

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

Tuesday, July 23rd, is the date fixed by the Women's Local Government Society for holding an American Fair (by kind permission of the Council of Bedford College) in the house and grounds of South Villa, Regent's Park, N.W. An American Fair is, in fact, a market for country produce and dainty cakes and sweets, which are supplied by the visitors to the Fair, who are also the purchasers. Here are to be found the freshest and best of eggs, poultry, fruit, vegetables, flowers and honey, with home-made butter, cakes and sweets: truly an opportunity not to be missed by the dwellers in town or country.

This particular Fair will be unique in that it will cater not only for the more delicate of our gastronomic wants, but that it will offer an unparalleled set of what are known, in such a connection, as side shows. From 3.30 to 7 p.m. visitors to the Fair, who may or may not have contributed to the market, will find ample entertainment in the various arrangements that are being made for their edification. The band of the Highbury Industrial School will play in the grounds. The small payment of 1s. will admit to the Fair and entitle the visitor to tea served in the garden or in the house. Additional small payments will admit to the performances of the English folk dances by the students of the South Western Polytechnic, who are generously giving their services, to concerts by the choir of the London College for Choristers, to witness the work of a Japanese artist, whose pictures will be on sale, and to the opportunity of securing a delightful silhouette portrait of themselves.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Local Government Society appeal for co-operation to make this Fair a financial success. They ask the friends and supporters of the Society to give their help by coming to the Fair, by bringing or sending contributions for the stalls of country produce or cakes, or by sending special donations to the funds of the Society. All articles for the Fair should be marked with the selling price and, if sent by post, should be addressed to Lady Lockyer, South Villa, Regent's Park, N.W., to be delivered on the morning of July 23rd.

Ten Suffrage Societies will take part in the Great Demonstration in Hyde Park on Sunday, July 14th, at 3 p.m., organised by the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement, in honour of Mrs. Pankhurst's birthday. It will be many weeks before Mrs. Pankhurst will have sufficiently recovered her health after her protest in Holloway to take an active part in the Suffrage movement.

Mr. H. D. Harben, of Newlands Park, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, the prospective candidate for the Barnstaple Division of Devon, has written to the Barnstaple Liberal Executive withdrawing

his candidature. In his letter of resignation Mr. Harben strongly criticised the course taken by the Prime Minister and the Government with regard to the treatment of the women suffragist leaders, and stated that his withdrawal was a protest.

Many who were unable to be present at the Queen's Hall meeting to hear Bishop Gore's address on "The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement," and all of those who were, will be glad to know that the Bishop's speech is being published in pamphlet form, price 1d., by the *Christian Commonwealth*, Salisbury Square, London.

BOOK OF THE WEEK.

THE SILENCE BROKEN.*

This collection of short stories will be welcomed by Mrs. Baillie Reynolds' many admirers. There is a good diversity of subjects, and the scenes are cast in many different lands.

"How He Refused Her" is a bright and very amusing little sketch. Alwyn, proposing to Edna, casually informs her that "My girl chucked me at the end of last season; I came out here to get over it."

Miss Farmiloe's cheeks were warm, her eyes had an angry light. "I think you ought to have told me that," she said, indignantly.

"I suppose you really want to know why she gave me notice? I don't mind telling you. It was because I wanted too many evenings out."

"What!" said the girl, too surprised to be polite.

"Yes; it was a theory I had," said the young man, pensively. "I wanted to begin as I meant to go on. So I said to her I would not always be in her pocket, and that I did not intend to give her more than one present a week. Well, she seemed to think it all right at first. I kept my two nights a week for my club, just as I intended to do after marriage—those evenings were my own, do you see?"

"Then some fooling relations of hers asked us to dine on one of my nights off. It was wholly for the principle of the thing that I refused. I was contending, you see, for the rights and liberties of all engaged men. She could not see it, however."

Lady Anne had the good sense to make it up with this pleasant young man. When Alwyn writes to be taken back into favour, he ends characteristically, "If you were to take me on again, I should still insist upon my evenings out."

We consider it eminently sensible of them both that they come to see eye to eye on this matter.

"Sunrise and Snow-Peaks" tells of a German Grand Duke married to Cecilia, daughter of the Marquis of Alderstein.

The marriage had not turned out altogether a success, as the first child was a daughter instead of the much-wished-for heir.

* By Mrs. Baillie Reynolds, Mills & Boon, Ltd., London, W.

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