

THE HAMPTON ROBB SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Committee of the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Fund is now completing its plans for awarding scholarships for the year 1913-14. It has under consideration arrangements providing opportunities selected from the following fields of work for nurses wishing to pursue special studies in such fields. These are: Mental Hygiene, Rural Nursing, School or Public Health Nursing, Training School Work, Hospital Social Service, Infant Welfare Work, and Sanitary Inspection. It is probable that three scholarships will be offered of about the value of 200 dols. each, and that one at least of these will be awarded to a student wishing to specialise in Public Health work, and to take advantage of courses offered in Boston at the School for Social Workers and at Simmons College, or in Chicago at the School of Civics and Philanthropy. Miss M. A. Nutting is the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

CONDENSED MILK.

Many people wonder what condensed milk is. It is simply cows' milk from which a large proportion of the water has been removed. This removal is effected by evaporation under reduced pressure, with the aid of heat, and the milk is thus reduced to about one-third of its original volume, so to restore it to its original condition twice its volume of water should be added.

It must be remembered that there are two kinds of sweetened condensed milk, namely, "full cream" and "machine skimmed." The latter is, of course, utterly unsuitable for feeding infants, and in this country the law requires it to be plainly labelled as such; there is little likelihood of its being purchased by mistake for the full cream product; nevertheless, mothers cannot be too earnestly warned against its use for infant feeding.

Nestlé's Swiss Milk is guaranteed to be the purest and best milk obtainable, unskimmed, uncoloured, undrugged and unadulterated—pure milk with the addition of nothing except sufficient sugar to preserve it.

It is claimed that condensed milk is specially suited for children of weak digestion, as the curd is flaky, not hard and tough.

From reports sent in by over 800 parents who fed their infants on Nestlé's Swiss Milk it appears that 96 per cent.—or nineteen out of twenty—of the children were in perfect health at the average age of two years and four months, a result that speaks for itself, especially when it is borne in mind that many of these infants were originally of weak constitution, or were the offspring of mothers whose health was not sufficiently good to permit of their suckling their babies, or were not put on Nestlé's Milk until unsuitable foods of various kinds had brought them near to death's door.

A copy of "Nestlé's Baby Book, 1913," may be obtained from Nestlé's London office, 6 and 8, Eastcheap, E.C.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

As was anticipated by women's suffrage societies, who unanimously refused to consider Mr. Dickinson's Women's Suffrage Bill adequate to compel legislation without Government support, it was rejected—after the Prime Minister had spoken strongly in opposition—by a majority of 47 in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Women suffragists are grateful to Mr. Dickinson and his supporters for their efforts on their behalf, but they consider Tuesday's Debate an insult to their intelligence. Had their opponents openly stated, "Women are now in our power, under our heel, and we mean to keep them there," they would at least have been honest, but it is futile to talk of women's political influence while denying them political power, to speak of "the duty of men to protect and shelter women" while thousands are compelled to earn their bread without the means of influencing industrial and professional legislation by the only effective weapon—the vote.

Mrs. Chapman Catt, President of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance, who is returning from a journey round the world, and is visiting this country before attending the International Women's Suffrage Congress at Budapest in June, is being entertained, as is right when we have so distinguished a visitor within our gates, by a number of suffrage societies. On Monday she was entertained at a reception at Caxton Hall, Mrs. Despard presiding; on Tuesday the Earl of Lytton received the guests at a reception in her honour at the International Women's Franchise Club, and on Wednesday she was the guest of honour at a reception given by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies at Prince's Restaurant, a very brilliant and delightful affair.

Speaking at Caxton Hall on Monday Mrs. Chapman Catt said that it was very difficult for Americans to understand the English suffrage situation, which seemed to devolve on the attitude of one man. To the American that looked intolerably autocratic.

France is fortunate that it can rank amongst its saints the blessed Joan of Arc, and on Saturday thousands of persons who worship her glorious memory marched in procession to her statues in different parts of Paris and laid wreaths from patriotic and Royalist associations as well as humble bunches of lilac from working girls and children on the monuments to the heroine of France. Next year let us cement the *entente cordiale* by sending from the nurses of the United Kingdom a delegate to take part in the procession, with an offering of our national flowers. There are many blots on our national records, but the fiery murder of this great patriot is the most horrible in history.

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