

a pint of tepid water, or as a spray. In cases of offensive nose discharge, Izal is a most efficient deodoriser, and it is reported useful in post-nasal catarrh, a disease which, though often regarded as of little importance, may give rise to indigestion, anæmia, and serious disorder of the health.

A MODERN SECOND-HAND BOOK STORE.

Time was when the lover of books hunted for treasures in the second hand book shops in dark and narrow by-ways. Now, if he is wise he will transfer his hunting ground to the broad sunlit Charing Cross Road, for there (No. 121) Messrs. W. & G. Foyle have established a marvellous store, and it is safe to say that what cannot be found by them in the way of second-hand books cannot be found anywhere.

Considering the firm have now over twenty miles of shelving, containing over 1,000,000 books in strictly classified order, it seems almost incredible that the business was started seven years ago with a few shorthand books in a soap box in a London suburb. Now they purchase, on an average, 10,000 books a week.

One reason why the store is so attractive is that some of the best instead of the worst books are outside, and expert assistants are on the pavement to give information and assistance to possible purchasers. Then, the contents of the windows are continually changed, and books on subjects of topical interest are to be found there. For instance, I should expect to find at the time of writing this article if I wandered down the Charing Cross Road, all available information as to the Lord High Chancellor displayed. If so, when this journal is published in four days' time, books relating to some subject of more up-to-date interest will have replaced it. As the firm makes a speciality of medical and nursing books nurses will do well to scan the shelves in search of what they need.

The latest department organised by the firm is one for Foreign Books at 5, Manette Street, just opposite their premises in the Charing Cross Road. This is the largest stock of second-hand foreign books in the country, and the shelves contain books in every language from Arabic to Zulu, Spanish to Chinese, so no one need despair of finding what they require.

Second-hand music is also obtainable and, up to date in everything, Messrs. Foyle provide a piano for the use of customers so that they can try over anything they like. It is this forestalling and generous provision for their clients' needs which goes so far to make the unique reputation and success of the firm.

New books are also supplied at 25 per cent. discount except those of which the published price is nett.

The *English Review* for September will contain an article entitled "The Doctors and Venereal Disease."

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The Actresses' Franchise League reports of the branch of its activities known as "The Woman's Theatre."

"This scheme, which is co-operative in principle, is intended to assist financially all other Suffrage societies that support it, as well as to spread accurate knowledge through the educational medium of the theatre. For this purpose a series of performances will be given for one week at a London theatre during the autumn, when the Actresses' Franchise League will produce Brieux' latest feminist play, 'La Femme Seule,' and will revive Bjornson's 'A Gauntlet.'

"So encouraging has been the response to this enterprise it is expected that the result will ultimately enable the league to widen the sphere of propaganda still further by establishing a permanent season for the presentation of dramatic works dealing with the women's movement."

The Department of External Affairs of the Australian Commonwealth has received, through the Secretary for the Colonies, advice from the Government of India to the effect that it has come to their notice that it is no uncommon practice for Afghans and trans-border Pathans, who visit Australia for purposes of trade or camel-driving, to marry European women while there. Such marriages are contracted by the husbands merely as a business transaction, and are, as a rule, fraught with eventual misery for the wives. These Afghans and Pathans deceive the women with lying stories of the magnificence and comforts of their homes and of their status in their own country. In this way women are induced to marry and accompany them back across the north-west frontier of India, where they are promptly sold to the highest bidder. The miserable woman is thereafter doomed to a life of close imprisonment under most barbarous conditions.

The election of women to seats in the new provincial Parliament in Canton promises to prove a great success.

On July 31st for the first time in the history of the Woman Suffrage movement, the question was freely advocated on the floor of the United States Senate, when 100,000 petitions supporting the Woman Suffrage amendment were presented. Arrived at the Capitol the women swarmed into the marble room of the Senate, whence they sent their cards to the Senators from their states. Then they waited, with arms piled high with petitions, tied with yellow ribbons.

The Senators rose to the occasion nobly, greeting the women most affably, whatever their personal opinions on the suffrage question.

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