

victory for suffrage has given a vast impetus to movements for political and social purification. Miss Cooke is now the treasurer of the California Civic League, a non-partisan State organisation founded last November in response to the demand of newly-enfranchised women for some means of preparing themselves to use the ballot intelligently. The motto of the League is, "Study and Service." Among the questions it proposes to study are the Unprotected Girl and the Social Evil. Miss Cooke has long been intensely absorbed in the new crusade against the social evil, and has done much to bring forward this piece of work for women.

Let those who are blind to the relation between the political degradation and the sex degradation of women ponder the following words uttered by Mr. Clayton Herrington, of the United States Department of Justice, in an address before a San Francisco Club in January of this year. He recited the horrors of the underworld, and said: "I appeal to the women of California—mothers whose daughters may, for aught they know, be doomed to this fate—I appeal to them to vow in the name of their womanhood and in the name of their motherhood that these crimes against the lives and souls of their children shall no longer be tolerated. **THEY HAVE VOTES NOW, THEY HAVE POWER NOW: those who administer public affairs will now give them gracious audience, they will listen and give heed to what the womanhood of California may say.**"

Fayetteville, U.S.A.

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NEW LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—It may be of interest to your readers to note that the year 1911 has seen the passing of three new Acts of Parliament, all of importance. The most comprehensive of these is the "Animals' Protection Act," which, although mainly a consolidating Act, marks an advance in several particulars of some importance. The second legislative measure of first-rate importance is the inclusion in the "Mines Act" of some very definite and much-needed regulations with reference to the treatment of ponies in mines, and the placing of these under Government inspection. This will do much to mitigate a great scandal; and were this reform the only one achieved, it would be enough to make the year a memorable one in the annals of animal protection. The third is the "Poultry Act," the object of which is to protect poultry from unnecessary suffering while being conveyed by land or water. This was greatly needed, and should produce good results. On the whole, we have much cause to congratulate our sub-human friends on the year's campaign on their behalf.

ERNEST BELL,

Editor, *The Animals' Friend*.

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REPLIES.

Enquirer, Malvern.—It is of the first importance to train in a hospital, in which the experience is varied and extensive, and of which the nurse training school is of good standing, with a course of not less than three years. It is well to decide fairly early in your training on the branch of nursing which you hope to take up ultimately, and to bend your energies to acquiring knowledge which will help you in that special work.

Miss Evans, York.—It is quite open to you to make your own arrangements when attending the International Congress of Nurses at Cologne; or if you prefer to apply to Miss Mollett, Rose Cottage, Three Cross, Wimborne, for information as to the party she is organising. All trained nurses will be welcomed at the Congress, but only the delegates of National Councils can vote at the business meetings of the International Council.

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