

The National Health Society.

53, BERNERS STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.



AN interesting course of eight lectures on "Home Sanitation" is to be given by Mrs. Goslett (Associate Sanitary Institute) at the lecture rooms of the Society, 53, Berner Street, W., commencing Wednesday, October 31st, at 4 p.m. These lectures will be particularly useful to mothers and others

holding responsible positions in the house; and as it is hoped that this subject of Sanitation will ultimately form part of the education of every girl, mistresses of schools are specially invited to attend the course, the opening lecture of which will be free to ladies holding such positions. The fee for the course will be 10s. 6d., Members of the Society being admitted free. Special arrangements will be made by which ladies' maids, etc., can attend the lectures at a reduced fee.

Mrs. Dickson has resumed her classes on "Nursing," "First Aid," and "Health," to the girls attending the Polytechnic Day School for girls in Langham Street, W. These classes were attended with great success last term; a large proportion of the pupils gaining elementary certificates as the result of the examination held at the conclusion of the course.

Courses of "Homely Talks" have commenced this week in several additional counties to those mentioned in last week's number of the NURSING RECORD. Sister Rita has commenced work in Chard, in which neighbourhood her lectures were much appreciated last season. Miss Belcher has undertaken a course in Abingdon, and Miss Brancker is at work in New Barnet. This last is an entirely new centre and promises to work well. Miss Stacpoole has undertaken courses at Northumberland Heath and Belvedere.

The number of students attending Miss Morgan's classes, in Essex, has considerably increased since the commencement of her visit to that county. This is another proof of the popularity of this lecturer.

On Wednesday, October 17th, the ladies attending the Special Course of Training Lectures for Students will visit the South Kensington Museum, in order to inspect the valuable collection of models, etc., contained there. This visit will be made under the direction of Dr. Edward Squire. A further increase has been made in the number of students attending this Special Training Course during the past week.

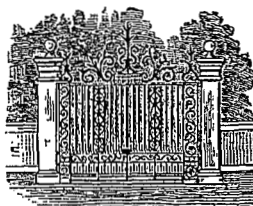
"Homely Talks" are being held at Hackney, Clapham, and Shepherd's Bush, and are much appreciated by the audiences at each centre.

The Link Shell Truss Co., 171, Wardour Street, London, W., have a new truss, it is claimed that by this method of manufacture a truss is provided which will be more comfortable than the one in ordinary use and better able to adapt itself to the various movements of the body, especially if these are of a sudden character. The truss is fitted with a hip-joint regulator by means of which the pressure is increased or diminished as required and with a soft hollow shell pad perforated for ventilation. The Truss as thus completed is an efficient one.—*Lancet*, August 4th, 1894.

— Outside the Gates. —

WOMEN.

ONWARD AND UPWARD.



THE present government and the session of 1894, whatever its shortcomings, and they are many, is yet distinguished for having carried through one of the great, if not the greatest, democratic and educative measures of a century distinguished by democratic reform.

First, there was the sweeping radical Reform Bill of 1832, for which Pitt had agitated so long before as 1782; an Act which may be truly said to have prepared the way for the increasingly humane Factory Acts, from that in 1833 to that in 1867, and 1878. In 1870, the Civil Service appointments of the country were open to everyone by the system of competitive examination. And we all know what a boon this has been to thousands of middle-class girls. In the same year, Mr. W. E. Forster's Bill was passed, enabling every child in the realm to be educated at the expense of the overburdened and self-pitied ratepayers. Then there have been the various Local Government Acts, from that in 1858 onwards. The next reform to be hatched on to the above is the complete and absolute freedom of the women. That it will come, sooner or later, is as certain as that a summer in 1895 will succeed the summer of this year. In spite of many opponents, it is approaching in the natural sequence of events; even a distinguished member of the Cabinet, known to oppose the movement, having been over-heard to say, about three months ago, that he was afraid the women could no longer be shunted. Women have waited and agitated long; but the delay has had many advantages. . . . When the consummation has been attained, and women enjoy the privileges of citizenship, we most earnestly hope that Nurses and Matrons will not be found wanting. It will be a thousand pities, nay, it will be one of the shameful anomalies of history, if so highly skilled and organised a class of professional women be not found in the vanguard of all that makes for righteousness and progress. In the meantime, we have much to be thankful for. A group of prominent women have spared neither intellect, strength, nor effort to force upon Parliament, and also upon their fellow women, the need for recognising them as units in the body politic. No labour was spared to get Members of Parliament to recognise the right of women to serve on the Parish Councils and District Councils which will come into existence next November. These have been in the main recognised, but are not equal to those secured by men. The main thing now is not only to let the women know what powers are offered to them, but to stir them up to use them, and to use them to the utmost of their ability. To this end, the Society for Promoting the Return of Women to all Local Govern-

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