

clauses into her Bill, and offers a post-graduate course in the hospital above-mentioned. Her Bill may or may not have been framed with disinterested motives, but the whole conduct of the meetings was open to censure. Although assuming to form a State Association, no attempt was made, at first, to call nurses from other parts of the State, or to inform them what was contemplated. A small clique of nurses met and prepared a constitution and by-laws, and at a mass meeting held later, at which about fifty women were present, things were to be "jammed through." The person most interested paid for the room, and her legal adviser was the chairman. Parliamentary forms were ignored; no time for discussion was offered; the constitution was read once, and the chair was about to proceed to its adoption, when an unfriendly soul demanded discussion, and the fact was brought out that few present knew what they were doing. The meeting was postponed for a week, and then circulars were sent out calling nurses to another mass meeting "to form a Protective Society." The day came, and large forces from alumnae associations and training schools came to find out what was going on and prevent any premature movement, only to be astonished by a declaration from the chair that the meeting had been organised the week before, and only the election of officers remained. Enough fighting was done to bring out plainly the dishonourable methods employed, and also to drag from them an outline of proposed legislation. The opposition (numbering about one hundred) then went home, leaving the "Association" (numbering about twenty) to elect their officers. The officers chosen were not such as to offer any large hope of the Association's ultimate usefulness in a broad way; and, for the prospects of their Bill in the Legislature, that may be told later.

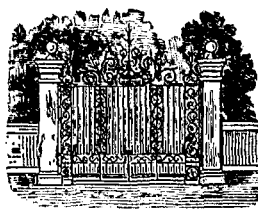
Melbourne News.

THERE is an urgent need for an Isolation Hospital in Melbourne, which at present has no provision for infectious cases, and a conference has recently been held in that city, under the presidency of the Mayor, to discuss the question of erecting and maintaining such a hospital. At present there are no means of isolating infectious cases, or of providing proper nurses for those suffering from infectious complaints. Beyond the unnecessary discomfort and suffering which this lack of provision entails, persons so affected become sources of public danger, and centres of infection. Further, members of households so infected are prevented from attending business, and so earning the money so essential to such households. It is much to be hoped that Melbourne will speedily make adequate arrangements for the nursing of those suffering from infectious diseases.

We regret to announce that Miss Sheedy, for many years matron of the Stawell Hospital, Victoria, New South Wales, has died from the effect of injuries received while bicycling. Miss Sheedy lost control over her bicycle while going down a hill, and sustained severe injuries. An operation was performed, but she never rallied, and died on January 18th.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN



A JAPANESE princess is among the students at Boston University who are working for honours in the Bachelor of Letters course. She is Renata Yamaguchi, and a perfect specimen of tiny Japanese womanhood. She is but nineteen years old, and

has taken care of herself since she was fourteen, and since she expressed her determination to come to America for an education that would fit her for the instruction of young girls in her own country. Her father, whose rank is not far removed from that of the Emperor, opposed her scheme with all his might.

Mrs. Sanders, of Pinchbeck West, near Spalding, for the first time in the annals of local government, presided over the poll on the occasion of the election for seats on the Parish Council. Mrs. Sanders is believed to be the first lady who has ever acted as returning officer at an election.

The problem of where business and professional women are to live is being dealt with in New York, according to the *Daily Chronicle*, in a practical manner by the erection of a huge "Business Women's Hotel." The scheme has been originated by Mrs. Dunlop Hopkins, who is well known in American philanthropic circles; and the buildings, which are very handsome, have been entirely planned and carried out by two women architects, Miss Alice Hands and Miss Mary Gannon, who received their training at the New York School of Applied Design. The hotel, which is built in the style of the Renaissance, is to accommodate 2,000 professional women, who will find suitable accommodation, whether their weekly stipend is six dollars or sixty. By an excellently planned arrangement a girl earning a very small income can have a single bedroom and the use of a parlour and bathroom. Each set of six bedrooms has the two latter apartments in common, and the sitting-room is to be appropriated for one evening each week by each tenant, for her own exclusive use and for the purpose of entertaining her friends.

Miss Clara Martin has been formally admitted to the Ontario Bar. Six years ago Miss Martin, who had taken her B.A. degree, notified to the benchers her desire to enter as a law student. After nine months' consideration her request was refused on the ground that the benchers had not the power to admit her. Miss Martin then pleaded her cause so effectively among the members of the Ontario Parliament that a Bill was passed in 1892 by a majority of one, giving benchers the necessary power. Finally, Miss Martin was admitted to the Bar on February 2nd of this year.

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