

vote was, in itself, a great compliment to women, as it was the saloon bar, dime museum, and gambling hell bosses, who feared and opposed what they knew would be the purifying influence of the women's vote. "Down with dirt, drink and damnation," cried the women. Less ill-gotten gains, realised those who traffic in the wreck of humanity!

But the victory is to the strong, and glad we are that the Californian State Nurses' Association played up boldly on the side of suffrage. To its members warmest admiration and heartiest congratulations.

It is this influential body of Registered Nurses which desires to extend an invitation to the International Council of Nurses to visit San Francisco in 1915, and from which Association no doubt, a President will be selected for the next triennial period, when it meets at Cologne in 1912. Nothing could be better—a woman politically enfranchised and professionally registered can well command the respect of the nursing world.

According to the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, the Child Welfare Committee struck an original note in its recent New York exhibition in aid of the young. The committee touched the hearts and consciences of visitors by illustrated rhymes on the walls, indicative of the kind of little folk who work at home under sweat-shop conditions. The verses effectively supplemented the familiar photographs of the Consumers' League, showing a host of children of kindergarten age in the act of making artificial flowers, and a baby of four pulling bastings from men's clothes. Here is one of these catchy little revised affairs:

One little child made Irish lace,
 One little child made flowers,
 One little child made willow plumes,
 And one sewed silk for hours.
 And all of them worked in a close, hot room
 Through the day's bright, sunny hours.

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 Mary, Mary, stylish and airy,
 Where did your willow plumes grow?
 With backache and sighs
 And very sore eyes
 Of these little ones all in a row.

How many are there, we wonder, who saw the exhibit, who will continue with a clear conscience to wear such adornments until child-labour laws are amended!

The charge to Queen's Nurses for residence at Bryn-y-Menai, the beautiful Home of Rest at Bangor, has been provisionally fixed at 12s. 6d. per week.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has signified his intention to subscribe a fixed annual sum in support of Sir William Treloar's Poor Children's Christmas Hamper Fund.

A memorial service for Prince Francis of Teck will be held in the chapel of the Middlesex Hospital on October 23rd at 3.30 p.m. The Treasurers have received from Lord Howard de Walden his annual subscription of £300.

The officials of the British Medical Association have issued a statement on the present position as regards the attitude of the medical profession towards the National Insurance Bill, in which they say that no action on behalf of the profession can or will be taken to modify the policy already laid down.

The late Dr. Pavy has left £2,000 as an endowment fund for a gymnasium he founded at Guy's Hospital; and £1,000 to the British Medical Benevolent Fund.

It was reported at a meeting of the Halifax Nursing Association held at the Town Hall, that the house in Clare Road, which has been taken as a home for the nurses, was being put into order, and it was hoped to furnish the home completely through gifts, so that it would not be necessary to trench upon the ordinary income for this purpose.

A record sum has been given to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, through the donation boxes. It was found at the Annual Clearance that they contained no less than £329 os. 7d., made up as follows:—15 single notes, 58 sovereigns, 95 half-sovereigns, 5 crown pieces, 418 half-crowns, 513 florins, 1097 shillings, 841 sixpences, 723 three-penny pieces, 3738 pennies, and 692 half-pennies. This proves widespread gratitude and appreciation of the institution.

Nurse Amelia Alder, of Dover, appeared before the Sleaford Board of Guardians on Monday week and was appointed head nurse for the Sleaford Union. She returned thanks, but before the rising of the Board tendered her resignation, to the great surprise of the Guardians. This is the sort of inconsiderate conduct which inspires men with lack of confidence in women's business faculty.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S PORTRAIT.

Our readers should not miss the opportunity of securing a very beautiful coloured reproduction of the famous picture of Miss Florence Nightingale in the National Gallery, to be obtained from the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, 159, St. Stephen's House, Westminster Embankment, S.W., price 5s. A form for this purpose will be found in our advertisement columns.

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