

PRINCESS LOUISE was at Leicester last week, and opened a Children's Hospital. The Marquis of Lorne was unable to accompany the Princess on account of a severe cold. After the ceremony, Her Royal Highness visited the ruins of the Abbey and other places of historic interest. Her Royal Highness will visit Maidstone on June 28, for the purpose of opening the Hollingworth Memorial Building of the West Kent General Hospital.

THE DUCHESS OF RUTLAND distributed prizes and certificates on the 25th ult. to the pupils of the Royal Normal College for the Blind. The ceremony took place at the Crystal Palace, and the Duchess afterwards addressed two thousand persons who were assembled on the occasion. She alluded to the marvellous results of the teaching given by Dr. Campbell at the college. What had been accomplished showed her that if they could not see what they were doing they saw mentally, considerably more than many sighted ones. It appeared to her that she had come there to learn a great lesson in patience, perseverance, and courage and fortitude under difficulties. She had seen the gradual process of education, from the dear little children modelling to the bigger ones doing well with their music, and knitting, and needlework. The testimonials of Sir Arthur Sullivan, Dr. Henschel, and others, demonstrated the excellence of musical training, and lives which otherwise might have been passed in darkness were rendered bright and useful.

LADY SANDHURST has addressed a letter of farewell to the Brixton Liberal Association on the occasion of her retirement from the London County Council. She writes: "I deplore the loss of the opportunity of doing more good work for my fellow citizens than I can expect to accomplish as a private individual; but I do not feel that I have been defeated. On the contrary, I have won all I undertook to fight for, and the women's cause has undoubtedly been much advanced. The question of the points of law is against us at present, and we must work to have this changed. In thus saying farewell, I am anxious to add that, if at any future time I can be of service to your association, I shall be glad."

AFTER years of steady and persistent opposition to the Women's Suffrage movement, the *Scotsman* newspaper, in a leading article on the 22nd ult., observes that, as the result of Primrose Leagues and other women's political associations, we are within measurable distance of the assimilation of the municipal and Parliamentary Franchise, and

that within two years women will be enfranchised. The *Scotsman* says: "The prospect is not pleasant in many respects; but it is certain. Justice, fair dealing, honesty in public affairs, all demand that women shall not be converted into active electioneers and party propagandists, without having the responsibility that comes of the possession of a vote."

VISCOUNTESS OSSINGTON and Baroness Howard de Walden have offered a site adjacent to the present parochial schools in the High Street, Marylebone, for the erection of additional buildings for technical education, a gymnasium and a cookery centre; and, besides giving the site, these ladies promised to contribute £8,000 towards the cost of the building. Another lady, the Canon stated, had undertaken to build, at her own expense, a new and convenient rectory house.

THE *Englishman's Overland Mail* says: "In India Lady Doctors are now familiar to us, and although at first they may have been somewhat ridiculed by those who could not appreciate their value, they are fast making their presence felt for good in almost every corner of the land. So far as the native women of this country are concerned, it is gratifying to note that their success in all branches of college education is progressing to the entire satisfaction of their professors. Not only have they proved themselves to be generally well fitted for the arduous duties attendant on Medical studies, but they have in some cases succeeded beyond all ordinary expectation. Bombay, Madras, the North-West Provinces, and the Punjab all return flattering reports on the subject, and when we say that a class of female students can average over 700 marks out of 1,000 in a Surgical examination, as we hear has recently been the case, little can be said against their power of skill or aptitude for gaining knowledge in one of the most important branches of the Medical profession. Indeed, it appears not unlikely that women in India may prove themselves by no means inferior to men in most branches of the practice of Medicine, if the progress made by native females in Hospital work may be taken as a criterion. In many cases they have proved themselves superior to male students in college examinations, and in no way behind them in application, power of reasoning, and resource. The fact that much of their success is due to the great interest taken in their studies by their lecturers and professors is not without a certain special significance."

OUR own hearts alone can decide what they really enjoy.—MASSILLON.

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