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Notes and News.

Women and the National Register.

The inclusion of women in the National Register is a measure of the plainest common-sense. If the register is to be used to any purpose at all in the organisation of our national resources, it cannot afford to ignore the only part of the strength of the nation which remains undiminished by war, and we are glad that Parliament has at last recognised this fact, even though it may still be far from acting upon it. Mr. Long truly recognised that women would have been

Mr. Long truly recognised that women would have been both injured and humiliated had they been excluded from the register, but the justification for their inclusion is wider than this; it is as wide as the nation's needs. Indeed, we think it would have been the nation itself, and not only its women, who would have been humiliated, if Parliament had thought and proclaimed that of all the women that the nation contains, none by any possible arrangement would be allowed to be of any use at all in the national crisis.

Lord Lansdowne's Disappointment.

It is rather curious to turn from Mr. Long's speech to Lord Lansdowne's, on moving the second reading of the Bill in the House of Lords. For the motive he puts forward for including women in the Register is entirely different. It was done, not to spare women the humiliation of being left out; but, apparently, because women were not coming forward in sufficient numbers to undertake the work of men. "An attempt was made," Lord Lansdowne said, "to set up a voluntary register for women with rather disappointing results. The Board of Trade Circular was received by 13,000,000 women, but only 90,000 placed their names on the register. We came, therefore, to the conclusion that we should include women." Lord Lansdowne might have added that only about 3,000 of those that registered themselves received work through the channels through which they were asked to apply. This was hardly an inducement to others to sign on. Further, from private inquiries, we find that the great majority of women never seem to have had a Board of Trade Circular at all, and we think Lord Lansdowne must have assumed, without sufficient proof, that it had been in the hands of every woman.

Lord Kitchener on Women's Service.

Speaking at the Guildhall last Friday, Lord Kitchener urged on all employers the duty of releasing men for service with the Colours, and replacing them by men unfit for active military duties, "or by women, as has already been found feasible in so many cases." Lord Kitchener went on to say, "And here I cannot refrain from a tribute of grateful recognition to the large number of women, drawn from every class and phase of life, who have come forward and placed their services unreservedly at their country's disposal." The words of the Secretary of State for War will echo through all women's hearts. Perhaps the thought may follow, Can we release more *women* for their country's service?

"Women's Work in the War."

This is the title of the forty-sixth number of the *Times' History of the War.* It gives an extraordinarily wide survey of the field of women's work from that first day of August, 1914, when "a quiet group of matrons of the nursing service spent the Sunday waiting, in the electric atmosphere of the War Office," for the news which was to summon together and then scatter abroad all the hundreds of trained women who knew exactly what to do when the call came. The marvellous swiftness of their response was as wonderful in its way as the mobilisation of the Expeditionary Force. The women who were not ready organised for war service, lost no time in following the example. The women's voluntary medical units were not long behind the military organisation, and got to work under the auspices of the French Government. The *Times' History of the War* gives a full account of how it was all done. How the hospitals founded by the Scottish Federation, on a scheme initiated by Dr. Elsie Inglis, grew until the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies have equipped and are maintaining r, 150 beds for the French and Serbian wounded; and how the splendid success of Royaumont, staffed as it is entirely by women, led the French military authorities to send a special request that Royaumont should take the most serious cases, and to ask for repeated extensions of the Scottish Hospitals' work—is all related in this chapter of women's Suffrage Societies is given on page 273. Altogether, when our friends in the Dominions, and the United States, write to ask us what we are doing, we must remember to send them copies of this excellently illustrated number, which gives an immense amount of information in a handy form.

Postmen and the Harvest.

The Postmaster-General has announced that a large number of the male staff are to be released for enlistment, and women are to be more generally employed. He also announced that postmen who wish to do harvest work are to be granted special leave, provided that they pay for substitutes. There was no objection, added the Postmaster-General, to women as substitutes, provided the load to be carried was not too great. Mr. Herbert Samuel's words recall the solitary flash of humour in the Postal Guide, which has been the delight of many an idle clerk. It is provided therein, that a rural postman who has already as much as he can carry, and is " unable to obtain assistance, may

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refuse to accept more parcels." This should put new heart into the woman substitute.

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The Birmingham Corporation have decided to employ women conductors owing to the difficulty of finding suitable men. The women, who are to be provided with a uniform, are to undertake the same work as the man and to be paid the same wage per hour, but their hours of daily duty will be rather shorter. At Hull the tram drivers and conductors unanimously passed a resolution refusing to work if women conductors were employed. The Hull Corporation Tramways Committee finding it impossible to get suitable men, declined to withdraw the women. On Saturday, however, the drivers and conductors decided to withdraw the resolution, and to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee of the Hull Trades and Labour Council. The feeling at Hull is that there will be no strike.

It will be remembered that the Reform Bill was withdrawn, and the chances of Women's Suffrage wrecked, through the Speaker's ruling that an amendment to include women in the Bill would so change its character as to make it a new Bill. Apparently, however, an amendment to exclude from a Bill the entire female population between the ages of fifteen and sixtyfive is such a trivial matter as to make no serious difference to its scope

When Mr. Whitehouse moved his amendment-fortunately defeated-to exclude women from the Registration Bill, Mr. Leif Jones reminded the House of the Speaker's historic ruling, and asked if this amendment was not out of order on the same grounds. The Deputy-Chairman held that there was no reason why this amendment should not be moved," but that an amendment to exclude men would be out of "The ruling from the Chair must," he protested, "be order. taken with an ordinary common-sense interpretation." So may sex, rather than "circumstances," " alter cases "!

In Parliament.

Wednesday, July 7th. Women Jurors. SIR J. SIMON, in reply to a question by Mr. Wing as to whether the Attorney-General would consider the advisability of introducing legislation to enable women to act as jurors, in order to release men jurors during the war, stated that " no such difficulty in finding jurors had arisen as would justify the Government in proposing legislation on what would be a somewhat contentious subject.

NAVAL AND MILITARY PENSIONS BILL.

Amendments to increase the minimum numbers of women on the statutory and local committees were not accepted, but amendments moved by Mr. Dickinson to lay down that " some " members of these committees " shall be women," became part of the Bill.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL (Considered in Committee).

MR. WHITEHOUSE moved an amendment to exclude women from the Bill. He paid a high tribute to the devotion and selfsacrifice which women had shown during the war, and submitted that women had only to be asked to give their services in any capacity and they would come forward in overwhelming num-A hundred thousand women had offered, through the Labour Exchanges, to perform war services, and it had only been possible to take advantage of a very small proportion of these offers. To register school-girls and aged charwomen was, he considered, waste of time. He also maintained that it was not desirable that women with young children, whose time was fully occupied in doing the best service they could to the country by rearing a healthy family, should be required to fill in a form asking what work they were willing immediately to perform.

MR. Cowan supported the amendment on the ground that the exclusion of women would reduce the cost of the Register by at least one-half, and would expedite the completion of the work. So long as women were deprived of any exercise of political rights, it was not fair to lay upon them additional obligations.

MR. LONG said that when he first prepared the Bill he did not propose to include women in the first instance, in order that the register might be got as quickly as possible, but to follow it up by a register of women. Women, however, from all quarters, quite regardless of the old differences on the electoral made an almost unanimous demand to be included in the Bill. Many of them-if he gave the Committee names they would recognise them as most representative-assured the Government that women would not only resent being excluded, but would look upon it as a serious rebuff wholly unjustified in view of the splendid service they had rendered since the beginning of the war. That in itself would, he thought, have justified the inclusion of women. He was no pessimist, but in optimist, and he had an unconquerable belief in his race. But he believed this country had never been faced with a graver situation than now. References had been made to women as if we were living in peace time. To bring this idea of registration into their minds and homes was, it was said, a disturbing element at this moment ! After eleven months of war ! It was not enough for us, thank heaven! that the fate of our women and children was better than that of women and children in the invaded territories of France and Belgium. It was for us to

spare no effort to prevent such a lot overtaking them. Women were already doing the work of men admirably in many capacities. The services of women might not only be of the greatest value, but we might not be able to do without them. The amendment was negatived.

Thursday, July 8th.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS (EXTENSION) BILL.

MR. LONG, in moving the second reading of this Bill, said it was not a war emergency measure, but a Bill to amend the ordinary law. It proposed to extend the powers of the Notification of Births Act and make it universal throughout the country. It proposed also to deal with the health of expectant mothers and of young children. All experience showed that where notification was in force and was followed up by wise action on the part either of local authorities or voluntary agencies, the most satisfactory consequences followed in regard to the health of both mothers and children. Such a measure, he submitted, was eminently justified at the present time. All the evidence showed that infantile mortality was due far more to unsuitable feeding than to the insufficiency of food.

MR. J. PEASE welcomed the Bill because it would draw attention of local authorities to the possibility of saving the lives of large numbers of children and helping to rear them healthily. The rates of infantile mortality varied greatly in different parts of the country, ranging from 174 per thousand in Burnley to about 60 in some rural districts; and the fact that within the last few years the rate had decreased from an average of about 130 to about 108 per thousand showed how much could be achieved. He asked for an assurance that the excellent work which had been undertaken by the Board of Education and the local education authorities in connection with infant welfare, such as the provision of schools for mothers, nurseries, nursing classes, crèches, school clinics, classes in house-craft, hygiene and infant management, should not be handed over to the local sanitary authorities. If there were any attempt to encroach upon the work of the Board of Education in these directions overlapping and waste would result.

SIR J. SPEAR urged that the protection of infant life was a national responsibility, and funds for the working of the Act should be forthcoming from the Imperial Exchequer. MR. LONG said grants in aid would be made to local authorities for expenditure approved by the Local Government Board. Tuesday, July 13th.

The Bill was considered in Committee, and Mr. Long moved an amendment on Clause 2, which deals with the arrangements for attending to mothers and young children, to the effect that any local authority within the meaning of the principal Act might for the purpose of the care of expectant mothers, nursing mothers, and young children, exercise any powers which sanitary authority has under the Public Health Acts, 1875-1907 or the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, as the case required

It was true that, as amended, the clause did not go so far as some advocates of reform desired. But it went a long The Board of Education and the Local Government Board were in entire agreement in the matter. It was estimated that the total cost of the extension of these powers would not be more than £ 100,000. The amendment was agreed to. The Bill was reported to the House and was read a third time.

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The famous French surgeon and naturalist, Ambroise Paré, | the dissemination of epidemic diarrhœa, one of the most fatal in describing his work at La Ferre after the Battle of St. Quentin, diseases of infancy. The disease recurs every summer, showing in 1557, says : "For more than half a league around, the earth a marked preference for urban life and insanitary conditions. was covered with dead bodies, and we could hardly stop there Its victims are the bottle-fed babies of the poorer classes. Inon account of the terrible cadaverous odour which they exhaled, fants fed solely from the breast are remarkably exempt. The men as well as horses : we were, too, the cause of a rising up ancients seem to have understood this danger. The infant from the bodies of a great number of large flies gendered by the feeding-bottles found by me in the tombs of Roman children moisture of the bodies and the heat of the sun; they had green are all most cunningly made, in order to protect their contents and blue bellies, and when they were in the air they cast a shadow from contamination by flies. Many other diseases, such as on the sun. It was wonderful to hear them buzzing, and wherepneumonia, plague, anthrax, tuberculosis, yaws, and Oriental ever they settled they made the air pestilent and there they sore may be disseminated by flies. Thus, the germs of tubercaused the plague.' culosis have been repeatedly found in the intestinal contents, A strikingly similar account appeared in The Daily Mail of and fæces of flies which had fed on tubercular sputum, and ly 6th. It was written at the General Headquarters of the numerous experiments have proved that flies may carry these British Expeditionary Force, in Northern France, by the special germs and distribute them for several days after feeding on correspondent, Mr. G. Valentine Williams, who says infected material. Even the eggs of certain intestinal parasites, learnt from personal experience yesterday that the whizz of the such as those of round worms, pin worms, and tape worms, may be conveyed by flies from the soil to the food. But, perhaps, the sniper's bullet at all kinds of unexpected moments was not nearly so unpleasant (nor possibly so dangerous to health) as the swarms disease longest known to be transmitted by flies is the Egyptian of bluebottles and house-flies which infested in their thousands ophthalmia. A stranger is always struck with the appearance every corner of the trenches. They swarmed thick on the men of the fellahin children, who carry swarms of flies about their sleeping in the dug-outs, they fastened on the men on the look-

diseased eyes, and never make any attempt to drive them away. out at the parapet, they clustered greedily on every fragment The agency of mosquitoes in the transmission of certain of food, on every spot of refuse. . . It may seem incredible but the noise they made rising from their settling-places as It may seem incredible. tropical diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, is so well known that I will only very briefly mention some of walked along the trenches was so loud that more than once it distracted my attention from the German heavy shells, which the most interesting and striking facts concerning yellow fever, one of the deadliest of tropical diseases. were coming over with painful regularity, and in distressing No better example can prove the deadliness of yellow fever proximity to us.'

The flies mentioned by Paré were no doubt the resplendent, but maladorous, greenbottle (Lucilia Cæsar) and the disgusting bluebottles (Calliphora vomitoria, and C. erythrocephala). These flies may deposit their eggs in the wounds of living animals and human beings. In the United States, during the war of the Rebellion, they were grievously tormenting to the wounded soldiers, laying their eggs in the wounds, especially of those left on the field over-night. During a plague epidemic, these flies nay become carriers of the infection as suggested by Paré. In 1577, Hieronymus Mercurialis pointed out very clearly that flies arated with the juices of the dead or of the diseased, visit heighbouring houses and contaminate the food with their filth. 1707, Paulinus indicated the part played by flies in the

" If a general who has won his first battle is asked whether semination of diarrhœal diseases, notably dysentery. In a he desires the chance to win another, he cannot refuse," said report to the French Royal Academy of Medicine, published in de Lesseps, and he took up his Titanic work full of confidence 1831, we find the connection between flies and cholera thoroughly and enthusiasm; but, unfortunately, he played a losing game with "Yellow Jack," and the French were compelled to sell apprehended. The knowledge that insects might be a means disseminating disease goes back to a very remote past. out to the United States in 1904, after doing no less than Already four thousand years ago we find mentioned on Babylonian clay-tablets "the fly of the fever." eighty million cubic yards of excavation work. Yet, in 1881, Dr. Carlos Finlay, of Havana, had again put forward, with Énteric fever is essentially a water-borne disease--its specific very good reasons, the mosquito-theory of yellow fever ad-vanced by Nott, of Mobile, in 1848, and by a Frenchman earlier erms, eliminated with the body-wastes, usually reach water that used for drinking purposes. This is clearly proved by the Unfortunately, Finlay's observations were not given due emarkable decline in mortality from enteric which has invariably credit until a United States Commission, composed of Drs. ollowed any improvement of the water supply in all large Reed, Carrol, Lazear, and Agramont definitely proved by towns. However, anything soiled by the discharges of an actual experiment, in October 1900, that yellow fever is indeed a mosquito-borne disease, and that, like malaria, it cannot nteric fever patient may become a means of spreading the disease. The most common vehicles are : the patient's bed and be acquired in any other way than through the stab of a prebody linen, his eating utensils, the nurse's hands and clothes, salads fertilised with human manure, oysters fattened in sewageviously-infected mosquito. Wisely acting upon this knowledge the Americans, under Surgeon-General Gorgus, have not only polluted beds, fruit handled by "germ-carriers," milk adulbeen able to accomplish the greatest engineering feat of our erated with water containing enteric dejections, and cold vicage, but they have turned the Panama Canal zone, once uals contaminated by flies from the latrine and the manure the deadliest place in the tropics, into a veritable sanatorium, where Americans from the various States come and live and In rural districts and in military camps flies often become rear their families in perfect health and happiness.

paramount source of infection. The terrible epidemics enteric fever that occurred during the Spanish-American

personal contact, and flies.

A more recent example of the value of definite knowledge concerning the dissemination of disease is afforded by typhus var, and our last Boer war, were directly traceable to flies. fever. In past wars this disease has been the most constant Like enteric fever, so also cholera is transmitted by water, and the most fearful of camp followers; in the present conflict t has already caused more deaths in Serbia than the Austrian In 1894 Major Macrae investigated an outbreak of cholera fire. In 1906, I pointed out that to my mind, the peculiar the Gaya Gaol, in India, and came to the conclusion that epidemiology of typhus admitted of one interpretation only : the e infection was spread by means of flies. In conjunction disease could not be " the very type of contagious diseases " as with Mr. Haffkine, certain experiments were carried out which was then almost universally believed, but must be, per force, an roved that milk placed in various parts of the gaol where insect-borne disease, and its carriers the body-louse and the es could have free access to it, soon became contaminated with the characteristic comma-shaped germs of the disease. bed-bug. Three years later, Drs. Nicolle, Comte, and Conseil, experimentally proved at the Institut Pasteur of Tunis that, in The common house fly seems to play a very active part in Northern Africa, the body-louse is the carrier of typhus fever.

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INSECTS AND DISEASE.

By LOUIS W. SAMBON, M.D., F.Z.S., Lecturer to the London School of Tropical Medicine.

than that of the French expedition to San Domingo in 1802. When General Leclerc left Brest the effective strength of his army was 58,545 men. In four months 50,270 men were dead, chiefly of yellow fever, which gave 82.5 per cent. of the total mortality; of the 8,275 men remaining 3,000 were sick or wounded. In 1809, seven years later, this army was reduced to 300 men, who returned to France.

Now let us turn to the Isthmus of Panama. The conception of cutting an artificial waterway between the two continents arose the moment Balboa set foot on the Isthmus in 1500, but it was not until 1881 that a French company began the actual work of digging, under Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, the famous builder of the Suez Canal.

Their experiments were subsequently repeated and confirmed in Germany and in the United States. Meanwhile, in India, Drs. Husband and MacWalters have brought forward evidence in favour of the agency of the bed-bug. This knowledge has already enabled us to stamp out the disease in Serbia, and will no doubt prevent any considerable spread of the scourge elsewhere.

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Another disease in which lice and bed-bugs play the rôle of disseminators is relapsing fever, and probably both the bed-bug and the louse may play a part in the propagation of plague, although in this disease the flea is without doubt the chief agent.

In the light of the discoveries in regard to the mode of dissemination of many exotic diseases by insects, it is safe to predict that many of our own diseases will be found to be disseminated by similar agents. In this connection I should like to point to tuberculosis, the most fearful disease-scourge of the human race. The almost universal belief is that the infection is contracted by inhalation of the dried sputum, but in truth we do not know for certain whether we breathe in the germs or whether we take them into the digestive tract through contaminated food. The inoculation method is considered very rare. It is true that tuberculosis claims its victims between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five, in the very best years of their life, but it is now a generally accepted theory that most people contract the infection in childhood. Infants and children are certainly as much, probably more, exposed than adults to tuberculous infection, but the germs, after having become located, remain inactive in the body until a blow, some acute fever, or some other exciting cause, may provoke them to pernicious activity. A similar long period of latency is known to occur in several other diseases.

The agency of insects in the dissemination of tuberculosis has been suggested by several authors, but, so far, the subject has not received all the attention it requires. I have already mentioned the part played by house-flies fed on tubercular sputum, but it is especially to the blood-sucking insects that I desire to draw attention. Defuème, in 1892, collected bedbugs in the bed of a phthisical patient. Three guinea-pigs inoculated with the contents of these bugs developed tuberculosis. Imhoff incriminated the head-louse as a possible carrier of tubercular infection, and obtained evidence of the disease in 33 per cent. of children infested by lice, and presenting enlarged cervical glands due to these parasites. So far, the evidence is exceedingly scanty and most unsatisfactory, but, notwithstanding, the agency of bed-bugs, lice, or other blood-sucking insects may be an important unrecognised factor in the propagation of the deadly white plague. In any case, all blood-sucking insects should be viewed with the utmost suspicion, because here, as in the tropics, they are surely performing their *rôle* of disease disseminators, just as other insects, both here and in the tropics, necessarily subserve the pollination of flowers and the scattering of seed.

NEWS FROM OUR OVERSEAS DOMINIONS.

AUSTRALIA.

The Government of Victoria has introduced a Bill providing that the bars of public-houses, which are at present open from 6 a.m. till 11.30 p.m., shall be open only from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. till the end of the war. This law will apply to clubs and restaurants, in fact, to all places where intoxicating liquor is sold. When the agitation for early closing began some months ago, the Premier of Victoria showed himself decidedly hostile. Later on his attitude changed, when a deputation of women, representing various societies, laid before him a petition in favour of early closing during the war signed by over 1,200 heads of firms in the city of Melbourne. It is recognised that the present Bill is largely due to the knowledge that the women voters are in favour of it. Feminists and other social reformers are now urging that a referendum should be held to decide at what hour the public-houses are to close after the war. It is believed that, as lately in South Australia, there would be a large majority in favour of 6 p.m.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

FROM BULGARIA.

During the recent municipal elections at Sofia, the names of women candidates for the Education Committee appeared on all the party lists, says our contemporary the Jenski Glas, one of several Bulgarian papers devoted to women's work and interests. Of the successful candidates, two out of twelve were men, one coming out second in the polls, and the other fifth. Women are more and more taking part in public work in Bulgaria, but the heavy number of votes polled by the women candidates came as a surprise even to those who knew the election prospects best.

FROM RUSSIA.

The announcement of the death of Mme. S. A. Davydova recalls her life-long work in Russia for the professional educa-tion of women, and the training of lace makers. To this, in particular, she devoted herself, and it is largely due to her efforts that modern Russian lace has retained its traditional distinctive character. She revived the study of the beautiful old patterns, travelling among remote villages to teach the peasant women, and to ensure that their labour should not be wasted on cheap, hasty work, and meaningless imitations of poor designs. Since the beginning of the war Mme. Davydova organised a success-ful series of caravan industrial exhibitions in Asiatic Russia and Turkestan to help the families of hand workers who have gone to the front. Her book on lace is regarded as a classic in Russia.

BELGIAN RECONSTRUCTION.

The brief preliminary report of the Belgian Repatriation Fund sent to His Majesty King Albert, outlines the various chemes in progress. To avoid overlapping and confusion, a Joint Committee for Belgian Reconstruction has been formed. of which Mrs. Francis Acland is Hon. Secretary, to co-ordinate the work. One Society-La Reconstruction des Foyers Belges -provides Belgian women here in England with boxes of their own, and material to make up into sheets, table-cloths, &c., so that each woman may feel that her store-box is a nucleus of er future home. Another scheme has been started to pay Belgian women for making garments to be kept for future distribution in Belgium. A certain number of women are also receiving a training in Flemish, cookery, sanitation, and so forth, as a preparation for resettlement work in Belgian communes. The headquarters of the Joint Committee for Belgian Reconstruction are at Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, West-

FROM ITALY IN WAR-TIME.

An English lady living in Florence has sent us the following

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WOMEN AND JURY SERVICE.

WOMEN AND JURY SERVICE. MADAM,-Now that the National Registration Bill is practically a *ait accompli* women all over the Kingdom are asking themselves what juntary work they can offer to their country. Among the older women here are many of us who feel that their services would not be best mployed in physical work. The knowledge and experience of life of lese women admirably fit them for jury service, which would prove an calculable benefit in relieving many business men now hard pressed, ith depleted office staffs, who must otherwise serve. Would it not be possible for the Government to include, and for women offer to perform, this service for their country? Surely a clause could added to the Register, "Available for jury service," which any woman build fill in accordingly as she desired. Women householders certainly hould be fully competent to undertake such duties, and it also should a possible under war conditions for wives, in the case of overworked

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WATERLOO ROAD CLUB FOR GIRLS.

WATERLOO ROAD CLUB FOR GIRLS. DEAR MADAM,—In response to my appeal on behalf of the Waterloo Road Girls' Club, which you kindly inserted in your-issue of June 26th, I have received two parcels of books, one from Miss Powell, and the other from "a lover of books," some plants and roots from Miss C. I. Watkins and 4s. from Miss Mabel Taylor. May I now ask for more? We badly need a table. Will some kind friend send us one, or the money to buy one? We also need money to buy materials for our blouse-making class, and above all we need helpers who will give an evening a week regularly to club work, or assist us in getting some of the girls away for a holiday.

Is away for a holiday. Readers of THE COMMON CAUSE will remember that this Club at 23, w Cut, Waterloo Road, was started, as a counter-attraction to the zets, by Mrs. Harley in connection with the Women Patrols. It is ng excellent, but rather uphill, work in a neighbourhood, where olesome recreation for girls is greatly needed. B. BIRD.

WOMAN ORGANISER FOR TRADE UNIONS.

MADAM,—We are all alive to the danger involved in the entrance of ge numbers of women into new trades hitherto monopolised by men, at they may be forced to accept low wages and poor conditions and is suffer themselves severely and also bring upon women the reproach ering the whole status of the particular trade or process in which

the vare employed. The these circumstances it is imperative that an effort should be made to persuade them to join a responsible trade union. This is sepecially necessary in the engineering trade where the number of new workers is largest, and the industrial danger, therefore, greatest. It seems very important for the sake of the women's movement and for our position in industry, that women should not get the unfair reputation among working men of cheapening every trade to which they gain entrance. Nothing but a strong women's trade union can avert this calamity. The Electric and Machine Workers' Union, which is a well-established and well-known union in the engineering trade (affiliated to the Manchester District Women's Trade and Labour Council) is making a special effort to organise these new workers. Such a campaign, if it is to be effective, involves employing the services of special organisers. A highly qualified woman, now working in the trade, who has for years done trade union work in her spare time, is willing to undertake this every difficult task, and the union wish to take her away from her present employment and guarantee her a weekly wage of 25. for a year. The Committee have themselves voted half this amount, and will also have to meet organism, travelling, and printing expenses. Their funds have already suffered from last winter's heavy out of work payments, and they venture to appeal to friends in the woman's movement especially interested in the present industrial situation, who may be willing to help them to meet this sudden and unexpected call on their resources, as this is after all a question that concerns all progressive women. EVECAREES AND HOSPITAL BACS r these circumstances it is imperative that an effort should be

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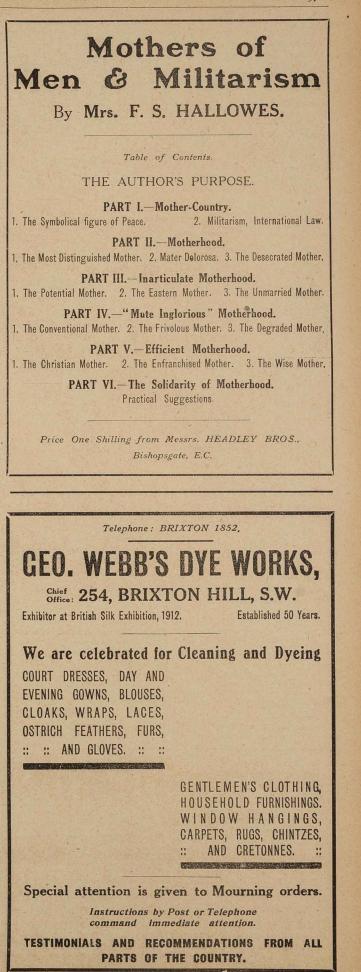
PUGGAREES AND HOSPITAL BAGS. MADAM,—Will you allow me to give some further details with regard to an announcement which appears in your advertisement columns this week? The Woking Women's Employment Committee have now on their books a number of women who need paid work. They are almost all married; they cannot leave home for work or training; and, as they are not habitual wage-earners displaced by the war, they are not eligible for *subsidized* employment at the expense of local or central Relief Funds. Their husbands' wages (this is not a manufacturing district) have not risen sufficiently to meet the rising cost of necessaries. Some of these women have obtained work through the local Soldiers' Washing Com-mittee. To help the others our Employment Committee solicits orders for Hospital Bags (to meet Lady Smith-Dorrien's request), and for large "Sunproof" Puggarees made of double khaki drill with red interlining. BARBARA FREIRE-MARRECO. BARBARA FREIRE-MARRECO.

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A correspondent sends the following particulars with regard to the appeal made in our advertisement columns on page. "The girl for whom the chair is wanted has been suffering terribly night and day for eight years and has never once left her room for six years till this summer. She longed so intensely to see the trees and fields and flowers, that the doctor consented to lift her into an old *shaky* tumble-down wicker chair without a hood in which she went out a few times, but the shaking and jolting from the old ramshackle chair cause such agony that she dare not face any more outings, unless she can have a firm, strong, comfortable chair with a hood. she can have a firm, strong, comfortable chair with a hood. A. R. DRISCOLL.

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The N.U.W.S.S. is an association of over 52,000 men and women who have banded themselves together, under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Fawcett, for the purpose of obtaining the Parlia-mentary vote for women on the same terms as it is or may granted to men. At this great national crisis, however, they have for the time suspended their ordinary political activities, in order to put themselves and their Union at the service of those who are organising the relief of distress caused by the war.

The Waste of Woman-Power.

The demand lately made by the Government for economy in the household was put forth in the name of national efficiency. The Government look to women to see to it that there is no waste in their homes; no waste of food, nor of coal, nor of water and lighting (which mean coal), nor of woollen materials; and we are told to think very carefully before we spend money on imported goods, or indeed upon anything that we can do without; for all the money is wanted as fast as we can save it; and on our savings, our ingenuity and capacity for "going without, the whole national future may turn. Women, on their side, have not been able to press any demand for national economy upon the Government, for they lack the one and only means of getting attention from politicians; but they have done their best for many months to urge the greatest and most necessary economy of all-economy of labour.

The great displacements in the labour market, which followed the outbreak of war, revealed two things; first, that much work hitherto done by men must for the future (or, at any rate, for a time) be done by women; and, secondly, that large numbers of men were (and are still) doing what may be called women's work-work for which women are particularly fitted. For work of both kinds, some 87,000 women registered their names in the spring, and about 3,000 have found employment. The remainder are still waiting for work or train-And as the demand for more men, men for the army or for work that only men can do, steadily continues, it seems more necessary than ever that women who are ready to learn should begin their training at once, before the depletion makes the whole re-adjustment of labour still more difficult. As for the trained workers, the appeal met with an instant response from them. So much so, that numbers of women were actually preparing to throw up good positions so that they might take up their share of the national burden in war-time; and for a time, while the appeal was taken seriously, there was a good deal of unrest. The National Registration Bill seems likely to create another wave of unrest, and to reveal still larger "reserves of labour." for which neither training nor employment are seriously contemplated. The nation is not by any means making full use of its woman-power. And this is particularly striking in the case of the women of academic training and experience of various forms of social work, who would be of great value in departmental administration. From this, hitherto, they have been as far as possible excluded. " The higher branches of the Civil Service in particular show a great reluctance to admit women of academic training, who could quite well, during the war, replace men of similar qualifications," says Mr. James Haslam in The Englishwoman.

It would have been surprising if there had not been " reluctance." Where men are accustomed to work with men only (or where women work only with women), they can attain in working a degree of mechanical smoothness which is easily mistaken for real efficiency, because it enables a great deal of business to be dispatched-too often the only right word for the process. So it is to be expected that a male staff should see and urge objections to any interruption of this mechanical smoothness, and the strongest objections may naturally be expected from the older men who have spent their lives in

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perfecting the machinery. But much more necessary than noothness in the working of a department are the qualities of adaptability, of elasticity, of quickness to recognise a slightly different point of view, and the faculty of re-adjustment to new needs and ideas; that vitality, in short, which so mysteriously deserts the Government Department that the "deadening influence of official routine " is a by-word. Getting through the work for the sake of getting through the work is the ideal of the official mind all the world over. The man makes the departnental machine, and in revenge, it turns men into machines. It does this so much the more easily because the new recruits are often fresh from the university, and bring knowledge but no experience with them. Such distant entities as "women and children " and the " working classes," are concepts which they learn to deal with on traditional lines laid down by the department. The intelligent lad soon becomes a diligent, laborious

official, capable of getting through any amount of "work." But do we need "officials"? Would it not be more wholesome for us all, even if we are public servants, to be pulled up short occasionally by the need to re-adjust ourselves, to take a look at our work and aims from a new angle, and to consider whether we are going forward or backward? So long as nien and women sedulously work apart they neglect the most valuable natural method of keeping fresh, of avoiding the dangers of routine. We all know what happens in every-day life.

If we could but get two or three business men on to this committee we might get this thing done," moans a secretary. The two or three men are found. Something is done, " thanks to that energetic Mr. Smith and that business-like Mr. Jones! But was it really all done by them? Was not part of the credit due to the new atmosphere they brought, the different points of view, the re-presentment of the old difficulty in the light of another sort of experience. "We can't possibly deal with this Let us co-opt two or three women on to the Board, and see what they make of it." And the business-like Mrs. Jones and the energetic Miss Smith bring along with them something over and above Mrs. Jones's knowledge of boarding out school children, and Miss Smith's vast experience on the Asylums Committee. They see the matter from another angle. They " complete " the power already at work. But no body of men, or of women, has or can have " full power " to deal with any serious matter, so long as the other sex is deliberately excluded, and no amount of Acts of Parliament can endow them with it. And since this is so, why allow the nation's woman-power to run to waste?

N.U.W.S.S. SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS.

SERBIA.

A letter has been received from Serbia which shows that excellent results are likely to be obtained from placing the nospitals under canvas. The tents, both in the case of Mladanavatz and Valievo are situated on sloping ground. Each tent has a big trench dug round it to carry all the rain-water off, and the ground round the tents is sprayed every morning with formaline. Considerable attention is being paid to the sanitary arrangements, in order to prevent any further outbreaks of fever.

Seventy patients arrived at Mladanavatz one morning ; they appeared to be cases simply of pure fatigue. On arrival they had a temperature of 103° to 104°, but after being put to bed and given some light supper and a good dose of castor oil, next morning it was found that their temperatures were quite normal. These poor men were simply exhausted; they had reached the end of their strength, and they appeared to be quite content to lie there like logs and do nothing.

Dr. Inglis tells a truly amusing incident :-

"An English Hospital naturally requires a great deal more water than a Serbian Hospital; and as the S.W.H.'s own water carts had not arrived, water carts were being provided by the Serbian authorities. Unfortunately, one morning these water carts did not arrive and it was found on inspection that the water supply in the hospital was very low indeed. Mrs. Haverfield, who is now the administrator at Mladanavatz, suddenly spied ambling along the road a water cart. Without a moment's hesitation she darted across the street, seized the reins in her hands and marched off the water cart to the Hospital barrels while the terror-sticken driver crouched in the top. After emptying the water into the barrels she quietly announced that the next supply could go to the Director. Truly this is commandeering water with a vengeance."

All the Scottish Women's Hospital Units are in touch, and working with Sir Ralph Paget, British Commissioner. They are situated in the north-western district of Serbia, the area in which there has been the greatest amount of distress.

TROYES (GIRTON AND NEWNHAM UNIT).

A touching letter of thanks has been received at Headquarters, Edinburgh, from one of the patients at Troyes :----

"Thanks to your kind gift I am settled down in a good bed, very ch appreciated I assure you, and which will contribute enormously

"But indeed it is with real pleasure that I send you my 'thousand thanks.' The installation is magnificent; in the open air, under large tents, nothing is lacking. We are coddled, feasted like little princes by the devoted sisters of great Scotland; which will shorten the duration of our illness.

"For our amusement we possess a gramophone with a good repertory sending us almost every day English and Scottish songs very superior to ours; in particular—" Highland music to dance to the Reel." Very much appreciated here. "I am very grateful to you. "(Signed) JULES CHRESTIEN."

How CHILDREN MAY HELP THE N.U.W.S.S. SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS.

An interesting donation was received from a little girl who had made and sold to her friends small silk bags filled with lavender, a little friend joining in the same occupation. Another little girl made up a number of charming " Teddy Bear Poems,' the proceeds of the sale of which she is handing over to the Hospital. Two children are collecting for a June Holiday Bed.

GENERAL

Mrs. Shaw Maclaren, sister of Dr. Elsie Inglis, has held a most successful tour in Yorkshire. She has been speaking at several meetings, including garden parties, and the result has been most gratifying. A lady in Tasmania has sent in a donation for £40. She states in her letter that she had seen accounts of the excellent work done by the Hospitals in THE COMMON CAUSE, and she felt that as a regular reader she would like to contribute something towards the upkeep of the Hospitals. This is by no means the first subscription which has been received from our Overseas Dominions.

Further help is urgently required to carry on the work of our units. Subscriptions are very gratefully received, either by the Hon. Sec., Dr. Elsie Inglis, 2, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, or the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Laurie, Red House, Greenock, or the Treasurer, N.U.W.S.S., 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster. Cheques to be crossed "Royal Bank of Scotland." Contributions for the London Units should be sent to Lady Cowdray, 58, Victoria Street.

(For list of donations see page 202.)

LONDON UNITS.

LONDON UNITS. The London Society have now collected over £5,000 for the London and the second second

Scottish Women's Hospital at 3 p.m. on July 16th at 58, Victoria Street.

WOMEN OCCUPIERS AND THEIR VOTES.

The Women's Local Government Society is urging women occupiers to make sure that their name is put upon the Occupiers' List for the coming year, which will be placed by the Overseers of every Parish upon the door of each Church, Chapel, Post Office, and other public building in the Parish on the 1st of August. Occupiers who do not see their name on this list are advised to go at once to the Overseers, or to the secretary of their political association, and learn how to make their claim to be put on the register. This will cost nothing, and will ensure the right to vote in municipal elections. The last day for sending in new claims is August 20th.

It is only as an occupier that a woman, whether owner or tenant, can vote. The period of qualification is one year, i.e., twelve months immediately preceding the 15th July in any year. It is essential that the poor rates due for the year preceding the last 5th of January shall have been paid by some person, but not necessarily by the occupier, before July 20th. Particu-lars as to what constitutes an "Occupier" are given in a leaflet published by the W.L.G.S., 19, Tothill Street, S.W., price 2d. per dozen, or 1s. per 100.

THE FLY DANGER.

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An interesting little exhibition is now open in the Zoological Gardens, illustrating the dangers of flies, and how to guard against them. Specimens are shown of the various kinds of flies, with a description of their habits, and a number of traps and other apparatus for preventing contamination by flies are also shown. Many medical officers from the Front, or from military camps, are visiting the exhibition, and also medical officers of health and women interested in health work. In order to make the lessons of the exhibition clearer, it has been arranged for Professor Lefroy to lecture at the Office of the Zoological Society every Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Admission will be by ticket, which can be obtained free on application to the Society. Dated tickets for the six Wednesdays from July 14th to August 18th will be issued to the number only of 150 for each lecture. Officers from the Front, or from military camps and hospitals, will be admitted without tickets up to the number of fifty. If required, the lectures will be carried on to later dates.

MOTHERCRAFT AND CHILD WELFARE.

The fly danger was also very well illustrated at the Mothe. craft and Child Welfare Exhibition held last week at the Passmore Edwards Settlement. Other features of this very valuable little Exhibition were models of rooms for expectant mothers, simply made hygienic clothing for children, a baby-care section, showing banana-crate cradles, milk safes, and other articles, as used in the various schools for mothers, a dental exhibit, and a housewifery and cooking section. A series of simple, practical lectures were also arranged, dealing with such subjects as prenatal care, the protection of children against insect-born diseases, the care of the teeth, &c.

It is intended that this Mothercraft Exhibition shall be a permanent one, moving from place to place, and requests for it to visit particular centres will be received by the Sec., Mothercraft and Child Welfare Exhibition, 7, Hanover Square, W.

WOMEN'S WAGES FOR MUNITION WORK.

The Manchester and District Women's War Interests Committee discussed last Monday with the trade union section of the Armaments Output Committee the possibility of obtaining a minimum wage for women workers on munitions, and put forward the view that a guaranteed minimum of \pounds_{I} a week should be paid to all adult women workers on munitions for a forty-eight-hour week, and that on piecework the rates should be such as not to cause the weekly wage to fall below \pounds_1 . Women employed on night work should be paid at the rate of time and a quarter. Councillor Margaret Ashton said that the Women's Interests Committee were anxious that good conditions and fair rates should be recognised before the employment of women in ammunition works became general in Manchester, and Mrs. Annot Robinson called attention to the low wages and long hours prevailing in the Midlands for munitions work, and urged that it was necessary in an industry new to Manchester that the district rates should not be lowered. It was pointed out by other speakers that $\pounds I$ was an average weekly wage in the district for machinists engaged on war work, and that in comparison with the wages of organised women workers in engineering shops in the Manchester district the minimum proposed was moderate and fair.

The Armaments Output Committee declared themselves very much in sympathy with the views expressed. They were keenly alive to the danger of cheap women's labour.

REGISTER FOR MUNITION WORKERS.

Women who wish to put their names down for munition work are advised to write or call at the Women's Service Bureau of the London Society for Women's Suffrage, 58, Victoria Street, S.W., where special forms have been prepared for workers willing to give full time to this work.

WOMAN SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

Madame la Thyss Monod, who has been given the rank of captain and has been appointed senior medical officer of a hospital, is the only woman in France who can claim this disby the General Commanding the Defences of the City and the Medical Officer of Health, and was given the entire charge of an auxiliary Red Cross Hospital.

Madame Monod is a strict disciplinarian. Her word has to be obeyed, and the men know it. But she combines with this a gentleness and sympathy which make her dear to all her patients.

"COMMON CAUSE" SELLING.

JULY 16, 1915.

If you cannot sell "The Common Cause" yourself please send us some money so that we may employ out of work women to sell the paper.

Further donations received :-- Mrs. Fyffe (two months instalments of 10s., promised monthly) £1, Miss M. Powell 5s. A list of important London pitches is kept at the Shop, 50, Parliament Street, and at the "C.C." office, 14, Great Smith

Street, Westminster, and we want volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

KENSINGTON DEPÔT .- Miss Bryan, 7, Stratford Road, Kenington. Sellers in this neighbourhood may apply to her house for copies of the paper.

"THE COMMON CAUSE" FOR THE CAMPS.

The Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Tent, Coggleshall, Maldon, has written to say that they have no longer any soldiers at Coggeshall, so that there is no need for the reader who has been kindly sending her paper there to continue to do so.

A SHOP WITH A SOUL

There are some buildings which one cannot believe to be of a natur with those structures of brick-and-mortar which exist only because mar with those structures of brick-and-mortar which exist only because man, their master, chooses that they shall exist, and, without life of their own, merely reflect the characteristics of their owner. Over such, the common inanimate ruck, loom the rare buildings that seem aware of faculties of their own, that have, in fact, an individuality. Such a one is the Suffrage Shop, at number 50, Parliament Street. In disposition and temperament, the Suffrage Shop reveals itself as a stalwart in the indispensable and world-enriching brigade of handymen, the ingenious, who are never at a loss. Designed by its woman lessees for the distribu-tion of Suffrage literature it has, by the force of its own character, risen above, though it does not fail to fufil, its simple duties. Even in the brief space since its foundation it has firmly established itself in the minds of all Suffrageists as the source whence can flow information upon

above, though it does not take to take, its simple darks disted itself in the brief space since its foundation it has firmly established itself in the minds of all Suffragists as the source whence can flow information upon all public questions that affect women, or indeed upon all public questions that affect anyone at all! Within hail of the Houses of Parliament, in the heart of the political and Suffrage world, and right on the way to theatre and picture galleries, it offers itself as a useful point for a rendezvous, and the better to adapt itself for this part, has opened a charming and dainty rest room. Here again we have a revelation of its Crichtonian qualities. In the book department, too, they are revealed. Certainly now that one has requirements undreamed of in happier days, it is an unusual advantage to be served by a shop that really studies its customers needs and interests. The Suffrage Shop does not advertise in large type antediluvian and irrelevant books merely because their titles con-taining the words "Russia," "Arbitration," "Cookery," or "Thrift," they may be got rid of at last to simple people. At the Suffrage Shop there are exactly the books and pamphlets one needs *now*—or it will get them.

There is a rumour that the Shop has become a general inquiry office; we hear at least of a top-hatted gentleman who, as he made his exit from the Shop the other day, exclaimed with intense satisfaction to his wife, "Well, it is a blessing that at last there's somewhere in London where one can ask questions, and really get the information." Well, we can believe it !

Tea? "Tea," repeated the Suffrage Shop. "Why not? Give me just one minute to turn round a bit, and bring the kettle to the boil, and you shall have it. And please tell your friends that I shall be ready for them on the 17th. I hope they'll come," our resourceful Shop added hospitably.

A SUFFRAGIST HERO.

We have received the following interesting account of M. Jean du Breuil de St. Germain, who died on the battlefields in February :-

"An enthusiastic supporter of Women's Suffrage, Mons. de Breuil, was a well-known figure at Suffrage Congresses. It was largely due to his initiation that the 'Men's International Alliance' was founded at the time of the Stockholm Congress in 1911. At Budapest he was one of the moving spirits in the meetings of the Men's Alliance, which were auxiliary to the main Congress. He was deeply interested in social problems, and had written pamphlets on the precarious social and economical position of women. He was unwearied in striving to amelio-rate the lot of working women, for whom he had a warm sympathy. Among other positions, he held that of first secretary to the French 'Electors Union for Women's Political Rights,' of which M. Buisson is President. During the war M. de Breuil served as lieutenant in the roth Dragoon Regiment. He fell on February 2and while attempting to save three of his men who had been attacked and badly wounded by a German patrol. Reporting on him, his commanding officer statel : 'M. de Breuil was a true hero. He won my admiration on the battlefields of Belgium. He was the bravest among the brave.' "The French Suffrage Society suffers an irreparable loss in his death.'' An enthusiastic supporter of Women's Suffrage, Mons. de Breuil, was

death.

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Notes from Headquarters.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. President: MRS. HENRY FAWCETT, LL.D. Hon Treasurer: MRS. AUERBACH. Hon. Secretaries: Miss Evelyn Atkinson. Miss EDITH PALLISER (Literature). MRS. OLIVER STRACHEY (Parliamentary). MISS GERALDINE COOKE. offices : Parliament Chambers, 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, S.W. Telegraphic Address-Voiceless, London. Telephone Number-1960 Victoria.

Treasurer's Notes.

We should like to draw the attention of our readers to onations which we have already received in the form of War Loan Vouchers—one is for 5s. and another for \pounds 5. 5s., 10s., and \pounds 1 Vouchers can be bought at any post office, and can be ent to us to collect and exchange for War Loan Stock at any ime between now and December 1st. A correspondent'writes

I think a good many people would like to do something with or ros, to help the nation, but of course this is no use for an individual sess she can collect f_5 of Vouchers before December 1st; and anyhow interest of very small sums is not much use to a person, whereas if put all the Vouchers together the N.U. might be able to buy a stantial amount of Loan."

We think this an excellent suggestion. A reserve of funds as never more necessary than at the present time. We are ow making plans for autumn and winter work, and are realising that a heavy call will be made on our resources. Any donations in cash or War Loan Vouchers will be heartily acceptable.

Press Report.

The Westminster Gazette of July 8th contains an appreciaof War Season in Paris to the Scottish Women's Hospital at Troves, which it describes as being of "the most modern and practical type," it says, " what has already been done in France the members of the N.U.W.S.S. has earned for them the st lavish praise, but it can only be felt by all privileged to e their work that no eulogy can exaggerate the services of his plucky band of women.

The Daily Express has a leader on "All-conquering Woman, which prophecies that women will certainly become taxi-drivers nd lawyers, and possibly members of Parliament. It confesses hat after suffering from certain members of Parliament, it ould certainly welcome Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Pankhurst. The whirligig of time brings its revenges! said the poet, and we certainly live in topsy-turvy times.

N.U. Shop-50, Parliament Street.

Miss Palliser appeals for a few small chairs and tables second-hand or new), weekly papers and magazines, for the oom at 50, Parliament Street which will be open to members and friends on Saturday, 17th, when tea will be served at a nall charge. Those who are unable to spare any chairs or ables might be willing to send donations towards the expenses Flowers, also, for the opening day, will be most thankfully received. All communications should be addressed to her at the N.U.W.S.S. Shop, 50, Parliament Street, S.W.

GIFT FROM THE PLUNKET SOCIETIES.

Some cases of beautiful babies' clothes have been received from the lunket Societies of Napier and Christchurch, N. Zealand, in response the appeal sent out in the autumn, signed by Lady French, Mrs. awcett, and Lady Frances Balfour. There are several other cases on leir way from other Plunket Societies, and our grateful thanks are due the ladies who have worked so hard to prepare these delightful urments. We have been asked to distribute the clothes and they are being ut to various centres in London but we think that in other are to the several to be the several several that the several the several that the several the several the several the several the several that the several t Senticles. We have been asked outschilde the clothes and they are being sent to various centres in London, but we think that in other parts of England, our Societies may be glad to have some to distribute to the Maternity Centres, which in many towns they have been instrumental in starting. Applications for parcels should be made to :--Miss G. W. Evans, N.U. Office.

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Messrs. Debenhams; Limited, of Wigmore Street, W., have subscribed for $\pounds_{50,000}$ worth of War Loan, and at the same time have made arrangements to assist their staff in purchasing War Loan.

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What Some of Our Societies are Doing.

Oxon, Berks, and Bucks Federation.

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cted by the war. MAIDENHEAD.—A very successful garden meet-g was held at Abbotsleigh, Cookham Road, on uursday, June 10th, for the Friends of Women's

od fruit in the near future.

Surrey, Sussex, and Hants. BRIGHTON AND HOVE.—Rain caused a poor attendance at the Friends' meeting which Miss Wright addressed on "The Scottish Women's Hospitals" on May 13th. But the penny collec-ion announced was exceeded, and this revival of social gatherings was welcomed. A subse-quent appeal to members and the public through he local press has brought in Azs from a non-uffragist for a "Brighton and Hove" bed in seebia, and we expect to pay for a second bed here, and one in France. The money will come rom the Federation Treasurer, as a Federation gift. Six delegates were sent to the Council needing.

CUCKFIED.—At a meeting of the W.S.S. held in June 28th at Warden Court (by kind permis-ion of Miss Gray and Miss Priestman), Miss Douglas Irvine gave a most graphic and neresting description of the state of things in Serbia, and explained the work of the N.U.W.S.S. sottish Women's Hospitals. A collection was aken amounting to £11 5s. 4d. HASTINGS, ST. LEONARDS, AND EAST SUSSEX.— diss Burke addressed a meeting in the Hastings council Chamber on June 5th in aid of the sottish Hospitals, the Countess Brassey presiding. CKFIED.—At a meeting of the W.S.S. held

PURLEY .- Mr. and Mrs. Baker held a garden meeting on June rath at Somerfield, Mrs. Ark-wright in the chair. Miss Beatrice Hunter, Hon. Equipment Secretary, gave an excellent address on "Women's Hospitals in the Invaded Countries." ± 25 was contributed to equip and maintain for six months a "Purley Bed" in the Rest unit. t unit. During the winter nearly 1,200 gar-its for Belgian refugees were collected and ributed. Hospital requisites for the French listributed nd Serbian Women's Hospitals are now being prepared.

Great Yarmouth.

Great Yarmouth. The Great Yarmouth W.S.S. held their annual meeting on June 17th. There was a good atten-dance. Mrs. W. J. Palmer was in the chair. Miss H. Teasdel, Hon. Sec., read the report, which was adopted. After the re-election of the Committee, and the addition of Miss Jollege's name to the number. Miss Creak, Assistant Secretary to the Eastern Counties Federation, gave an interesting address on "The Future of the National Union." During the refreshments two members entertained with musical items. two members entertained with musical items.

South-Western Federation. Four most successful meetings have been held in the South-Western Federation in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospital, at which Miss Kathleen Burke was the speaker. Three of the meet-ings were illustrated by lantern slides, showing the work of the hospital; these slides were in many cases prepared from photographs taken by Miss Burke.

Miss Burke. The first meeting was held at the Museum Hall, Torquay, on the afternoon of June 17th, the Hon. Lady Acland taking the chair. The collection amounted to χ_{25} . The evening meeting on the same day was held at the Dolphin Assembly Rooms, Honiton, where a most enthusiastic audience greatly appreciated Miss Burke's brilliant address. The proceeds of the meeting were $f_{0.15}$.

meeting were 49 is. The Barnstaple Society issued invitations for a meeting on the afternoon of June 18th at the Imperial Hotel. The Mayoress of Barnstaple presided and kindly added to the collection of

The feature presided and kindly added to the collection of \mathcal{L}_{11} the sum of \mathcal{L}_{14} , which she had collected for medical aid for Serbia. Seton, members of the Girls' Grammar School. Tickets and collection realised over \mathcal{L}_{20} , and we shall be able to send \mathcal{L}_{18} to the Serbian. Tickets and collection realised over \mathcal{L}_{20} , and we shall be able to send \mathcal{L}_{18} to the Serbian Relief Fund, earmarking it, at Mr. Seton-Watson's suggestion (who we may remark is a good Suffragist) for the Serbian Orphanage now being started in Serbia, a specially appropriate biject for our Society. Encouraged by the success of this lecture, we hope to have a course in the winter with the same object as the educational scheme now being greater knowledge of the countries ffected by the war.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Federation was held at the Station Hotel, Carn-It is affind at Abbotsleigh, Cookham Road, on ursday, June toth, for the Friends of Women's firage. There was an excellent attendance. The it was taken by Mrs. Lucian Oldershaw, and itrwas taken by Mrs. Lucian Oldershaw, and itr was taken by

enable them to take a full share in the work in the future. Very few reports have come in from Societies; so many members are doing relief and social work that it is difficult to get even a committee together. together. Societies seem ready to take up the Educational Courses. Little can be done until October, for during the next two months the district will be inundated with visitors. We district will be inundated with visitors. We are fortunate in having in the Federation such an excellent lecturer as Miss L. Graham, of Kendal. Miss Graham has spent some time in Germany and we are looking forward with interest to her lectures. KESWICK held its annual meeting, a purely business affair. Twenty members were present

KESWICK held its annual meeting, a purely business affair. Twenty members were present and officers and committee elected. Four delegates were sent to the Birmingham Council. The local papers are very good in putting in notices of women's work and news; such as, the enfranchisement of Danish women and the views of Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., on "Women Workers and the Railway."

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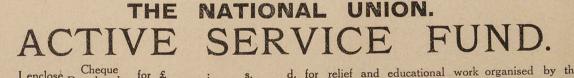
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