

Mrs Hertha Ayerton

1914 - 1919

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Invented anti-gas-fan or beater  
was drumming off gas - especially for  
clearing trenches & dug-outs

Turned down at first by W.O. as "not a  
military proposition". Actual Officers  
demanded it. It was supplied then  
in tens of thousands.

In 1919 Mrs Ayerton demonstrated the  
fan before the Royal Society

# *Memorial To* *Woman MP*

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Mr and Mrs Attlee have promised to attend a variety show at the Winter Garden Theatre on February 25 as a memorial to the late Mrs Barbara Ayrton Gould, a former chairman of the Labour Party.

An official of the North Hendon Labour Party, who are arranging the show, said today, "We shall probably build a memorial room to Mrs Gould in one of the nursery staff training colleges run by the Margaret McMillan Fellowship."

Wilfred Pickles, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Miss Harriet Cohen, Carroll Levis, Margaret Eaves and the Luton Girls' Choir will be in the programme.

Hertha Ayrton - born marks.

protoge of Barbara Bodichon  
(age 50) - & Hertha (23) (1870<sup>s</sup>)

"She lacked everything that  
Barbara could give her - Being  
poor she lacked money; being young,  
she lacked experience; and being  
sensitive & clever, she needed  
Barbara's affection"

H.B. - biography of  
Barbara B.

Their delight in each  
other was mutual.

Barbara financed her as student  
in Cambridge -

She married Prof. Ayrton - (daughter  
Barbara Ayrton Gould -)

Royal Society awarded Hertha Ayrton  
Hughes Medal 1906 - became famous for  
her researches - formation of sand ripples -  
Electric Arc - the Ayrton Fan - which cleared  
the trenches of gas in World War I.