

Buss, who has already done so much for the progress of women's education, and afterwards at University College, Cardiff. In 1888 she took her B.A. degree of the London University.

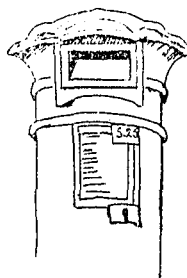
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MELBOURNE University has also an open door for the fair sex, and two young ladies—Miss Catherine Kennick and Miss Elizabeth Whyte—have recently taken the M.A. degree of that University. Dear me, the letters M.A. will soon be as common as G.F.S., and men will cease noting as a novelty when woman triumphs over the stronger (?) sex, and "fair-haired graduates with their golden hair" will be so usual a sight that in the next generation the young folk will vote Tennyson's "Princess" stupid and without point.

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MISS DOROTHY TENNANT, I learn from the *Queen*, has actually sold her beautiful little picture, "Street Arabs at Play," of which art critics speak so highly, to a well-known firm for an advertisement. What is the world coming to, I wonder, when a lady, renowned in art and without even the excuse that she needs the money, is willing to degrade her art thus and to gladly see her little artistic gem placarded on every poster, the butt of every street-boy's "shy," whilst large letters proclaim, "Use Sunlight Soap." Have these young gamins used it and does that account for the picturesque dirt which throws a halo of romance over the merry little urchins? But Miss Tennant—Mrs. Stanley, I beg her pardon—has different ideas as to the value of art, for she writes to Messrs. Lever thus: "I am perfectly satisfied to have my little ragamuffins done like these" (the sample proofs they sent to her); then adds, "I think the public ought to be obliged to you for giving them pleasant pictures to look at."

VEVA KARSLAND.



## 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.*

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—We have the permission of Her Majesty to make public the following statement, and we shall be much obliged

if you will kindly insert it in the columns of the *Nursing Record*.—Yours obediently,

ARTHUR L. B. PEILE, President.  
WESTMINSTER,  
JAMES PAGET,  
RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, } Trustees.

St. Katharine's Royal Hospital, Regent's Park, N.W., July 2.

### STATEMENT AS TO THE PAST AND PRESENT POSITION OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Her Majesty having decided (in accordance with a memorandum dated December 26, 1887, which was at her desire submitted to her by the Duke of Westminster, Sir James Paget, and Sir Rutherford Alcock) to devote the surplus of the Women's Jubilee Offering, amounting to £70,000, for the purpose of forming an institute for the promotion of the nursing of the sick poor in their own homes, appointed a provisional committee to consider the best means of carrying out such a scheme. Her Majesty also determined that the institute should be directly connected with the ancient Royal Hospital of St. Katharine, in the Regent's Park, and that its centre for work should be established there.

In their endeavours to give effect to the beneficent intentions of Her Majesty, the provisional committee decided that the interest of the fund (about £2,000 a year) could be most usefully employed in promoting the formation of central institutions and in assisting institutions already formed, where the training of Nurses for the work of the institute could be brought up to the highest possible standard, hoping that the work of tending the sick poor in their own homes by thoroughly trained Nurses would eventually be extended throughout the country.

It was not possible to form at once a new training school in London. The committee, therefore, made arrangements with the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association to train for them a limited number of Probationers who should be competent to take charge of nursing the sick poor in their own homes in such districts as may be assigned to them.

A branch centre has been formed in Edinburgh, which is in full working order and is rapidly extending its work in Scotland.

Arrangements are in progress in Dublin by which it is hoped that the work of training Nurses for the sick poor will be as successfully carried on.

A Welsh centre has been formed at Cardiff.

Superintendents have been appointed for each of the branch centres as well as a general inspector, whose duty it is to report to the central body in London respecting the work and efficiency of all nursing associations which are in any way connected with the Queen's Institute.

The work of administration has, up to the present time, been voluntarily carried on by the members of the provisional committee.

In September, 1889, a Royal Charter of Incorporation was granted, and a council was appointed by her Majesty in February, 1890.

It consists of the following names:—Rev. Arthur L. B. Peile (Master of St. Katharine's), president; the Duke of Westminster, K.G., Sir James Paget, Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., trustees; the Countess of Rosebery, Lady O'Hagan, the Hon. Lady Ponsonby, Mrs. Theodore Acland, Mrs. Henry Grenfell, Mrs. Craven, the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, Sir Dyce Duckworth, M.D., Mr. Henry Bonham-Carter, Mr. William Rathbone, M.P., vice-president; Mr. John Jaffray, Birmingham; Mr. Oliver Heywood, D.L., Manchester; Rev. Bertram Darley, St. Katharine's.

The council have now taken over the work which the provisional committee set on foot, and are anxiously endeavouring to give permanence to the work which her Majesty has committed to their care. That work is set forth in the

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