

of living; as for the beribboned "Mademoiselle," who curls our hair, and condescends to wear our best clothes, with what hysterical Gallic shrieks would the proposal be greeted!

I LATELY made a fashionable dame immensely indignant, when discussing this question on a Nursing Committee, where I proposed that a certain District Nurse should be paid £40 per annum, with board, lodging, washing and uniform. This enormous outlay was to be met by the following simple plan: I proposed that we should each deny ourselves *one* luxury, according to our means, to begin with the lady in question, who should be the poorer this season by one Court train, price £25; at this rate it would be possible for our Nurse to indulge in "butcher's meat" on Sunday.

MISS A. M. HARPER, who was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has lately been Lady Superintendent of the Wirrall Children's Hospital, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the City and County Nursing Institution at Worcester.

MISS HOLLOWAY, who vacates the post at Worcester after seven years' work, has just been appointed Matron of the New Home of Recovery and Convalescent Home at Girdlesome.

MISS MARGERY HOMERSHAM, M.R.B.N.A., is conducting a series of free lectures to ladies, under the auspices of the Worcestershire Health Society. The Countess of COVENTRY presided at the inaugural lecture, which took place in the County Hall. The large audience listened with much appreciation to Miss HOMERSHAM'S lucid and interesting remarks on the organs of the human body and their preservation, dwelling on the mistakes arising from ignorance, and the advantages, from a health point of view, of perfect cleanliness, pure air, occupation, and exercise. The lecturer alluded to the effect of certain industries on the respiratory organs, and placed before the ladies of Worcester the good service they might render to their sex in a united endeavour to curtail the long hours, standing of female assistants in their local shops. The lecture was repeated at Kidderminster on Saturday afternoon, when the Countess of DUDLEY, who came from London expressly for the purpose, presided; and a third lecture was delivered at Oldbury.

MISS HOMERSHAM, I hear, delivered her second health lecture at Worcester, on the 20th inst. Lady GALTON presided. The address was devoted to healthy dress.

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I AM glad to hear that Miss JULIA ANNE POWELL, Lady Superintendent of the Maison de Santé Private Hospital in Dublin, has received from the Order of St. John of Jerusalem the Cross of Associate of the Order, and congratulate her on the high distinction which has been conferred upon her.

THE *Lancet* last week had the following note which will be interesting to my readers, although there are probably not a few amongst them who would be able to make some better suggestion than the correspondent of our contemporary:

"In the columns of *The Lancet* of January 7th, p. 69, 'M.B.' inquired as to the best material to use in the case of a patient in poor circumstances suffering from incontinence of urine and paralysis and unable to wear a prinal. A correspondent, writing from experience, in a recent case which was found very difficult to manage—the case of a lady suffering from paralysis, incontinence of urine and fæces and bedsores—recommends the use of tow made into pads of twenty inches square with unbleached muslin. These are to be placed on waterproof sheeting."

I AM asked to mention that a course of lectures on sick Nursing has just been commenced at Carlisle under the auspices of a committee of ladies. Dr. LEDIARD is the lecturer, and his syllabus of the eight lectures which he proposes to give, show that they will be of a thoroughly practical and useful character. Each lecture is illustrated by demonstrations, in which Nurses of the Carlisle Infirmary take part. Upwards of 300 women of all ranks have already joined the class.

I AM told that at the first Annual meeting of the Queen's Nursing Association, which was recently held at Darlington, a highly satisfactory report was presented. The mayor, who presided, and other prominent persons, including medical men, spoke highly of the work of the Association.

THE first of a short course of demonstration lessons on sick-room cookery, says the *Queen*, was given on Saturday last to medical students in the large hall of the Royal Infirmary by Miss ROTHERHAM and Miss LINDSAY, teachers in the Edinburgh School of Cookery and Domestic Economy, 3, Athole-crescent. Miss GUTHRIE-WRIGHT and Mrs. AUCLAND GEDDES, directors of the school, were present. Such teaching is found most valuable, more especially to young doctors working in the poorest parts of cities and towns. This seems to me to be a step in the right direction, and I hope before long that every nursing school will take a leaf out of the Edinburgh students' book and institute courses of similar instruction for Nurses. S. G.

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