

of her pupils have already appeared in public successfully, Miss Millward being one of the first. Mrs. Billington's practical experience of the theatre and theatrical performances for so many years must of necessity cause her to be a good instructress in an art she so thoroughly understands. She is also a fine and sympathetic elocutionist and has often recited in public. "Your varied experience and practical knowledge must be of very great service to your pupils," writes Mr. Irving. "I think your pupils will be extremely fortunate in finding themselves in the hands of so excellent an instructor," writes W. S. Gilbert. "I believe no one better qualified to teach them than yourself," writes J. L. Toole. After such testimonials from such men no words of mine are needed. Mrs. Billington does not think much of the prospects before elocutionists. The two arts of recitation and acting are closely connected, for the same qualities are needed for both. But there is this great difference—the elocutionist need not be an actress, but the actress must of necessity, before she can succeed, be a good elocutionist. Thus the former is often made a stepping-stone to the latter, though the two are in reality perfectly distinct professions.

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In the township of Philadelphia, I hear that two well-known American ladies, Miss Charlotte Porter and Miss Helen Clarke, are "running" (to use a technical term) a periodical entitled "Poet Lore: a Journal of Comparative Literature." Why should not two still more enterprising ladies start in opposition another magazine, calling it "A Journal of Superlative Literature," and keeping it select to the *élite* of the fashionable world of literature? It would be sure to succeed, for people like the best of everything always, whilst both authors and journalists would surely willingly waive the mundane consideration of £ s. d., if only they could be honoured by attaining "the highest degree of comparison," as we learnt in the old school days so long ago.

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In reference to my article on lady helps, in which I made mention of the necessity for Training Colleges for Housewifery, I have been asked to mention that there is such a one as I proposed at Riverdale, Newnham-on-Severn, bearing the title of the "National Housewifery College." Here lady students are trained and instructed in plain cooking, home dressmaking, needlework, and all branches of housework, as well as lectures upon domestic economy and home nursing. Fees, per term, £10 10s., including board, lodging, and instruction. Miss Headdon is the foundress

and directress of the Institute, which is now, after years of patience, prospering beyond the most sanguine expectations, and the tiny seed she sowed years ago has become a flourishing tree, grafts from which may, I hope, some day find a resting place beside other rivers as well as on the banks of the silver Severn. All particulars can be had by writing to Miss Headdon, Housewifery College, Riverdale, Newnham-on-Severn.

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### "NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

#### 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.

#### HELP WANTED HERE ALSO.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 48, is a widow, and has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life, besides dislocating one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Mrs. Duyck wishes to obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal please do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

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.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*E. Empson.*—Apply to any of the chief London Hospitals; but we should strongly recommend you to seek the advice of the Secretary and Registrar of the British Nurses' Association, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, W., who we feel sure will give you valuable assistance respecting the information you require.

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