

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

"The Girlhood of Queen Victoria," based on the journal kept by her in her teens during her youth at Kensington Palace, will be published this month, and will be eagerly read.

One of the most significant and hopeful features of the Woman Suffrage movement is that men are organising not only nationally but internationally, to obtain this reform, and that distinguished delegates from European countries, the United States, and Japan should have attended the Congress organised by the Men's International Alliance for Woman's Suffrage, opened in London last week.

Sir John Cockburn, who presided, and who spoke from personal experience in Australia, said that when the influence of woman found its full expression in the management of affairs the world would be a happier and better place. We were witnessing the end of the patriarchal age in which men claimed the sole qualification for the management of affairs. True, there were still emphatic supporters of the doctrine, but their voice was a dying one.

Mr. J. du Breuil de St. Germain told the Congress that the Municipal Council of Paris and other local authorities had voted in favour of Woman Suffrage, and the movement had much support amongst Deputies, and Dr. A. Munch-Petersen, of Denmark, said that they had the best reason to expect the immediate grant of the vote to women in Denmark, as the Danish Government had introduced a Bill with this object, and no party in the State dared oppose it.

A memorial has been sent to the Prime Minister from the Women's Local Government Society, of which Lady Strachey is president, urging that advantage should be taken of the opportunity afforded by the Franchise Bill to place the local government franchise for women on a just and uniform basis throughout the whole country. The memorialists point out that the Bill will supersede all existing local government franchises and will set up simpler machinery, but that unless amended it will perpetuate in England and Wales a sex disability for women owners and women lodgers, and will create a disability for married women in England and Wales outside London.

The number of women candidates who have been nominated for the municipal elections in London this week is not so large as in some previous years. "Too busy working for suffrage" we are told by the best type of women.

The "Pass the Bill" Committee of the Criminal Law Amendment (White Slave Traffic) Bill is organising a great united demonstration in the London Opera House, Kingsway, in support of

the Bill on the evening of Tuesday, November 12th. Many important societies are uniting in giving further publicity to the strong determination already expressed that the Bill shall be passed without the weakening amendments made in Grand Committee, as it is believed that the Bill, in its original form, is the smallest measure which can deal effectually with the trade, which is a disgrace to humanity and on the increase, with organisations in all countries, but whose clearing-house is said to be London. Lady Bunting is hon. treasurer, and Mrs. Percy Bigland hon. secretary of the committee. Particulars of the meeting can be obtained from the secretary, "Pass the Bill Committee" 19, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W.

Dr. Florence Willey and Dr. Barbara Tchaykovsky draw attention to the work of the Women's League of Service, which has been founded to unite women in a common bond, to further the interests of motherhood, and to improve the conditions under which children are brought into the world, and under which they exist during the first few months of their lives. They state that eminent authorities are agreed that loss of nutrition during the prenatal period and the first nine months of life can never be wholly made up. The work of the League is threefold: (a) To feed ill-nourished mothers; (b) to befriend and instruct the ignorant; and (c) to train social workers. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, 31A, Mortimer Street, W.

COMING EVENTS.

November 2nd.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Quarterly Meeting, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. 3.30 p.m. Tea. Open Meeting, 5 p.m. Discussion: "The Bill for the State Registration of Nurses."

November 2nd.—Sale of Work in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

November 6th and 13th.—Nurses' Missionary League. The Autumn programme. Lectures on Hinduism and Islam, University Hall, W.C., by Canon Weitbrecht. Lecture on Nov. 6th at 10.30 a.m.

November 6th.—Irish Nurses Association. Lecture on "Massage in Nervous Diseases," Dr. Moorhead, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m.

November 7th.—Subscription Ball at the Mansion House in aid of the British Red Cross Balkan Fund.

November 14th.—General Meeting, League of St. John's House Nurses, 12, Queen Square, W.C. 3 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"A grain of glorie mixt with humblenesse,
Cures both a fever, and lethargicknesse."

—George Herbert.

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