

Women's Hospital in the same city, afterwards joining the Private Nursing Staff of the same Institution, on which she remained for four years. In 1878 Miss Hebbend returned to the Children's Hospital as Staff Nurse. Miss Hebbend possesses all the qualifications for the post, in which I hope she will be successful. Perhaps I ought to mention that this lady is likewise a Member of the R.B.N.A.

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WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE *Phonetic Journal* is the name of Mr. Pitman's phonographic organ, which devotes itself weekly to the propagation of shorthand. There is no doubt, although it is an interested party, that the fact it asserts, that shorthand is now almost a necessity to any business woman or female clerk, is perfectly true. This and type-writing combined are fair weapons with which to equip a girl for the warfare of life, although like other things, so many are learning them that there is much fear that overcrowding, and in consequence underselling, will be the result. The new Yost typewriter is one of the most perfect of the type of instruments which have been invented during the last decade. I would recommend my readers interested in this new art to write to Messrs. Harrison and Co., Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, for their little pamphlet, entitled "The Story of a Typewriter." By-the-bye, the new typewriter has been invented by the originator of this instrument, who sold his patent to Messrs. Remington and Co.

MISS ELEANOR ROWE has lately made a departure in the School of Wood-carving, *i.e.*, she has had some very simple examples in wood-carving painted on magic lantern slides, and these are found to be a great advantage to those lecturing on the subject. By-the-bye, it is wonderful how popular the magic lantern, once considered only a childish amusement, has now become with lecturers, and how greatly these slides help in illustrating and proving the subject under discussion. Miss Rowe still considers there are good openings for teachers of wood-carving, but otherwise in this art women cannot successfully compete with men. There are several women students at the school. I regret to learn that Miss Eleanor Rowe is in delicate health, and is obliged to defer bringing out her new book on wood-carving for the present.

KUTLOJANOFF HANUM, a Mohammedan lady, who has just completed the prescribed course of study at the College of Odessa, is the first woman

of the followers of the Prophet who has received a medical diploma. What would have been the Prophet's feelings, I wonder, could he have been here to see? Certainly for women to practise the art of medicine is not forbidden in the Koran; but then the idea even would not have entered the head of him who, so tradition says, went to the mountain just because the mountain would not come to him. To him truly Hamlet's famous remark applies in this instance:—

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in thy philosophy."

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK OF GERMANY has recently purchased the charming picture now exhibited at the Institute of Water Colours, and entitled "Behold the Handmaid of the Lord." The picture is painted by Miss Gertrude Demain Hammond, a very promising young artist, who has also contributed to the same exhibition another nearly equally charming picture, which bears the quaint old-fashioned title, "Sweet Lavender."

THE Rapide Tailor-made System of Dressmaking has just been turned into a company. Although practically still in its infancy, this new system threatens, if it continues to succeed as it has done since first started, six months ago, to cause a revolution in dressmaking. It is so easy to learn that even a child can, by it, be taught the difficult art of cutting out correctly, and better still there is always the apparatus beside one to refresh memory. With its help, a bodice can be drafted in six minutes, and even the *déte noire* of amateur dressmakers, those *horrid* sleeves, yields easily to this method. Again, if carefully drafted, the bodice must fit perfectly, whereas the very best dressmakers will fail sometimes; and whenever they do, it is always with our particular favourite piece of material. Under the new system, now that materials are so remarkably cheap, women will be able to have as many dresses as they will a year, and better still, husbands will not have a perpetual cause of complaint in dressmakers' bills. I wonder how many of the former have been ruined by the latter. This is a rule of three sum. The address of the head office of the "Rapide," which is quickly gaining in public favour, is 157, Regent Street. The apparatus, which is cut in thick cardboard, costs £1 11s. 6d. Lessons in dress making can also be had at the offices of the new Company.

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT has lately given a charity performance (of course, successful) on behalf of the Hospital for Crippled Children, New

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