

The book is one which should on no account be missed. In conclusion we must note that "the women of the Convoy Corps convoyed themselves over country which had just been evacuated by the enemy, under conditions of difficulty which are not likely to offer themselves frequently for repetition within the continent of Europe in modern warfare . . . and they endured whatever hardships and privations they may have encountered without harm to themselves, and without a grumble or complaint from the first day to the last of the expedition." All honour to them.

We hope the book will be brought to the notice of Queen Alexandra, President of the British Red Cross Society, as well as to that of Queen Mary.

HEALTH EXHIBITION AT ABERDEEN.

The Red Cross and National Health Service Exhibition opens in the Music Hall, at Aberdeen, on Tuesday, December 16th, and continues until Saturday, 20th. We hope it may be well attended by nurses, as it is evidently going to cover a wide area of health teaching, and takes as its motto "A nation's health is a nation's wealth." Red Cross Work, Nursing Exhibits, Babies of all Lands, School Clinic Work, Model Dairy and Kitchen, Clean and Dirty Rooms, Illustrated Lantern Health Lectures, to say nothing of Tableaux, Plays and Music, are a few of the sections in connection with the Exhibition, and as we have notified there are Prizes for nurses to win.

The Swiss Red Cross Exhibits are among the most interesting of those lent by the National Union of Trained Nurses. One of the most highly prized of these loans is the photograph and autograph letter of Mon. Henri Dunant, which has most kindly been sent by Mon. Maurice Dunant. Mon. Dunant was the founder of the International Red Cross movement, and no collection of Swiss Red Cross Exhibits could be complete without some record of their revered leader.

Another very valuable exhibit is a model of a Swiss Red Cross train completely fitted up for the transport of the wounded. The train has been most wonderfully executed by Herr Dill, of Berne, and is accurate in every detail. A field hospital tent and a shed fitted up as an emergency ambulance station is another instructive and realistic exhibit showing stretcher parties at work. Other Swiss transport models are also to be seen, and are accurate down to the very knots.

Dr. Colles, of the Home Office, is to lecture on Dust Diseases, with special reference to granite dust.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"There are three wicks to the lamp of a man's life: brain, blood, and breath. Press the brain a little, its light goes out, followed by both the others."—*Holmes*.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

THE AWAKENING OF THE CHURCH.

Churchpeople of all schools of thought must be grateful to the little band of 630 clergy, headed by the Bishop of Kensington, who, by organising the great protest demonstration of the Anglican clergy against forcible feeding, at the Queen's Hall, on December 5th, have done something to remove the reproach that the Church in this country can stand by unmoved while women political prisoners are tortured by forcible feeding because they will not give up their political convictions.

The Bishop said that forcible feeding was degrading and useless, and was inflicted on women who were convinced that they were out for the cause of righteousness. It was further as inhuman as useless. For a Christian community to stand by unmoved, and to salve its conscience by saying that there was no other alternative was to stand self-condemned.

The women saw a vision to which those who held the thick stick of punishment were blind. They saw the sweater, the white slaver, condemning women to that horrible traffic, victims of the lust of men, they saw the toll levied by disease, and the horrible suffering of little children, and their response was a noble uprising for righteousness for the sake of the children yet unborn.

He pleaded that a cause so sacred should not be associated with the tactics adopted by militant men, and thought that the alternative to violence and coercion would be found by both sides in submission to the divine law of justice.

The resolution of the evening, condemning forcible feeding and demanding its cessation, was moved by the Rev. Canon Simpson, D.D., and seconded by Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., and carried. The former said that we were face to face with the inrush of a spiritual tide which we were powerless to stay, and Sir Victor Horsley spoke forcibly from the medical standpoint. Mr. C. Mansell Moullin, F.R.C.S., insisted that the method adopted was intended to break the women down, and make them give up their principles, and was therefore employed for torture.

The Rev. Lewis Donaldson, Leicester, said that the action of the women was an appeal from legality to justice. It was easy to dub them criminals, but whatever view might be taken of their political wisdom, they were not, like criminals, below the average of morality, but much above it.

On Monday President Wilson received at the White House, Washington, the delegation from the recent suffragist convention, and told them that as the leader of the Democratic Party he could not officially espouse their cause owing to the absence of a plank about it in the Baltimore platform. This leaves the Progressives as the only party favouring equal suffrage.

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