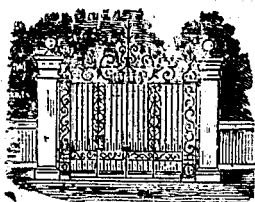


## Outside the Gates.

## WOMEN.



Dr. Louise Martindale, of Brighton, has been appointed Hon. Secretary of the Public Health Sectional Committee of the National Union of Women Workers. There is plenty of nursing and social reform work for such a Committee to accomplish, and the study of "health and morality" should be earnestly approached by every member of the Union. Ignorance of facts which endanger the standard of national health and well being, need no longer be an excuse for women shirking reliable knowledge. This question can be quietly considered to begin with through valuable manuals which have been written from a scientific standpoint. Once acquire knowledge and it can be applied through many channels for the benefit of humanity.

The Convocation of Manchester University having considered a recent decision of the Board of Management of the Manchester Royal Infirmary not to appoint women doctors to resident posts at the Infirmary, have, by a large majority, passed a resolution that, having regard to the interests of women students in the Faculty of Medicine, the Convocation suggest to the University Court that they should ask the Infirmary Board to reconsider the question.

During the discussion on the question many spoke in favour of the resolution, but Dr. Edge said he considered the main question concerned the patients, and from his experience he had no hesitation in saying that 99 per cent. of the men would object to being attended to by lady residents, while as regarded the women, quite 75 per cent. would rather be attended to by men.

Miss Mathilde Dresden of Cavendish Square, W., who has left the residue of her estate to her brother absolutely, has expressed the wish that he will establish an institution where ladies over 50 years of age in reduced circumstances, but having some small means, may obtain food and lodging at a reasonable cost.

## LECTURES OF THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

A course of lectures of special interest to Women Health Visitors and School Nurses is announced by the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W., to be given in the Institute and Parkes' Museum, beginning on Monday, March 14th, at 7 p.m. The course will consist of lectures and practical demonstrations on Physiology, Personal Hygiene, and the Sanitation of School Buildings and Dwellings. Visits are being arranged to crèches and the school for mothers, and students will have the privilege of attending certain lectures and demonstrations in the course for sanitary officers. The fee for the course will be one guinea.

## Hearts Linked Across the Sea.

## LONDON.

In a quiet square of the vast Metropolis is the firm, erect figure of him whose name is engraved as deeply on the hearts of the people of England as ever the word "Calais" was written on the heart of the unhappy Queen Mary. The rush and roar of the mighty City never ceases, but round this statue is peace and rest, and it is a powerful, though silent, witness to the shortness of earthly strife, to victory through death, and to a lasting success won through apparent defeat and failure. Near by, the figure of England's greatest naval hero is elevated on a lofty column above all the other statues there, but this one is only two or three steps above the ground at its base.

One day, at noon, three or four shabby-looking men were seated on these steps, resting under the shadow of him who, in life, never failed to help and succour those in need, and who stood above them still, protecting and sheltering the stricken and the struggling in life's weary race.

And a passer-by thought the sight a beautiful one, and truly symbolical of the life and character of General Charles George Gordon, whose loving care and service for others is influencing many lives to-day in different parts of the world.

## KHARTUM.

A far distant city, lately risen Phoenix-like from its own ashes; a city of many memories—memories of a great heart, which beat with a passionate throb for the sufferings of humanity and the dumb creation—memories of faith unshattered, which recognised no failure; of hope far-reaching, which saw in the dark cloud of disappointment the rainbow of God's promised blessing upon the land; of love stronger than death; of mutual devotion and self-sacrifice—all these and many others.

And in an open space of the city is the uplifted figure on the camel's back, which appeals with irresistible force to the loyalty and veneration of the citizens.

One day a poor native woman was seated on the ground in front of the statue. She had been there for many hours, unmindful of the scornful remarks of the passers by, watching and waiting. She was watching for one look of recognition from him who had never before failed to greet her with a kindly glance. The sun was low and cast strange lights and shadows; the flickering sunlight played lovingly on the still face, endowing it with the semblance of life, and the glowing features seemed animated with an expression of benignant tenderness.

And the watcher's heart was filled with joy, for as she afterwards said: Gordon Pasha had smiled at her.

NOTE.—The last-named incident was published in the *Record* newspaper of September 7th, 1906. The correspondent who sent the account of it also mentions that General Gordon's statue at Khartum is much venerated by the natives there, who said, when they first saw it, that Gordon Pasha had come back to take care of them again.

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