

### WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Princess of Wales has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new Hospital for Women in May.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, who returns to England early in May, has also fixed that month for opening the new buildings of the Blackheath and Charlton Cottage Hospital.

THE Duchess of Albany was present at the Parkes Museum on the 26th ult., where a large and distinguished audience gathered together to hear Dr. A. T. Schofield deliver a lecture on the subject of "Child Culture." Sir Douglas Galton presided on this interesting occasion. Dr. Schofield, who is a most fluent and agreeable speaker, said that the subject of "Child Culture" might be classified under three heads—viz., culture of the body, the brain, and the mind. In regard to culture of the body, the best exercises for children were those they devised for themselves. There was a tendency nowadays to overdo gymnastics, especially for girls, for whom he recommended rowing as the most suitable exercise. Speaking of the brain, Dr. Schofield insisted upon the importance of gradual development, prematurely developed brains being generally deficient in tone in after life. About the culture of the mind the lecturer gave some valuable advice. A careful training should be begun early by the parents of a child, who alone should punish for a fault, and that through appealing to its affection, never by intimidation. To make a child attractive should not be a parent's foremost aim; but to make them into true and worthy men

and women. Dr. Schofield, who is evidently in entire sympathy with children, would be doing them untold benefit if he would give a course of lectures on this all-important subject of child culture, a subject upon which many a mother is deplorably ignorant.

LADY ROMILLY's death will be deeply regretted by many philanthropic societies with which she was connected, especially her Girls' Home, in Golden Square. Her gentle sympathy and bright presence will be greatly missed.

THE Countess of Meath is making an earnest appeal, on behalf of the Kyrle Society, for more ladies to help in giving high-class entertainments in the Workhouses and Hospitals in the Metropolis. There ought to be no difficulty in gaining the help required, considering how highly cultivated are the talents of even amateurs in these musical days.

A WEST END committee of ladies has been formed in connection with the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the Poor.

MISS LUCY M. G. GARNETT has an article in the *Woman's World*, in which she breaks a lance with Mrs. Fawcett on the subject of woman's suffrage; and she advances a number of reasons for opposing the movement. The fact remains, however, that the person who pays the rates and taxes is the person who should have a voice in the government of the country. Exempt women from contributing to the maintenance of the State before attempting to convince them that they have not an interest in its welfare.

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