Then, fast as warriors grip their brands
When battle's bolt is hurled,
They close, clenched hard like tightening bands.

No rosebuds yet by dawn impearled
Match, even in loveliest lands,
The sweetest flowers in all the world—
A baby's hands.

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE.

COMING EVENTS

April 30th.—Territorial Force Nursing Service for London. Meeting of Committee, Mansion House, 3 p.m.

May 3rd.—National Union of Women Workers. Meeting of Sectional Committee for Public Health, Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. 3 p.m.

May 4th.—Public Health Sectional Committee, N.U.W.W. A Special Meeting. The Lyceum Club, 128, Piccadilly, London, W. Discussion: "The Co-operation of Public and Private Bodies in the Cause of Public Health." Chair: The Countess of Aberdeen.

May 4th.—Drawing Room Meeting at Grosvenor House for the furtherance of the Higher Education of Women in Home Science and Economics. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll will be present. 3.15 p.m.

May 7th.—Opening of the new Pathological Block at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by the Lord Mayor of London. The Ceremony will take place in the Great Hall.

May 12th.—Opening of the World's Congress of District Nurses, Central Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool.

May 29th.—The Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Chair: Miss Isla Stewart, President.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

If there is any position in the world for which women are well fitted it is the Ministry; it is most nearly related to motherhood of any vocation in life.

THE REV. ANNA SHAW.

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