

LET us raise all the barriers we can against "unskilled labour." We resent it in the ranks of the medical and the Nursing, or any other profession. Then do not let us suppose that untrained faculties and untrained hands are good enough for the home and the responsibilities of a family.

WOMEN so frequently use the argument that there is no career in marriage, and that therefore it is not worth the trouble of a special training and fitness. It is so common to hear the disdainful expression of being "only a house-keeper" applied to a woman who has no work outside her home.

WHILE writing the above, I have before me the prospectus of a new society for promoting the use of crechés for the children of the professional and better-class mothers who wish to follow out some public work. This prospectus gravely sets forth, with unconscious irony, the fact that women who wish to distinguish themselves in public work, have no time to devote to their young children, and the new Society proposes to come to the relief of mothers and children by establishing crechés or boarding-out establishments, where the little ones can be kept and

cared for. Trained Nurses and Nursery Governesses are to supply the mother's place, and it is suggested that the parents can visit their children at stated intervals to personally inspect their growth and development. The promoters of the scheme seem to anticipate a great success for the new undertaking, as meeting a "general want." Heaven send that the "Trained Nurses and Nursery Governesses" may have some maternal love in their hearts for the neglected children of these unnatural mothers!

I LATELY came across a curious epitaph in a country churchyard. It ran thus:—

"Do not weep for me, mother dear,
Nor father nor mother shed a tear,
My sufferings were so severe,
I'm sure you could not wish me here."

In spite of the bad metre it struck me as rather pathetic. The poor woman was only twenty-nine at the time of her death; and it was so evidently of her own composition, that one could not help thinking of the many sleepless nights and painful hours during which she had felt some pride and comfort in putting her simple statement of fact into verse.

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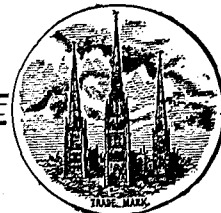
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