

Central Collegiate School, 29, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, where the term is for one year, and the fee is £5 5s. The Teachers' Loan Society will advance money to those who are anxious to become teachers, and have not enough ready money to meet the training expenses; the Hon. Sec. is Miss Smart, 3, Morpeth Terrace, Victoria Street, London, S.W. Elementary teaching at the Government schools also opens up the way for many ladies in need of earning a livelihood. The pay is good, independence is practically secured, and the work is important and interesting. Surely, therefore, the prejudice felt by ladies against undertaking this noble work will soon wear off, and the children of the poor of the land be blessed by the refining influence of women of culture and gentle birth in their midst. The teacher must have had, to secure the highest status in her profession, a two years' course in a training college. The entrance examination takes place yearly in July. The subjects are English history, geography, arithmetic, domestic economy, needlework, and school management. Music and French are optional, but are an advantage. There are several colleges. Some of the best known are the Home and Colonial School Society, Gray's Inn Road (Church of England), entrance fee £15 to £20; Cheltenham, £14 to £20; Lincoln and Norwich, £3 3s. each; Saffron-Walden and Stockwell (undenominational), £20; and Wandsworth (R. C.), £2 10s. and £5. The mistress's salary is usually about £70, but at the largest schools runs from £100 to £300 per annum. Kindergarten teaching is another branch, and the demand for teachers is in excess of the supply. It is also pleasant work to those women who are fond of the "little ones." Further information will willingly be given on application to the hon. sec. of the Fröebel Society (established for the promotion of the Kindergarten System), 27, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.

But the new fashion in the art of education is the Slöjd (pronounced Sloyd) system. The word is the Swedish adjective for skilful, and the idea is the using of the hand for the purposes of education. It is, in fact, a continuance of the Kindergarten mode, but for older children; and is a graduated course of carpentry, beginning with simple things, such as pegs and penholders, and ending with tables, &c. It is a great delight to the children taught, as, instead of aimless exercises, it is real objects they are allowed to make. Many English teachers have lately been to Sweden to learn this new and sensible plan for teaching the children to be happy, useful, and wise, and are always warmly welcomed by kind Herr Abrahamson, of the Slöjd Seminarium at

Nääs Floda Station. It is a lovely spot, the scenery grand, the air bracing, and would form a charming holiday, and combine pleasure with profit, whilst the clever learner would bring away with her a charming series of unique models.

THAT young ladies can invent is a well-known fact, testified to not only in the amusing farcical comedy, "Our Flat," but by the experience of life. Dainty fingers will invent marvellous flowers in fascinating high art shades; pretty lips will invent strange tales of their own prowess, whispering them so sweetly one must fain believe them true, as does the self-deceiving teller of them herself sometimes; whilst clever heads will invent a thousand ways of meeting accidentally the fascinating curate. But the invention lately made by Lady Margaret Byng comes as a surprise. It is no ornament for your drawing-rooms; no new easy chairs to make more easy still the luxurious rest of our do-nothing noble brothers. No. This new invention is emphatically useful, and for the bees, not the drones of life. It reminds us of the country, the lowing cows, the rosy-cheeked dairymaids and the cool, clean dairy, for it is a new butter-tub with a wooden hand. A wooden hand, which, it is said, will turn more rapidly and with more force the pure white milk into genuine golden butter—not butterine, not margarine, but butter *pur et simple*.

I LEARN from America that a Southern lady, well known to many, states that she was at one time acquainted with "Barbara Freitchie," the heroine of Whittier's charming poem, and that the story as told by this sweet New World song-bird is essentially true.

A WEEK or so ago I mentioned the fact that some American young lady students had started a war against Uncleanliness and Ignorance. I am glad to be able to record that their English sisters are not behind them in philanthropy and Christian Socialism. Already in Southwark young lady students from the famous old colleges of Oxford and Cambridge have taken up the cudgels under Miss Argus' directing hand; and quite lately Mayfield House, the home of the "Women's Establishment for Workers," was opened with a special service by Bishop Barry. The settlement is, as the title proclaims, one for ladies only, most of the intending settlers hieing from Newnham and Cheltenham Colleges. The house is situated in the parish of St. John's, Bethnal Green, under the vicar of which the association will work. Nine ladies are already in residence. They pay one guinea a week for board and lodging, unless they are non-subscribers to the Society,

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