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THE LATE PRINCIPAL OF
NEWNHAM.

MISS A. J. CLOUGH.

All interested in the higher education of women greatly lament the death of Miss Clough, the Principal of Newnham College, who died of heart disease in February last. From her girlhood she had been an active worker in the cause of the higher education of women.

She was the daughter of James Butler Clough, of Plas Clough, in Denbighshire, and sister of Arthur Hugh Clough, the poet. Of her early youth a great part was spent in the United States and Canada, but when about twenty years of age she returned to Liverpool, her birthplace, and soon began to interest herself in the education of children. In 1842 she opened a day school in Liverpool. Ten years later she went with her mother to live at Ambleside, a small Westmoreland village, where she organized another school, the memory of which, with its tactful, kindly mistress, is still all that is pleasant in the minds of the pupils who were fortunate enough to enjoy its advantages. In 1860 her mother died, and the year after her bro-

ther, Arthur Hugh Clough, the poet. After her brother's death she gave up her school and lived for ten years with her sister-in-law in the south of England. During all this time, however, she was at work in the front of the movement for promoting the higher education of women. She was mainly instrumental in starting both in Liverpool and Manchester "Lectures for

Ladies," out of which sprang the North of England Council, which first put the matter on a sound footing and arranged, with the help of a number of University men, courses of lectures for women in many towns.

In 1869 Cambridge started its "higher local" examinations, at first for women and then for young men also, and in 1871 the Cambridge committee invited Miss

Clough to come to that town and manage a little "Hall" for five girl students who wished to attend the lectures. From this little beginning Newnham College has grown. Just how much it owes to her wisdom, kindness and able management will, perhaps, never be known.

Those who knew Miss Clough, says a writer in the *Pall Mall Budget*, will always

ividly remember not only her strong individuality of character, but her striking appearance; the keen, dark eyes, contrasting vividly with the hair, which turned white quite early in life; the determined characteristic mouth with its capacity of both sweetness and humor. Every student of Newnham, both past and present, will mourn her death as a personal loss. In each one of her girls the venerable Principal of Newnham took a very real interest, not only when they were directly under her care but when they were away doing their share of the world's work. Until shortly before her death she was present at all important gatherings for educational purposes, though her beautiful face, with its dark, expressive eyes, surrounded by the snowy hair, had



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