FRENCH GIRLS IN LONDON.

BY ANNE BEALE.

The girls of Grove House do not keep the same rules as we were used to at home. At the summer comes round they take delight in opening it and its grounds to all sorts and conditions of men." To-day, June 13th, 1893, the gates stand open to admit the members of the French Mission, under the superintendence of the Rev. Du Pontet de la Harpe. It is a great day for French-speaking visitors everywhere. The large assembly of guests, young and old, women and children, are all speaking French. It is, indeed, a foreign country into which we have so quickly entered.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

EDUCATIONAL.

Constant Reader.—We should recommend you to make enquiries at the Educational Inquiry Office and Registration for Teachers at 24, Gower Street, W.C., which is open every morning.

H. G.—The head office of the English Society is 12, Jermyn Street, W.C. There are branches in the kindergartens in London and five in larger towns in the South of England. The address of the One Place, Baker Street, W., Secretary, Miss Franklin; and of the one at Sheffield, Superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sharpe, is 76, Albert Street, Middlesbrough. The Societies are open every day for all inquiries.

Bill Wren.—The College of Preceptors in Bloomsbury Square, W.C., holds half-yearly exams for pupils, the certificates of which are recognized as guarantees of a good general education. The fees amount to 20s. Write to the secretary of the society for particulars. We could not tell you whether they would arrange for carrying on your studies in the South of France, and granting a certificate to a pupil educated there.

L. L.—If you consult our many answers on the subject you will see that governesses find no opening for their work in the Colleges. As we have no special training for the specially to the work of a lady’s-help, we are unable to assist you in this matter.

Annoyed A.—We do not think it necessary for a young girl to whom all the household duties have been delegated, to learn anything about geography. Revised by Keith Johnston.

J.—the English Settlement as far as we know arranges for all information to Miss Lanckerst, Secretary of the English Society, 12, Jermyn Street, W.C. All candidates must be up to 18 years of age; applicants who have attended English schools (inaugurated by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem), and have passed through a course of three months’ training in an infirmary or hospital.

MUSIC.

E. Hiltland, Hon. Secretary of a practising society (Newport, Gwent).—We are glad to hear that our notice of your society has reached you, and feel sure your objects will be fully realized by the efforts of its members.


Curiosity.—You do not say to which school of music you wish to do the author of the Arora Musicale and to the Society for the Arts, to the Secretaries of the English Settlements in London, and to the English Missionary and the Missions of the World, London, England, for information to the Secretary, George Watson, Esq., 52, New Bond Street, W. Also, the College of Music, Victoria Embankment, to the Secretaries of the Arts, the Secretaries of the English Settlements in London, and to the English Missionary and the Missions of the World, London, England, for information to the Secretary, George Watson, Esq., 52, New Bond Street, W.; for the Guildhall College of Music, Victoria Embankment, to the Secretary; and for the Society of Arts, John Street, Adolph, W.C., Metre.

J. W.—1. A Sabbath-day’s journey was the term used for a journey not exceeding seven miles, and was prescribed for the Sabbath-day. The term was used by Rabbis in the Talmud, and was derived from the verse, “Thou shalt not go beyond the limits of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” The term was used to define the limits of the Sabbath, and was also used to limit the distance that a person could travel on the Sabbath.

Winters.—There are several colleges of music where you could pass exams. For the Royal Academy of Music, write to the Secretary, George Watson, Esq., 52, New Bond Street, W.; for the Guildhall College of Music, Victoria Embankment, write to the Secretary; and for the Society of Arts, John Street, Adolph, W.C., Metre.

Winters.—You might obtain a good suggestion in our series entitled “Some New Occupations for Women and Girls.” There are hospitals for the treatment of the latter, where you can obtain advice gratis if our answers and articles are insufficient.