

of £9,000, was opened by the Hon. Mrs. Heywood-Lonsdale, of Shavington, who initiated the project, and subscribed £1,000 to the fund.

In responding to a vote of thanks to Mrs. Heywood-Lonsdale, Captain Heywood-Lonsdale mentioned that a scheme of supplying hampers containing edibles for the patients had proved a great success, and been a financial benefit to the institution.

Local interest is what is required to fight consumption, and at a county meeting held at Welshpool last Saturday Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Lord-Lieutenant of Montgomeryshire, said the people of North and South Wales looked upon themselves as two different peoples, and so far had never combined together, but they could not be joined in a better work than waging war upon consumption. In regard to that scourge Wales was one of the blackest spots in the United Kingdom. They heard a good deal about Wales having built churches and chapels and spent a great deal on education, but up to the present little indeed had been done for the health of the people generally, and possibly that was as important as anything else.

Dr. A. Latham said consumption cost Wales £400,000 a year, and they only got alleviation of suffering for it, whereas if they took prevention as their keynote they could stamp out the disease in a single generation for £100,000 a year. A County Committee was elected to further the scheme.

It has been decided to build and endow a hospital at Broadford, Skye, to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Mackinnon, of Strath. The hospital will supply a great want in the east of the island, as at present patients have to be conveyed for long distances to obtain hospital treatment.

BUSH NURSING.

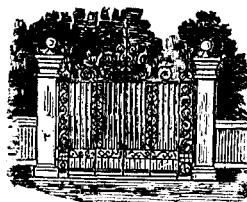
A medical practitioner in Tasmania, writing on the subject of the scheme for Bush Nursing in Australasia, in the local press, after laying stress upon the fact that his criticism is not unfriendly, points out that the conditions pertaining to rural England bear no similarity to the contrary conditions of Australian country life. He considers that the nurse most needed in back blocks is the maternity nurse, who is a crying necessity in every bush town, and that the agony of motherhood would be enormously lightened if such nurses were provided.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

Nurses will be glad to know that the Medical Supply Association, 228 and 230, Gray's Inn Road, W.O., has now branches in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Sheffield, Dublin, and Cardiff. The firm publishes a most useful illustrated catalogue of its surgical dressings, appliances, and nursing requisites, which those who are unable to visit any of the firm's establishments should keep by them for reference. We may draw special attention to the maternity bag supplied to the educational classes of the London County Council, which, without fittings, costs 3s. 9d., and including fittings 8s. 6d.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Last week was "Suffrage Week," and every day great demonstrations in support of the Women's Suffrage Conciliation Bill have been held in different parts of London under the auspices of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, and a number of other Societies, ending with the united mass meeting in the Albert Hall, when Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., presided. At the meeting held in the St. James's Theatre on Tuesday, 9th inst., under the auspices of the Conservative and Women's Franchise Association, when the Countess of Selborne was in the chair, Mr. John Buchan said that "Women had played a large part in English politics, but they played it underground. They desired to stop that. They wanted to improve woman's legitimate power by curtailing her illegitimate power."

At a reception at the Chelsea Town Hall the following day Lady Frances Balfour said that she believed the Conciliation Bill would be simply the stepping-stone to a Bill introduced by a representative Government. The Divorce Commission, of which she was a member, had been listening all day to the views of the industrial and working class of the country, and she did not think she had ever listened to anything that was a stronger and more convincing argument as to the need for representative power for women. She would that such things as she had heard that day could go forth with all their burning force and power to give the lie to the statement that women had nothing to complain of.

The meeting on Thursday at the Albert Hall, organised by the Women's Social and Political Union, over which Mrs. Pankhurst presided, was an unqualified success. Every seat in the hall was filled, and the collection opened with a donation of £5,000, and only closed when the sum of £9,000 was reached.

The week's demonstration has been a splendid success, and all the Societies were quite determined and united in calling on the Government to grant facilities for the Conciliation Bill.

The Blackrock Urban Council, on the motion of Lady Dockrell, has passed the following strong resolutions demanding the appointment of women inspectors of lunatics and women members of Asylum Committees:—(1) Having regard to the fact that nearly half the lunatics in Ireland are females, the Government be asked to appoint a lady inspector to visit the female lunatics in Ireland; (2) that, having regard to the large number of female lunatics and to the increasing expenditure for the upkeep of the asylums and also for the maintenance of the insane, the Government be asked to make it compulsory that at least one member of every Asylum Committee in Ireland should be a woman.

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