

£6,000 FOR ANTI-STRIKE CAUSE.

One of the most significant movements of the day is being organised by the Women's Guild of Empire, of which Mrs. Flora Drummond is Controller-in-Chief, and nothing so impressive as the demonstration in London for industrial peace has brightened the Metropolis since the glorious marches of the supporters of Women's Suffrage. This most picturesque anti-strike demonstration was supported by 20,000 women from the chief industrial centres and mining districts in England, Wales, and Scotland, the procession from the Victoria Embankment to the Albert Hall exceeding a mile in length.

The processionists were of all classes and all ages, and speaking many dialects. In the main they came from working-class homes and were the wives and daughters of men belonging to all kinds of industry. Red banners in profusion, girls in white carrying olive branches, and Welsh and Scottish marchers attired in their national costumes, imparted a picturesque colour to the procession, which extended from the starting-point to Blackfriars. Lancashire women were recognised by the red rose of their county; women from Paisley by their shawls, and Scottish and Northumberland fishwives by their working dress.

One of the most interesting figures in the procession came from the latter class—Mrs. Bessie Taylor, of Cullercoats, a lovely old lady, who, despite her 82 years, took her place in the march, with her sweet-faced daughter and granddaughter. In her picturesque costume and many-coloured silk shawl she attracted much attention.

Mrs. Drummond presided over the Albert Hall meeting, and the marchers were welcomed by Mrs. R. S. Henderson, the retiring president of the Women's Guild of Empire. Mrs. Drummond, in her address, said the demonstration was the beginning of a practical campaign. Women's opinions in the past were given at the fireside, but now women were organised. They wanted for the men as big wages and as good conditions as could be got, but it was because they found some of their men not going the right way about it that they said, "Let us have a try." The Guild was organising the women's point of view on industrial questions, and the first thing the women said was: "We don't want strikes or lock-outs, because we know that both are stupid weapons and have proved to be useless in the past."

Miss Elsie Bowerman (hon. secretary) proposed a resolution demanding that the resources of the nation should no longer be wasted on strikes and lock-outs, but that all indus-

trial disputes should be settled by negotiation and arbitration.

Mrs. Charlesworth (chairman and hon. treasurer of the Guild) seconded the resolution, which was supported by the wives of a South Wales miner, a railway man from the Lothians, and a Clydeside engineer, and carried unanimously.

Lady Muriel Gore-Browne, the new president of the Guild, afterwards received purses containing subscriptions for the cause, and it was announced that the sum amounted to £6,096.

Quite like old times. Thousands of pounds available for a cause heartfelt by women.



MRS. BESSIE TAYLOR,
Aged 82, a Northumbrian Fisherwoman from Cullercoats,
with her daughter and granddaughter.

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