

has added thereto the art of massage. This is only reasonable, for who but he, has at his fingers' ends the knowledge of all anatomical and physiological details which must surely be imparted to those about to manipulate the last triumph of God's creation, viz., the bodies of men; and bodies that are ill, too!!! Do let us seek to rise to the importance of this valuable therapeutic agent. Life is short, and we should be anxious to fill life with a maximum of good results. I believe that no one remedy has in itself the great power of scientifically applied massage, in the hands of suitable persons, and for suitable cases, and these latter, I maintain, the doctor only is the fit person to decide. Personally, I am grateful beyond words for Mr. Freer's generous coming forward for what I hold to be the advantage of an art whose value is priceless, and the possibilities of which have not yet been reached. What he suggests would, of course, help to mend matters, but I fear I am rather sceptical of ever eliminating the, by far, too large a number of persons doing daily damage to one of our best agents for the benefit of health. Perhaps other medical men will kindly and nobly give us the benefit of their views on this subject, which sooner or later is bound to find its fixed and lasting home in the science of medicine. Let us sink conservatism, red-tapeism, and all such like unworthy methods, and if we find a remedy, use it, and use it freely; for as we measure, so will it be measured to us again.—Apologising, Madam, for trespassing on your kindness, I am, yours truly,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

## REPLIES.

*Miss Lucy Bromley, Hornsey Rise.*—The following is a copy of Nurse Van der Ben's card. We feel sure she will be deeply grateful for any help which you can give her:—

MAY ELECTION, 1894.

To the Governors of the

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES,  
WEST HILL, PUTNEY HEATH, S.W.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is solicited on behalf of

MARIA VAN DER BEN,

Single. Aged 60. Candidate for Admission.

She has been suffering for several years from lateral curvature of the spine and debility, brought on during, and consequent upon, her avocation of Nurse, and is now quite unable to earn her livelihood. Her relatives are not in a position to keep her. The case is strongly recommended by

- Rev. J. W. Robinson, Prebendary of Wells, Vicar of Chard.
- \* „ C. R. Elrington, Mission Priest of Chard.
- \* „ F. Lansdown, The Manse, Chard.
- „ A. MacDonald, Hillside House, Chard.
- „ Charles Gutch, 39, Upper Park Place, Dorset Square, London, N.W.

Miss Ward (Lady Superintendent of St. Cyprian's Home for Incurables), 4, North Bank, London, N.W.

B. L. Powne, Esq., Surgeon, Monmouth House, Chard, Somerset.

\* By whom Proxies will be thankfully received.

## LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Miss Ainsty, Cambridge (with enclosure); Mrs. Roberts-Austen (with enclosure); Sister Alicia, London.
- B. Miss Bowring, Manchester; Miss Bell, Maidstone.
- D. Mrs. Dawson, London; Miss Drew, Homburg.
- G. Miss C. J. Gillett, Brisbane; Mrs. Gordon, London.
- H. Miss A. Horton, Bath (with enclosure); Miss Harrison, Berlin; Miss Harlow, Glasgow.
- L. Miss Lonsdale, Harrogate; Miss Lane, Croydon.
- M. Miss Morten, London; Mrs. Harrison, Falkirk, N.B.
- P. Miss Post, New York (with enclosure).
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure); Miss Raye, Bombay.
- S. Miss Isla Stewart, London; Miss Sanders, Wicklow (with enclosure); Miss Still, Wellington, N.Z.
- T. Miss R. Thornton, Hanover; Miss Thompson, Putney.
- W. Miss Janet Wallace, Thurso; Miss Weston, Southampton; Miss West, Ryde.

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