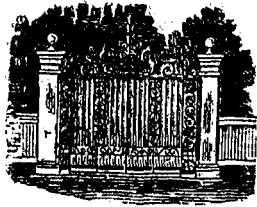


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



A fund which deserves the warm support of all who are interested in helping educated women to adopt a profession or calling is the Educational Women Workers' Loan Training Fund, in connection with which the Dowager Countess Desart held a Reception on Wednesday. The Fund has been founded to assist educated women who are obliged to earn their own living and who have not the means to enable them to train for any of the professions or occupations open to women. The distinctive features of the Fund are: (1) That money (if necessary) will be loaned for board and residence during the training period, as well as for the training fees; it being deemed wiser to help a few thoroughly rather than numbers partially. (2) That money be advanced with as little delay as possible.

It is desired to raise at least £5,000, and with such a sum in hand the Committee estimate that they could meet the demands of applicants for some considerable time, as the amounts advanced would steadily and regularly be returning after a certain interval.

The Fund is not a charity, but a step in social reform, and affords those who need it the means of helping themselves, especially the daughters of professional men whose activities in the service of their fellow men leave no opportunities for the accumulation of private fortunes.

The Hon. Secretary reports that from November, 1908, to the end of May, 1910, the Committee has advanced loans to fifteen trainees, eleven of whom have finished their training, two have entirely repaid their fees, seven are paying back in regular instalments, some keeping strictly to the 15 per cent. due from their earnings, and others are paying larger amounts. Of the fifteen trainees five have taken up midwifery, one has been trained as a teacher of dancing, one as a teacher of physical culture, six as secretaries and foreign correspondents; one, a lecturer in English subjects, is being helped during her last year of training for the Cambridge Teaching Diploma; one is being trained as a cook.

A more useful fund could hardly be imagined. At the same time it emphasises the inequalities of men and women in their equipment for the battle of life. Parents feel in honour bound to provide their sons with a profession or occupation by which they can support themselves, but many daughters have no such provision made for them, but are only too thankful to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the above Fund, and to repay the amount lent to them for training out of their slender incomes when they begin to earn them. The other alternatives to which they have to look forward are possible marriage or destitution.

Once again women have to face the fact that, in a new reign, Parliament has been opened by the Sovereign without the Speech from the Throne containing any reference to the question of women's enfranchisement. A Coronation Year in which they cannot exercise the rights of citizenship dawns sadly for the women of the United Kingdom.

### COMING EVENTS.

*February 9th.*—London Homoeopathic Hospital. Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Guild in the Board Room of the Hospital, 3 p.m.

*February 9th.*—Lectures on Milk, with practical demonstrations, South Western Polytechnic Institute, Manresa Road, Chelsea, S.W., by Dr. A. Harden, F.R.S., 7.30 p.m. Fee for course of six lectures, 2s. 6d.

*February 10th.*—Address at the Nurses' Lodge, 9, Colosseum Terrace, N.W., by Miss Cox-Davies, Matron, Royal Free Hospital, on State Registration of Nurses, and the aims and objects of the Nursing Masque. Trained Nurses will be welcome. 3.15 p.m.

*February 10th.*—Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein opens the new Nurses' Home, 283, Harrow Road, 12.30 mid-day.

*February 14th.*—Gresham Lectures. Dr. F. M. Sandwith begins a course of four lectures on "The Plague." City of London School, Victoria Embankment, E.C.

*February 14th.*—Lectures on "Babies" at the Infants Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., by Dr. Ralph Vincent. "The production of pure milk. An account of the methods employed at the Hospital Farm," 5 p.m.

*February 14th.*—Central Midwives' Board Examination in London and the Provinces.

*February 15th.*—Ball in aid of Sick Pay Fund, Colonial Nursing Association, Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge.

### REGISTRATION REUNION.

*February 18th.*—A Reunion in support of the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, under the authority of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, will take place in the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.; 8 p.m. to 12. Reception, 8 p.m.

A Nursing Masque of the Evolution of Trained Nursing will be presented at 8.30 p.m.

Music and Refreshments.

Tickets on sale at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Reserved seats (limited), 10s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.; unreserved, 5s.; Matrons' and Nurses' tickets, 3s. 6d.; Performers, 2s. 6d. To be obtained from Pageant Secretary.

Matrons' and Nurses' Tickets, 3s. 6d., at the office, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (first floor), 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.; and from Matrons who offer to have them on sale or return.

### WORD FOR THE WEEK

Everything in Nature seems to have this sign on it, "Move On." Nothing stands still. Every atom in the universe is on the move. You must either move on or get run over.

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