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THE PLACE OF TRAINED NURSING IN WOMAN'S KINGDOM.

At the Children's Welfare Exhibition which is to be held at Olympia from April 11th to 30th, the Women's Section is being organized by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (comprising nearly 50,000 British Women) under the name of Woman's Kingdom, and in this Kingdom space is being reserved for the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, so that the value of trained nursing to the community may be demonstrated.

The object of the Women's Section is to show that Children's Welfare is Woman's Kingdom, and that this kingdom far from being narrowed to the limits of the home is only centred there, and stretches to the utmost limits of human experience and endeavour.

At the present time woman's kingdom is debatable ground, her right to enter into its full possession is not yet conceded, but in one portion of the domain her claim is supreme, and her right to nurse the sick, her special gifts for this work, are unquestioned. The economic conditions of that work, and the position of the trained nurse in the body politic, are still questions awaiting settlement, but in the actual care of the sick in hospitals and elsewhere, and as a preventive agent of the first importance, the nurse is in an impregnable position, for her services to the community are both invaluable and indispensable. To demonstrate in part the scope of the work of trained nurses the National Council of Trained Nurses has undertaken to organize an exhibit, feeling sure that it will have the support of its affiliated societies, and thus be able to arrange an exhibit of interest and value.

The space allotted to it measures 15 feet by 20 feet, and it will therefore be seen that we must get to work at once, and, for the honour of our profession, make our special portion of Woman's Kingdom as educative and attractive as possible in the short time before us.

The Women's Section is not being organized on the lines of an ordinary commercial exhibition, although the co-operation of certain manufacturing and trading firms will help to make the section complete. The primary object of the organizers is to demonstrate that the demand for the vote is based on women's realization that children's welfare, and the welfare of the home and the nation—human welfare in short—depends on the co-operation of both sexes, not only in conforming to the laws and customs that regulate civilized life, but in initiating, moulding, and administering them, so that due consideration is given to both points of view, and full use made of the wisdom and experience of both halves of humanity. In Woman's Kingdom the organizers will endeavour to place before the public, in concrete form, evidence showing the wide interests of women, their attainments in different walks of life and branches of knowledge, together with the fruits of their experience in household arts and crafts.

It should be the pride of trained nurses, the inspiration of whose work is the mother-love which includes not only the family, but the whole of humanity in its sphere of action, to demonstrate its comprehensive and beneficent operation, along the lines of preventive, curative, and ameliorative endeavour, and the National Council of Trained Nurses, through this JOURNAL, which is its official organ, invites, both the affiliated societies and their individual members to combine to make their section one of the most interesting in Woman's Kingdom.

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