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A YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER

We have no doubt our readers, in looking down the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital list of donations last week, noticed the line "The Misses FARDELL, in memoriam, £10."

A little explanation which has reached us may be interesting. It seems that Miss **Millicent Rose FARDELL**, daughter of the respected Town Clerk of Ryde, wrote a small work on Cookery, giving a number of recipes which she had found useful in her own experience. This little book was duly published, under the title "Easy and Economical Cookery," by Messrs. J. S. VIRTUE and Co. The authoress had, however, barely completed the revision of the proof sheets when she was taken ill, and (as our readers will regretfully remember) passed away, to the deep grief of her father and members of her family.

The book has been appreciated, and the first cheque received from the publishers for it has been handed, by the sisters of the authoress, with many sorrowful thoughts we may be sure, to our valuable Island charity. The little work, which is published at a shilling, is one which many young housekeepers might make profitable use of.

When Mrs. FARDELL died, her eldest daughter had to take her place, and act as her father's housekeeper, and it is knowledge gleaned from actual experience which Miss FARDELL imparts to her readers. The preface to the little book exhibits the authoress in a pleasant and practical light. She gives much sage advice, and the words which complete her preface should be studied by every housekeeper. Miss FARDELL says: "Let your home be your temple; spare no trouble to make it as perfect as possible. Let your aim be to have it bright and cheerful, that when your husband, father or brother return home, after a long day of hard work, he may feel home is indeed a place where he would be, and well worth the toil and care needed to keep it together."

That one imbued with such sentiments as these was a treasure to her devoted father may be well understood, and deep regret is felt that he should have lost her at such an early age.
