

tropical regions of the earth, a great increase in the area habitable by white men would be obtained. Although the tropical heat and the intense glare of the tropical sun are not specially suited for white races, and though the intensity of sunlight may in itself prove harmful to those unprovided with a fully pigmented skin, yet with a few and comparatively simple precautions it is possible for white men to live in health and comfort within the tropics, provided only that malaria and the allied tropical diseases are not present."

But what about the future of the native races? Who shall say how much of the inertia which causes the energetic white man to speak of the "lazy nigger" is due to the saturation of their blood with malarial poison? Remove the taint, and the native races may yet surprise the world, for many of them have capacities of no mean order. We must pass over the chapters on Industrial Diseases, Legal Medicine, and Idiosyncrasies, interesting as they are, and refer briefly to that on "Treatment by X-rays, by Radium, and by Finsen Light." We are able, by the kindness of the publishers, to reproduce an illustration of treatment by radium. As most people now know, radium can cause inflammation of the skin, or even ulceration if the application is sufficiently prolonged. It is used in the treatment of superficial conditions of the skin, such as birth marks, hairy and pigmented moles, chronic eczema, and overgrown scars, also rodent ulcer can be cured, and good is sometimes done in the more deeply seated forms of cancer.

There is not one dull page from cover to cover.

### NURSES CONGRATULATE THE NEW UNIONIST LEADER.

Nurse suffragists of all shades of opinion will unite in offering their heartiest congratulations to Mr. Bonar Law on his unanimous election as Leader of the Unionist Party in the House of Commons. With no uncertain sound Mr. Bonar Law has declared his belief in the principle of extending the Parliamentary franchise to women, stating to a deputation, at the time of his election in Bootle, his opinion that in logic and in justice women ought to have the vote, and that he would certainly oppose any further extension of the franchise for men that did not include the extension of the franchise to women. Unionist women are specially gratified at the selection of the new leader, for many good suffragists have refrained from working for their party owing to the strong anti-suffrage propaganda of such prominent members as Lord Curzon, Lord Cromer, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain. It is a significant sign of the times that the claims of two strong anti-suffragists for the leadership should have had to give way to those of a supporter of the woman suffrage cause. The principle goes deeper than that of adhering to the cause of woman suffrage only, for no man who denies to women the right of citizenship can possess that instinctive sense of justice and perspicuity which constitute a real leader of mankind.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### WOMEN.

The Prime Minister's declaration of the Government's intention to introduce a Bill to establish Universal Manhood Suffrage has evoked a declaration of policy from most of the Woman Suffrage Societies. As a result of agitation the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George have consented to receive a deputation, representing the various Woman Suffrage Societies, on Friday, Nov. 17th.

The National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, through its President, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., calls attention to the Prime Minister's statement that the Bill will give the Parliamentary vote to "citizens of full age and competent understanding," and claims the inclusion of women in the Bill taking its stand upon their citizenship.

The Women's Social and Political Union has reverted to its militant tactics, and on November 21st, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has arranged to lead a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and express to them the profound indignation felt at the Government's "latest attempts to betray the woman suffrage cause." The carrying out of the programme will now depend on the answer the deputation receive on Nov. 17th.

The Women's Freedom League, through its President, Mrs. Despard, indignantly protests against the Government's proposal to introduce a Reform Bill without the inclusion of women, and insists upon the inclusion of men and women on equal terms.

The Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage has adopted the following resolution:—

"That this committee, having taken note of the Prime Minister's renewed undertaking to give facilities for the Conciliation Bill next year, pledges itself to proceed with the Bill."

The Men's League will strenuously resist the Government's proposal to establish manhood suffrage without granting votes to women.

Attitude of the Labour Party.—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., has publicly stated that the Labour members will not allow a measure of extended franchise to men to defeat the proposals for womanhood suffrage.

The Irish Women's Committee for the consideration of the National Insurance Bill has forwarded a series of amendments to each of the Irish members of Parliament. The following suggested amendments are included:—

1. That at least one nurse shall be included on each Advisory Committee and Local Health Committee.

2. That on the panel of doctors lady doctors should be included.

3. That in regard to nurses, that in respect of sickness or disablement, whether accidental or constitutional, which may be received or contracted during temporary or permanent employment in any hospital, infirmary, asylum, or sanatorium, nurses shall be continued as free inmates of such hospitals or other institutions, during the necessary treatment, and receive the usual benefit money per week.

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