

parts (he left a letter to this effect for his mother) the news made little stir. Anyway, it was said, Botany Bay was his ultimate destination, as well sooner as later.

The matter was never mentioned to Martha.

Come harvest time she was to be found once more amongst the gleaners, with something of the old spring in her step and flush on her cheek. Her neighbours noted that the parlour blind was updrawn, and her garden tended, and, though always a place of silence, the cottage by the wood had once more the air of human habitation. Here for forty years she lived alone, and here it was she died. She was laid under the flowering thorn, by the side of little Cuckoo Flower, whose crimson tragedy had been long forgotten by a passing world.

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Later the tumbledown little cottage was entirely demolished, when behold! under the great hearthstone, buried deep—deep—deep in earth, was found the skeleton of a full-grown man!

But how he died, and when, none will ever know.

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Parson's wife, many years a widow, came one summer's day from afar, and lingered long by the mounds under the crimson thorn.

She looked straight upward into the calm of a cloudless heaven.

"Had she been bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh, I too might have done it," her heart cried out as if in appeal to the Most High.

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THE END.

COMING EVENTS.

May 13th.—Medico-Psychological Association, Final Examination.

May 13th.—National Food Reform Association Conference. Diet in Schools. The Guildhall, E.C.

May 13th.—Penal Reform League. Conference on the Feeble-Minded. 1, Portman Square, W. 3.15 p.m.

May 15th.—Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute. Conference of the Affiliated County Nursing Associations.

May 20th.—Meeting in support of the Myddelton Square Maternity Nursing Association, by invitation of Viscountess Clifden, 1, Great Stanhope Street, Park Lane, 3.15 p.m.

May 21st.—Ninth Annual Meeting of the Rural Midwives Association, 3, Grosvenor Place, S.W., Lord Aberdare presiding. The National Insurance Act, with special reference to midwifery, will be discussed. 3 p.m.

May 22nd.—Asylum Workers' Association. Annual General Meeting. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Chair, Sir William Collins, M.D., F.R.C.S. 3.30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been invited by the Council of the Society of Women Journalists to represent it at the International Congress on Eugenics to meet in London in July.

Miss Beatrice Cutler, Assistant Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been elected a member of the Lyceum Club on her social service qualifications. Miss Cutler, together with the late Miss Isla Stewart, is the only English nurse not working in France upon whom the Medal of the *Assistance Publique* of Paris has been bestowed. Her twelve years' work in Egypt was also of an educational and very useful character.

Lord Wolmer has introduced a Bill proposing to enable women to become barristers, solicitors, and Parliamentary agents. A thousand congratulations to this progressive young Unionist. Women may now practise as barristers in France, Belgium, Canada and the United States. It is nice to think that we may not be quite the last nation to permit free choice of such professions to women!

The *Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review*, which is issued quarterly, and which is the official organ of the Association of Women of that Party, presents with the current issue a charming portrait of the President, the Countess of Selborne. The journal is admirable, well edited and produced, and contains some very persuasive articles.

The lantern lectures which have been prepared by Miss Amelia Gurney and Mrs. Scoresby Routledge on "Women's Work" and "Lands where women have the vote," have already been given in several places, and are proving most successful.

The Association intends to hold a dinner and reception at the Hotel Cecil on May 21st to raise funds to carry on with quiet persistency propaganda concerning the demand for women's enfranchisement.

The greatest woman suffrage parade which New York has ever seen took place there on May 4th, when between 8,000 and 10,000 women and about 1,000 men sympathisers marched from Washington Square up Fifth Avenue to Fifty-Seventh Street. Women of almost every occupation and profession, of all classes, rich and poor, and of all ages, participated. They were dressed mostly in plain white, and the line of march was gay with their bright sashes, pennants, parasols, and banners, bearing "Votes for Women" and other inscriptions relating to the woman suffrage movement. We see our dear Miss Dock in that wonderful procession—and no doubt many of the leading American Nurses were with her.

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