

compass which directs the future of the young, be it consciously or unconsciously. This is testified to by the fact that the members of the Parents' National Education Union, started recently, had the honour of meeting at the well known North London Collegiate School for Girls, at the invitation of Miss Buss, the distinguished mistress thereof. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen—ever foremost in good works—also allowed a council meeting of the same society to be held at their house in Grosvenor Square, whereat Miss Marston, the Hon. Sec., explained the objects of the Union, *i.e.*, the co-operation of parents as parents for the benefit of their children and "the creating of a better public opinion on the subject of home training." As the children sit side by side on the Board School forms, it is easy at one glance to tell who have good careful parents. Why, the pinafores proclaim without words what mother is. Yes, father and mother are responsible, be they rich or poor, and no governess or school-mistress can in any way take upon themselves the responsibility, for it is untransferable. Therefore, may all success attend this new undertaking, and may Miss Marston be blessed in her work, for surely it is time that parents should realise that if, either by neglect, cruelty, or the more prevalent sin of over-indulgence, they train not their children in obedience, self-control and patience, they are sinning against "their country and their God." Responsibility—it is an awful word. May the parents of to-day awake to theirs, that the generations to come may "arise and call them blessed."

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THE Women's Trades Union Provident League is to be congratulated on having a most efficient and able hon. secretary—namely, Miss Routledge, B.A., of London—who is already noted for her unusual powers or organisation, and she has also an assistant-secretary, Miss Holyoake, whose name is enough guarantee of her suitability for her post; especially is this so, for she has been her father's right-hand in his work. If the League fails it will not be in this case for want of management.

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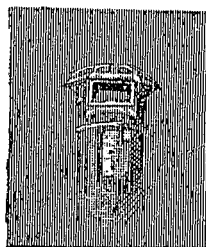
THE death of Stephanie Wohl last month was the cause of deep regret to a large literary circle, and to many personal friends. She was a Hungarian writer of great note, being the author of some very successful novels, and was also the editress of a leading Hungarian paper.

VEVA KARSLAND.

BACK NUMBERS (31 AND 52).—The publishers will give double the price—fourpence per copy—for either of the above numbers, both of which are out of print.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)



*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*Communications, &c. not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits.*

### DISTRICT NURSING.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—There is one point in your valuable Editorial on the 14th inst., to which I must beg to demur, *viz.*, that a District Nurse should add Midwifery and Midwifery Nursing to her other and multifarious acquirements. These are, and ever ought to be, a distinct branch of District Nursing work, and certainly a woman attending a convalescent from puerperal fever is not in a safe condition to conduct a labour, and how could this be avoided under the arrangement you suggest?

Your idea that young Nurses should be initiated into the niceties of District Nursing work by women older and better experienced in it than themselves, is most wise and practical. I speak from no small experience when I say that the poor prefer this arrangement and like to feel the protection of a tried and trusted hand, though they take in the kindest manner to a young stranger, introduced by one whom they know.

It must not be forgotten that Hospitaling is no training at all for extern work, which is a thing by itself, only to be taught by those thoroughly acquainted with it, and learned by young Nurses under safe guidance.

In an article I contributed to our *Record* nearly a year ago on the "Economic Aspects of Nursing," I went somewhat extensively into the subject of Private Nursing, and pointed out the qualities it demands, pursuing the subject in a measure in a subsequent article on the "Social Side of Nursing." On parallel lines, though widely apart, is "District Nursing," and not one woman in a hundred is entirely adapted for either. They demand qualities of a rare order, quite distinct from any mere technical skill and knowledge that can be learned or taught to any extent; hence the many breakdowns. In all home work, high or lowly, a sympathetic nature is essential to personal popularity, in common parlance, the woman "whom almost everybody takes to." In how few men and women do we find this nature—as distinctly a gift as beauty or grace.—I am, Sir, yours truly, JUSTITIA.

### UNSOLICITED.

Sir,—I have taken the *Nursing Record* from the very first number, and find it most useful and interesting.—Faithfully yours,  
L. E. BURGESS, M.B.N.A.  
Royal Infirmary, Truro.

Communications, &c., with and without enclosures, have been received from *Sister H. C., Nurse Becks, Mrs. Dwyck, Miss M. Hunt, Miss Annie Shaw, Miss M. Rose, Miss B. S. Buckley.*

"A COUNTRY NURSE" would like to know what is the correct way to prepare a mackintosh for "ovariotomy operation." What ought to be used to prevent the mackintosh slipping?

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