

In the debates on the Local Government Board vote the House of Commons, irrespective of party, has made it perfectly clear that it does not approve of retaining children in workhouses.

Repeated warnings on this subject have for years been addressed by your Department to boards of guardians, no one of whom can plead ignorance of or surprise at the coming change. Article 4 of this order will mainly affect the most backward boards of guardians, and we earnestly ask that the children in their care may not be consigned to two more years of workhouse life. We are, Sir, your obedient servants,

LYTTON (chairman), ALBERT SPICER (vice-chairman), LOUISE OLIVER and FRANCA BUXTON (hon. treasurers), HENRIETTA O. BARNETT (hon. secretary), and HENRY BENTINCK, W. A. CHAPPLE, NINIAN CRICHTON-STUART, LEWIS HASLAM, EDMUND TALBOT, J. H. WHITEHOUSE (members of Executive and Parliamentary Committees).

53, Victoria Street, S.W.

CHRISTIANITY AND WOMANHOOD.

Four lectures on the above subject have been arranged by the Nurses' Missionary League to take place on November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 33, Bedford Square, W.C., at 3 p.m. Nurses are cordially invited. Tea 4.15 p.m.

PARFUMERIE LA ROSE.

Have you read "Weeds"? If you have, you will realise with a heart ache how hard it is for an educated woman, brought up in comfort, to make an honest living. How for such unskilled workers, and even for those with expert knowledge of anything but the domestic arts, the remuneration offered barely provides sufficient for food and clothing, to say nothing of other necessities without which life is little worth living. Every channel of bread-winning seems full to overflowing—so when we meet a woman with sufficient energy and initiative to conduct an old business in a new way—we long to help her to succeed.

Thus a lady wishful to succeed in business has just opened a charming perfumery business at 3, South Molton Street, London, W., where one is attracted by the windows before opening the door. Here, on dainty cream satin, are shown most delectable wares—scents, soaps, sachets, toilet waters, creams, and other aids to refinement and personal comfort. Many are arranged most tastefully in antique glass bottles and dainty flower painted pots—such as our grandmothers filled in their still-rooms—and made exclusively for La Rose. No beauty treatment is permitted on the premises, but prepared by an expert in the treatment of the skin, will be found on sale the perfect skin tonic, *Clarisol*, and skin food, *Huile Bayadere*. In these out-of-door motoring days, there is no reason to suffer either discomfort or coarsening of the skin, if judicious use is made of the preparations La Rose.

Nurses are specially invited to inspect this exclusive perfumery salon.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

"Mothers' Day" was kept throughout London on Saturday, when collections were made in the streets on behalf of the Mothers' Day Fund, the object being to establish dining-rooms for mothers. The movement has during the past week been subject in the press to some adverse criticism by those already engaged in the work of schools for mothers and infant consultations, who think the scheme is calculated to pauperise those who participate in its provisions. The Lord Mayor, who is a medical man, has, however, given it his support, and attended a service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday for this effort on behalf of women. The preacher, Canon J. G. Simpson, pleaded eloquently that systematic effort should be made to dispel the cloud of ignorance and incapacity which existed among nearly all classes of women who undertook the burden and responsibility of motherhood. It was the education of mothers in London which this Women's League of Service had undertaken. The Canon emphasised the fact that Jewish mothers appeared to have the instinct of nourishing their children properly, and said one of the most important subjects which could engage all lovers of mankind was the preservation of the young life of the race. Personally we are all in favour of teaching every woman something of food values, and of having the race sufficiently fed. We believe in good food and plenty of it, and hope Mothers' Day will do something to provide it for those in need.

It is interesting to note that many expressed opponents to political suffrage for women are eagerly, through the Press, offering them numerous spheres of influence. Some "antis" have actually discovered that women would be useful on hospital boards, as they have been as women guardians, and at Leeds they appear quite eager to emulate the good example of the large Scottish hospitals, which for many years have wisely availed themselves of the invaluable services of such women as the late Misses Stevenson and Miss E. S. Haldane.

The fine story of the strong man who suffers with and for his people, told at length by Longfellow, has been cleverly dramatised by Mrs. Kate Harvey (the well-known member of the Women's Freedom League), who has recently served a month's imprisonment for tax-resistance. Two performances, unique and artistic in the best sense, were given at the Cripplegate Institute, E.C., in aid of *The Vote*, on November 4th, and were received with enthusiasm by the large audiences. The story was told in a series of tableaux, beginning with the "Peace Pipe," the "Four Winds"; then showing Hiawatha as child, youth and man; and ending with the death of Minnehaha and Hiawatha's departure. The tableaux were connected by readings from the poem, admirably given by Miss M. Gowans. Mrs. Harvey was persuaded to respond to a most enthusiastic call.

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