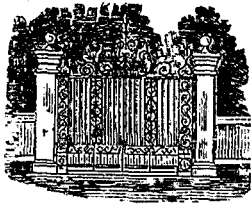


Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Friday, May 5th, will be a momentous day for the country, when Sir G. Kemp will move the Second Reading of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill. The stars in their courses have fought for us through the ballot both last session and this, and if the Government again trample upon the sacred aspirations of women in their righteous demand for political freedom it is probable that the deepest bitterness and resentment will be aroused. The greatest activity in suffrage circles prevails, the Irish Women's Franchise League of London is arranging a special deputation to Mr. John Redmond, and Irish women will meet the Lord Mayor of Dublin on his arrival in London to present a petition in their favour at the Bar of the House.

The National League for Opposing Woman Suffrage, largely composed of men, has been accepted for affiliation with the National Union of Women Workers. The opposition to political freedom and justice to our sex appears a somewhat Gilbertian reason for classification as a "woman worker," especially as the National Council of Women, the governing body of the Union, has on more than one occasion passed emphatic resolutions in support of Women's Suffrage!

Mr. Charles Duncan asked the President of the Board of Education in the House last week whether he was aware that as long ago as November, 1909, a specially convened conference, representing all the teachers in English and Welsh schools, elementary, secondary, and technical, voted unanimously for the establishment of a representative registration council and the institution of an effective register in accordance with the Act of 1907; and whether, in response to this expression of the deliberate opinion of the whole of the teaching profession, any steps have yet been taken to establish such a register.

Mr. Runciman, in explaining delay, said conferences had been held on the matter at the Board's offices, and promised that the matter should be pressed forward as speedily as possible. The truth is, it is high time the Board of Education ceased trifling with the registration of teachers. They have been treated almost as unjustly as trained nurses in their demand for legal status. We can only suppose that their registration would touch the vested interests of persons in power, as it is always an economic interest which obstructs the organisation of classes of workers.

Mr. Yoshio Markino continues his amusing articles in the *English Review* on "My Idealised John Bullesses," this month touching on the woman's movement. He has most enlightened views on their enfranchisement, and remarks:—

"I start to write this chapter, and I am holding my pen at this very moment, but I feel I want to throw my pen down, for it seems to me the reason is too plain. Even the cats and dogs ought to know that much. . . . What else can I say, seeing such a strange phenomena that many well-educated and most refined John Bullesses with full sense in every respect cannot vote, only because they are women. And on the other hand, those Little Englanders, hardly worth to be called humans, are voting because they are men!"

On the courtesy shown women in England in serving them first and assisting them from carriages, he observes:—"I must say this is most beautiful national custom. But from the psychological point of view, are the men really respecting the women? I do suspect. My suspicion shall never clear off as long as such savage customs are existing—I mean the under-payment or non-voting for women."

Of candidates for parliamentary honours he writes:—"They often buy votes with a glass of beer, and sometimes by the means of telling lies. Hence I have got some disliking feeling toward the word 'diplomatic.'" Proceeding to a more intimate study of his John Bullesses, he remarks that they are good subjects for "novels, poetries, and pictures; but their innerside is very much matter-of-fact."

Of the parts played by certain women in the East, Mr. Markino observes:—"They acted with a describable tyranny towards the nations, and had super-luxurious and most wickedly infatuated lives. Hence in Japan or China we used to call woman, 'Flower in face and dagger in heart,' 'Super Human Evil,' 'Incarnation of the Old Fox.'" These would appear nice pet names for our Suffragettes for use in the anti-Suffrage press.

COMING EVENTS.

May 9th.—East London Hospital for Children, E. Opening of New Extension to the Out-patient Department and Open-air Shelter by H.H. Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, 3.15. Tea and Coffee.

May 10th.—Missionary Exhibition for Nurses, organised by the Nurses' Missionary League, Holborn Hall, 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

May 10th.—Annual Meeting, Parents' National Educational Union, Crosby Hall. Chairman, The Right Hon. the Earl of Lytton, 5 p.m.

May 15th.—Annual Meeting, Church of England Temperance Society (Central Women's Union), Caxton Hall, 2.30 p.m.

May 17th.—Conference at the Guildhall on "Lodging-house Accommodation for Women," the Duchess of Marlborough presiding. 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 to 5 p.m.

May 20th.—Visit to Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton, Hants, by invitation of Sir William Treloar and his Co-Trustees.

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