

A NOVEL suggestion with reference to the making of bread poultices appeared last week in the domestic column of an influential provincial newspaper. After giving full directions for the preparing and mixing of the bread and water (which, by the by, were all wrong), it wound up by strongly advising that no oil should be spread on the surface to keep it moist, as the great advantage of a bread poultice consisted in its absolute dryness and hardness! It is rather a pity that such "dabblers" in Nursing should be able to so mislead a trusting and guleless public.

I MUST confess that I have every sympathy with the proposed Trades' Union for domestic servants. It is always a step towards progress when any class of workers desire to organise a system of self-help. But it is utterly useless to combine unless there is at the same time a strong effort to raise the standard of the calling, whatever it may happen to be. Organising untrained servants must inevitably prove a failure. But if the promoters of the scheme are wise in their generation, they will demand some evidence of training before allowing any servant to put his

or her name on a Register. It is a great mistake for employers to place any obstacle in the way of this Registration scheme, because if it be properly carried out, it should prove a protection to the public against inefficient or dishonest domestics, just in the same way as the R.B.N.A. protects it against untrained Nurses.

It is an intolerable thing that employers are so absolutely at the mercy of their servants. There is no system of training, no standard of efficiency, in any one branch of household work. Any woman can state she is a good cook or housemaid, and she can generally get her statement endorsed by some employer who either knows nothing of the necessary qualifications for a domestic in a properly-organised household, or who, more often still, is glad to get well rid of a bad bargain, by passing her off to someone else. In the near future there will have to be Training Schools for servants, with Certificates of competency and good character, with some licensing body that can endorse these Certificates in case of proved incompetency or bad behaviour.

SHAMROCK.

## SISTERS, NURSES, MATRONS, MEDICAL MEN,

Who use Pens, cannot do better than Purchase one of

### SHIPMAN'S FOUNTAIN or STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.

A Fountain Pen fitted with *guaranteed* 14-carat Gold Nib for 8s. 6d. post free, or one of the new Patent Adjustable Needle Stylographic Pens sent post free for 4s. 6d. to any part of the world.

Every Pen guaranteed *absolutely perfect*; if otherwise, the money is willingly refunded by

J. FUNNELL CHRISTIAN, 17, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.

#### THE LONDON MASSAGE AND GALVANIC HOSPITAL.

For Paralysis, Epilepsy, and Diseases of Debility in Adults, and especially for Paralysis in Little Children.—Patron, The Very Rev. The DEAN OF LICHFIELD. THE SAMARITAN DEPARTMENT, 55, Weymouth Street, Portland Place, is open every week day except Saturday at 1.30, and on Wednesday Evening at 6 o'clock. Free to the Destitute; others contribute a small sum. The Patients of the West End Hospital, which Dr. Tibbits founded in 1878, under the Patronage of the PRINCESS OF WALES, and the Presidency of the late DUKE OF BUCKLEBURGH, are now invited to transfer themselves to his care at the above Massage Hospital.

The Training School for Nurses and Private Nursing Institute is at 47, Welbeck Street. Some former Students are earning from £100 to £400 a year. Masseurs and Masseuses sent to Patients' houses; or Patients can be treated at the Institute, by Massage and all forms of Electricity, and allied Methods. Nurses trained at St. Bartholomew's, Guy's, and other London Hospitals sent to Medical and Surgical Cases; and Nurses are invited to enter as Members. Ladies and Gentlemen required as collectors for the Samaritan Department upon Liberal Terms. The Fifth Yearly Session for instruction has resumed.

JOHN SCOTT, Hon. Secretary.

## JOHN BALE & SONS, PRINTERS

OF THE FOLLOWING:

Brain, British Gynaecological Journal, Celebrities of the Day, Churchman's Magazine, Englishwoman's Review, Journal of the British Dental Association, Library, Nature Notes, Odontological Society's Transactions, Rational Dress Society's Gazette, Nurses' Journal, &c., &c.

WILL BE PLEASED TO SUBMIT AN

### ESTIMATE.

Good Work. Fair Prices.

87 & 89, GREAT TITCHFIELD STREET,  
OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

Will be Ready Shortly.

Price ONE SHILLING.

# "POINTS FOR PROBATIONERS,"

BY E. J. R. LANDALE.

THE RECORD PRESS, LIMITED, 376, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)