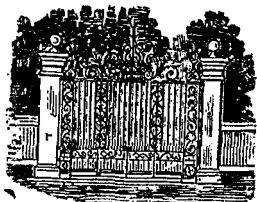


## Outside the Gates.



### WOMEN.

At the meeting of the Public Health Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, held on April 25th, Miss Emily Janes proposed a vote of condolence be sent to the friends of Miss Isla Stewart. This was carried, all present standing, and Miss Janes was requested to convey the expression of regret and sincere sympathy on the Committee's behalf.

Every woman worth her salt holds the name of John Stuart Mill in the deepest respect, and "The Letters of John Stuart Mill," edited by Mr. Hugh Elliot, will be eagerly read by many. It will be remembered he made a very happy marriage in 1851 with an old friend—Mrs. Taylor—and the following letter, in which he expresses his views on the relations of the sexes no doubt accounts for it.

"Being about, if I am so happy as to obtain her consent, to enter into the marriage relation with the only woman I have ever known with whom I would have entered into that state; and the whole character of the marriage relation as constituted by law being such as both she and I entirely and conscientiously disapprove, for this among other reasons, that it confers upon one of the parties to the contract, legal power and control over the person, property, and freedom of action of the other party, independent of her own wishes and will; I, having no means of legally divesting myself of these odious powers (as I most assuredly would do if an engagement to that effect could be made legally binding on me), feel it my duty to put on record a formal protest against the existing law of marriage, in so far as conferring such powers; and a solemn promise never in any case or under any circumstances to use them. And in the event of marriage between Mrs. Taylor and me I declare it to be my will and intention, and the condition of the engagement between us, that she retains in all respects whatever the same absolute freedom of action, and freedom of disposal of herself and of all that does or may at any time belong to her, as if no such marriage had taken place; and I absolutely disclaim and repudiate all pretence to have acquired any *rights* whatever by virtue of such marriage."

J. S. MILL.

Would that all men were sufficiently generous to divest themselves of the "odious powers" which our matrimonial laws still confer.

The subject of Woman Suffrage is treated in many of the letters.

The first woman licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London is a Parsee lady, Dossibai Rustomji Covasji Patell, of Bombay. We con-

gratulate her. A fine field of work is open to her in her native land.

Speaking recently on behalf of Women's Suffrage, Miss Rathbone, of Liverpool, said people had told her that the Woman's Suffrage movement was fizzling out. She could not detect, however, any sign of collapse in the agitation, which had now gone on for nearly half a century. Women were told that they must not strive to take any part in the making of laws, for the reason that they had not the physical force to see that the laws were carried out. If this was so why was not the Cabinet chosen from the ranks of prize-fighters?

The procession and demonstration in London on Saturday, May 28th, is to be a really fine spectacle, and the whole length of the Embankment, from Blackfriars to Westminster, will be insufficient for the numbers who mean to take part in it. Miss Pine and Miss Townend, 4, Clement's Inn, W.C., are in charge of the trained nurses' contingent, and we hope it will be an impressive one.

### VERSE.

The paths of pain are thine. Go forth  
With patience, trust, and hope;  
The sufferings of a sin-sick earth  
Shall give thee ample scope.  
Beside the unveiled mysteries  
Of life and death go stand,  
With guarded lips and reverent eyes,  
And pure of heart and hand.

WHITTIER.

### COMING EVENTS.

May 7th.—General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League. Third Annual Meeting at the Hospital, 3 p.m. Social Gathering, 4.15 p.m.

May 9th.—St. Pancras School for Mothers. Third Annual Meeting of the St. Pancras Mothers' and Infants' Society, St. Pancras Town Hall, 3 p.m.

May 10th.—The Infants' Hospital, S.W. A Course of Lectures on Babies. II.—Zymotic Enteritis. The conditions under which the disease arises. By Dr. Ralph Vincent. Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m.

May 11th.—View Day, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Sale of Work for the new Nurses' Home Building Fund, Great Hall.

May 11th.—East End Mothers' Lying-in Home, Commercial Road, E. Annual Meeting, Mansion House, Lord Mayor in the chair, 3 p.m.

May 12th.—Guy's Hospital, S.E. Post Graduate Lectures. "The Mental Factor in Disease." By H. C. Cameron, Esq., M.D. Nurses' Home, 8 p.m.

May 28th.—Procession of Women Suffragists from the Embankment to Albert Hall, organised by the Women's National Social and Political Union.

### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"The man who has begun to live more seriously within, begins to live more simply without."

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