

emigrants (whether ladies, young women, or little girls) can be thoroughly trained for colonial life. The charges for board and instruction will be extremely moderate in all the departments; yet it is hoped, with care, that in a few years it would be practically self-supporting. But, alas! a sum of £300 is necessary before they can open it—necessary, but not forthcoming. Many hundreds are going forth to a strange country in reckless faith, taking for granted they will find it just like England, only that work, and therefore money, will fall into their laps; and arrive, after a long voyage, to be roughly disillusioned. Money is certainly more plentiful, and wages much higher, and good servants are wanted, and treated better socially; but the work is hard. More "hands" apply to the shops than they need, and competition is keen, especially with regard to governesses and companions. Then lack of knowledge of the country is painfully felt, and the new comer ardently envies the Australian and Canadian born, and longs for old friends and old scenes. Thus, though many have found happy homes in the colonies, many have also had cause to mourn bitterly they ever left the shores of Great Britain.

YET emigration is not only a good thing, but a necessary thing for our over-populated little island. But true emigration is not a solitary going forth of one individual or one family into a land of the needs of which they know nothing, the climate even of which they are often astoundingly ignorant. No wonder, therefore, that the scheme for training emigrants referred to above has received enthusiastic support from all associated with, or interested in the subject of, the emigration of women, and that it has many well-wishers.

THE University of Bâle, Switzerland, has at last opened its ancient portals to women students. It is behindhand though, for it is the last of all, the other Universities of this charming little Republic having long ago admitted the followers of the fair "Princess Ida" of the poet's imagination to the privileges of studentship. Geneva especially is much resorted to by young Continental blue-stockings. By-the-bye, that word has ceased to be one of obloquy, but is rather sought as a title of honour by many a High School girl, who is justly proud of her ability, or desirous of being thought clever—at least, as unpropitious circumstances prevent her being thought pretty.

LADY GALLOWAY and Lady Jersey, who are travelling up the Nile, will, on their return to England, publish a book on their journey experi-

ences. There is nothing peculiar in this item of fashionable intelligence; the peculiarity would rather have been had they omitted to chronicle the account of their journey in black and white, for at present a mania for seeing one's name on the title page of a book has seized society, and has resulted in an overflow of memoirs, reminiscences and travels by both great and small celebrities and only would-be aspirants after fame. Some of these many books prove interesting, but the great majority of them are indifferently dull, for the most difficult essay in the art of writing is to write so as to interest others—the main purpose of a book, surely, and especially a book of travels. Nevertheless, I expect the above at present in embryo conjoint work will prove as interesting as is the subject thereof. VEVA KARSLAND.

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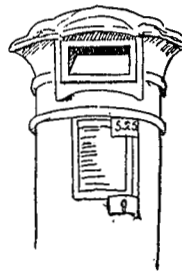
SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE want to assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid, and for this purpose donations, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, as the Fund has already many demands made upon it.

Proxies will also be thankfully received by the Editor for the British Home for Incurables on behalf of a most deserving candidate for an annuity of £20 from the above Institution. Votes for other Charitable Societies will also be gladly received as they can be exchanged. Candidate's name, Ann Thompson; single; aged fifty-one; who has been suffering from spinal injury and paralysis for more than six years past. She is now quite unable to earn her living.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Communications, &c., not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Having lately had my house more or less under the influence, if not the control, of a Monthly Nurse, I naturally take an interest in anything connected with Nurses and Nursing, and have therefore read with great satisfaction in your columns the interesting and instructive lecture on the

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