

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The annual dinner of the Society of Women Journalists, held at the Connaught Rooms, W.C., on the evening of Saturday last, was quite the most brilliant affair the Society has organised. Mrs. Baillie Reynolds was in the chair, and the distinguished guests of the Society included the Duke of Marlborough, Lord and Lady Sydenham, Mr. Steel-Maitland, M.P., Sir Frank Newnes, the Hon. Mrs. Felkin, and many others. The seven tables, containing upwards of 200 guests, were headed by Mrs. Bedford Fedwick (Chairman of Council), Miss Graham Hope (Vice-Chair), Miss G. Burford-Rawlings (Hon. Secretary), Miss Macleod Moore (Assistant Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, and Mrs. Burnett-Smith. All the eloquent speakers paid tributes to the value of the work of women journalists. Lord Sydenham spoke of the potent influence of their moral force, and he urged them to be true to themselves, and as peacemakers to soften the asperities which in the present day were calculated to create and intensify antagonism between individuals, classes, and nations.

Miss Graham Hope, in responding to the toast of the Society, spoke with spontaneity and charm.

Miss Billington, the President-elect, attended, and the splendid work she did as the representative of the *Daily Telegraph* at the Great Durbar when the King-Emperor paid his historic visit to Delhi in 1912 received warm appreciation from Lord Sydenham in his memorable speech.

Before the onset of winter a great scheme is being organised, in connection with a "Mothers' Day Fund," to maintain and extend the work for motherhood which is being carried on by various societies in London.

The aim of these societies is to reduce Infant Mortality; and to avert that arrested development in the surviving children which results later in life in the crippling from malnutrition, tubercle, rickets, and other diseases.

The work done is two-fold in character: It is educational—teaching the mother simple laws of health, infant care and housewifery by means of visitors, classes and demonstrations; it is also nutritional, since well-cooked dinners are served daily to expectant and nursing mothers, at 1d. or 2d. per head, or given freely if they are known to be too poor to afford this small sum.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has arranged to attend Divine Service in State on Sunday, November 2nd, in support of the Fund, and has also consented to receive donations to the Fund at the Mansion House. Collections will also be made throughout London on Saturday, November 1st, and Sunday, November 2nd.

The arrangements are being organised at the Office of the Women's League of Service, 31A, Mortimer Street, W.

Mr. John Cameron Grant, who took a prominent part in the agitation which resulted in the passing of the recent Criminal Law Amendment Act, states that the legislation passed last year cannot be said to have disposed of the matter. Steps are being taken to introduce a further amending Bill into the House of Lords.

The Exhibition to be held by *The Englishwoman* at the Maddox Street Galleries, London, next week, should be of great moment to all interested in the revival and practice of handicrafts in these days of machine-made material and ornament. A large number of arts and handicrafts will be ably represented, and all who prefer to buy for their friends at Christmas gifts stamped with the individual note that marks the craftsman rather than one of the machine made duplicates of ordinary barter, should remember *The Englishwoman* Exhibition, and note the dates, November 5th to November 15th.

COMING EVENTS.

October 28th to November 1st.—Cookery and Food Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall. Medals and Prizes for Nurses.

November 3rd and 10th.—Medico-Psychological Association Examinations for Mental Nurses.

November 6th, 11th and 12th.—Central Midwives Board. Meeting Penal Board, Caxton House, S.W. 2 p.m.

November 6th to 8th.—Glasgow Maternity and Women's Hospital: Bazaar, St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow; opened by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

November 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League, A Sale of Work at Sloane Gardens House, London. S.W. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

November 20th.—Central Midwives Board. Meeting, Caxton House, S.W., 3.30 p.m.

November 26th.—Irish Nurses Association. Lecture, "Massage in diseases of the Circulation," by Dr. Douglas Good, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin; 7.30 p.m.

November 26th.—The Association of Approved Societies: Conference on the Nursing of Insured Persons, Caxton Hall, Council Chamber; Charles Bathurst, Esq., M.P., in chair, 2.30 p.m.

November 27th.—The National Council of Trained Nurses: Annual Meeting, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London, W.; meetings, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., tea; the Isla Stewart Oration, by Miss Mollett, 5.30 p.m.

December 3rd.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh: Lecture, "The Treatment of Diseases by Bacterial Vaccines," by Dr. Struthers Stewart, Large Theatre, 4.30 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

'Tis a fine thing to smart for one's duty; even in the pangs of it there is contentment.

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