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THE annual meeting of the Association for Befriending Young Servants was held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, the Bishop of Bedford occupying the chair, as the Lord Mayor, the rightful chairman, was perforce absent. The able Bishop made a fluent speech, in which he “bore testimony to the excellent and extensive duties performed by the Institution,” the object of which, as its name implies, is to provide young servants (many of them work-house girls, orphaned or as good as orphaned and friendless) with women friends and with safe lodgings while out of employment; and also visit them in their places, speak for them to their mistress, and strive in every way to brighten the lives of these poor little “maids-of-all-work.”

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I READ in the *Queen* that “The Victoria College, established by the late Keshub Chunder Sen, with the object of supplying higher education to adult native Indian ladies, is making satisfactory progress.” Certainly it is difficult to combine the ideas of Indian ladies and higher education, even though so many of our Indian sisters have so ably proved that they are not so destitute of brains as was imagined. It is evident India is at least realizing more and more the fact which the eloquent Canon Wilberforce is even now preaching in this great Eastern country—viz., “No nation can possibly attain strength that is afraid to educate its women.”

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WITH reference to the above my readers will be interested in the fact that Miss S. Rajahgopaul, a Hindoo lady, has lately translated several of the German author Froebel’s works into Hindustanee, and “has also made a collection of Kindergarten songs” for her little country folk. Also it is interesting to learn from the *Queen* of March 22, that there are now “ten Parsee and Hindu ladies in England, three of whom are engaged in higher study, while several young girls are at school.”

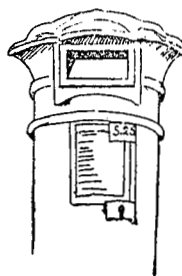
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SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE want to assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid, and for this purpose donations, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, as the Fund has already many demands made upon it. Proxies will also be thankfully received by the

Editor for the British Home for Incurables on behalf of a most deserving candidate for an annuity of £20 from the above Institution. Votes for other Charitable Societies will also be gladly received as they can be exchanged. Candidate’s name, Ann Thompson; single; aged fifty-one; who has been suffering from spinal injury and paralysis for more than six years past. She is now quite unable to earn her living.



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.

REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES BY THE B.N.A.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

DEAR SIR,—If anything were wanting to show the wisdom of the B.N.A. in admitting Midwives for Registration, it would be the following extract from a provincial paper:—“The annual meeting of the Birmingham Lying-In Charity was held this morning at 71, Newhall Street, the Mayor (Councillor Clayton) presiding. The report stated that there had been an increase this year in the patients, the number attended to being 953, as against 901 in 1888. The death-rate had been very low, namely, 2.46 per 1,000. The financial condition of the Institution was satisfactory. The Mayor, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said he was glad that the Charity did not give those opportunities for imposition which existed in connection with other institutions. Mr. J. D. Goodman, in seconding the resolution, said that the death-rate was so low that the Registrar-General seemed inclined to disbelieve the statistics. The report was adopted, and with the re-election of the officers the meeting terminated.”

One reason adduced for Nursing Registration is protection for the sick. What sick require more protection than women attended in their own homes by Midwives? Institutions of course protect themselves in this matter. Can the public do better than follow their example and protect themselves from the sham Midwives who so often and so disastrously deceive them than by accepting a sound scheme of Registration, as a guarantee of the efficiency of the women they employ?—I am, Sir, yours truly,
STAFF MIDWIFE.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dora Woolley.—Apply to any or all of the following:—Manchester Southern Hospital for Diseases of Women and Children, Clifford Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock; Derbyshire Hospital for Sick Children, Derby; Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen; Glasgow Hospital for Sick Children, 45, Scott Street.

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