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function of which no man is underpaid. In other words, the minimum wage for men is a fact already. And now what men have found needful for themselves and what they have been able to establish—standardized pay—is seen to be the moral right of women workers also, whose "bargaining might" is not enough to claim it.

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It was the part of man to wrest his right from the strong hand, no matter how unwilling. It will now be woman's to receive her right unless the boast of our patriotism, and, largely, our civilization, is vain that both have stood for that progress briefly defined as "the emancipation of woman."

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The wage is a patriotic obligation, and the neglect of its discharge in Canada up to the present moment is a reproach which, to our greater shame, is not shared by Australia and

New Zealand. From these two colonies, not from us, has the Mother Country taken the tip that fair play is the due of the wage-earning woman. In these three countries there is active legislation to standardize the wages of women workers. Also in eleven of the United States similar measures have been passed, or are impending, for the conservation of woman and the minor in the industrial world. Canada yet lags behind the vanguard.

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The minimum wage is a basic necessity in the cold eye of a nation's economics. Healthier, happier industrial workers—improved manufacture—a wealthier country! The minimum wage is the equalizer which takes from the few what will not be missed and bestows on the proletariat who

need it.

## Recent Events

M ISS URSULA LAWRENCE, the Montreal soprano, has been much praised recently for her admirable singing in conjunction with the recitals in Canada of Miss Kathleen Parlow, violinist. They appeared together in Montreal and in Kingston.

TWO presentees at court this season are Mrs. Russell Brown, nee Muriel Tandy, of Kingston, Ontario, now the wife of Major Russell Brown, of the Royal Engineers, and Mrs. William McNeill, of Vancouver, B.C.

A REQUEST has been made by the Winnipeg ladies in charge of the Babies' Milk Depot that the city take over the burden of financing.

Eastwood, whose services as superintendent have greatly advanced the usefulness of the order in the local branch. Miss Eastwood resigned last October, and Miss Touche has been appointed to succeed her.

THE members of the Women's University Club were the guests of Mrs. Ambrose Small at a meeting recently held at the Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, when the speaker was Mr. Martin Harvey.

LADY MOUNT STEPHEN, whose husband is likely to succeed Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner for Canada in London, is (says the Daily Express) probably the Queen's oldest and most intimate



MRS. JULIAN HEATH.

President of the Housewives' League of New York and a recent visitor in Toronto, where her valuable address to the public was given under the auspices of the local Y. W. C. A. Our illustration shows the speaker at the hearth of her hostess, Mrs. Raney, who gave a fireside function in her honour.

The work has grown immoderately, and the ladies feel that the point has been reached when the project should be put on a civic basis.

THE STROLLERS DRAMATIC CLUB of Ottawa is planning to give "Mrs. Carrington's Necklace" in aid of a fund for the purchase shortly of a "Fresh Air Cottage" at Britannia.

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THE Women's Directory of Montreal, which aims at the reclaiming of unmarried mothers by keeping them in touch with their children and providing them with suitable occupations, has been guaranteed the use of a room as headquarters, by kindness of Lady Drummond. A committee has been formed to conduct the work, of which Mrs. George Kohl is president.

A T the recent fifteenth annual meeting of the Toronto branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, suitable tribute was paid Miss

friend. Before her marriage in 1897 to the Canadian millionaire peer, she was Miss Gian Tufnell, and was lady-in-waiting and the favorite companion of the late Duchess of Teck.

THE students of Dalhousie University, Halifax, have just presented at the Academy of Music the comedy entitled, "The College Widow." Among the brightest amateur "stars" were the Misses Georgina Faulkner and Hattie Boak. The orchestra was directed by Mrs. G. F. Pearson.

THE "grand bal masque et travesti," recently given in Montreal by the management of the Ritz-Carlton, was a brilliant affair with its three episodes, supper at midnight and "grand farandole de Bazet at 2.30 a.m. and "une bataille des fleurs," which followed at 3 a.m.

THE Club for the study of Social Science, Toronto, became affiliated at its last meeting with the Local Council of Women.

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