

cessful, and the Roman Catholic nun, who after her conversion to Protestantism took to lecturing, drew large crowds at one time. Miss Harrison asks and receives a good round sum for her lectures, which are usually on "Greek Art"; whilst Mrs. Fawcett could obtain almost anything she liked to demand. Ramabai, also, the Indian widow, has proved a most successful lecturer. But lecturing, *pur et simple*, will never become a popular profession for several reasons—first, its irregularity (large gains one season, barely aught another); secondly, because of the long study and careful training necessary. Rome was not built in a day, and certainly lecturers are not made in one. Popularity (excellence is not always included in the word) is everything for a lady lecturer; it makes all the difference to the £ s. d., for people will pay highly for seats to listen to someone they "have heard of." But for continued popularity and success more is needed than the blast of fame. Yankeeland is the "happy island" of the lecturer, whether of the feminine or masculine gender, and there lecturing is much more thought of than in "old England," where as an art it is still in its infancy.

NERVOUSNESS, unless very excessive, does not prevent a person becoming a good lecturer, for in nearly all cases it wears off as use becomes "second nature," and it seems as natural to be on the platform as by one's own fireside. Lecturers and teachers are very nigh akin, especially such teachers as those who, after careful training, are sent out from such schools as the Schools of Art or of Cookery or of Wood Carving, to promulgate what they know. Indeed, lecturers need all the qualifications of a schoolmistress or master, and especially must know how to manage their audiences; and, above all, must be able to be erudite without being dull, or eyes may be closed during the lecture, just as if it were "only a sermon." Not that all sermons are dull—by no means. People like the jam of amusement to be administered with the pill of instruction. After all,

"Men are but children of a larger growth."

PRINCESS BEATRICE, so rumour saith, is engaged in compiling a birthday book, arranged and illustrated by herself, but it is to be for private circulation only. Talking of birthday books, the new thing in the "a bit for every day in the year" style is one dedicated to lovers of horses, horse-shoe in shape, and with quotations, &c., about the gentle gee-gee. The idea is certainly ingenious. What will people think of next? Anything for novelty! Folk are certainly leaving the good old paths for "pastures new."

MY readers will be very glad to learn that Miss Amelia Edwardes is at last recovering from the dangerous attack of erysipelas in her arm, consequent on the accident she met with in America. The arm was again dislocated by her during a heavy sea which occurred during her voyage home from the United States, and for many weeks—even months—afterwards the greatest anxiety was felt by the physicians who attended her; but now it is hoped she may soon be restored to health, and able to meet the many public engagements she has hitherto, on score of health, been obliged to refuse.

MRS. NORMAN'S famous picture, "Ophelia," has been purchased for the Walker Galleries, Liverpool. Mrs. Norman has not shown any diminution in her love of Art since her marriage, although she is best known still to the public under her maiden name of Henrietta Rae.

THE Silver Cross Circle of King's Daughters of New York are about to start a very practical plan of philanthropy on the principle of helping the poor to help themselves. Widows are to be received in a large house to be soon opened for the purpose, and shall be able to rent therein one or two or three rooms at a moderate rental, in due proportion with their means of livelihood. As it is, the poor are eaten up, so to speak, by the heavy rents they are obliged to pay for accommodation often filthy and unsanitary, and no better way of helping them, and yet preserving to them that self-respect which is so essential, than by thus enabling them to obtain a good room or two at a low rental.

VEVA KARSLAND.

BACK NUMBER.—The publishers will give double the price—fourpence per copy—for No. 59 of the *Nursing Record*.

"OF NO USE."—Many persons complain that their powers are so small, their education is so limited, their means are so circumscribed, they cannot hope to be of any use in the world. Let such take courage. No one is so powerless that he cannot in some way strengthen the hands of another; no one is so dull that he cannot help another to shine; no one's life is so small that he cannot make some other life greater. And in those other lives which the humble and earnest man has aided to build up he will find his own life grow richer and fuller. Everything done for others, with the desire of doing good to them and to the world, will react upon the doer, bringing to him its own satisfaction and the reward of a good conscience.

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