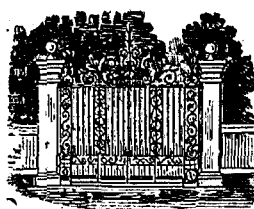


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## Outside the Gates.



The Holloway Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society states in its annual report that there were last year 13,132 women prisoners discharged from Holloway Prison sent there from London, Middlesex, Surrey, West Kent, and a part of Essex. They varied from the Militant Suffragist to the most degraded inebriate. Many had little mental power but could not be certified as insane. Some were very young and ought not to have been released to carry out their avowed intention of leading an immoral life, and some were very old and should be sheltered for the remainder of their lives. Of the discharged prisoners 4,386 applied for help, and 3,949 received assistance from the Society's agents, who were at the prison gates every morning to meet such women as were released. Some were restored to family or friends, some started in business as street hawkers or in other ways, and some of the more hopeful went into homes for training.

Miss Isabel Cleghorn, Head Mistress of Heeley Bank Council School, Sheffield, was on Monday elected Vice-President of the National Union of Teachers at its Annual Conference at Plymouth, as a result of the previous ballot. She is the first woman Vice-President elected, and will automatically become President of the Union next year. On rising to acknowledge her election, Miss Cleghorn, who was enthusiastically cheered, said that the vote was in effect a declaration that the Union knew no Salic law, and that in the future women might share with men not only the pleasure of paying their subscriptions, but also its highest honours and greatest responsibilities.

The Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, M.P., Secretary of State for War, addressing a meeting of his constituents at Haddington, on Monday, said that women were coming to the front in politics because the sense of citizenship was growing in their minds. There was a great disposition on the part of women to assert their right to a voice in the control of public affairs, and lately questions in the fore-front of politics, such as Tariff Reform, had touched the home interests of women very deeply.

Mr. E. Castberg, ex-Minister of Justice in Norway, lecturing at University College last week, stated that in Norway a separation is always granted by the magistrates without any special reason being alleged if it is demanded by both parties. A separation can also be granted by the Ministry of Justice if a man is a drunkard, or has grossly neglected his conjugal duties, or if there is strong incompatibility. The granting of a divorce following a separation rested with the King—i.e., the Ministry of Justice—when one year had elapsed after separation if both parties were agreed, otherwise the term was two years.

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