

than any man should have placed on him? The Nurse's duties in such a case I need not recapitulate: they have been laid before you in these lectures, and in those of my colleagues to which you have listened. I would have you remember that, while both have their responsibilities, yours are definite—being to follow established rules and carry out distinct instructions—while the Doctor's are the far wider and more onerous ones of decision and action on that decision.

The public cannot understand all these considerations. Even among the more intelligent are those who consider the Doctor's work to be comparable to that of the skilled mechanic, who, after a longer or shorter apprenticeship, learns the secrets of the trade, and is turned out a finished workman. To you, however, who by your training are able, in some measure, to appreciate our difficulties, we may look for more consideration; and the public may learn from your bearing, attention to directions, and implicit respect for our decisions and opinions, how to put a more just construction on our work. You may be

certain that such considerations will be reciprocated, and that the Medical Profession is and will ever be mindful of, and grateful for, the great assistance it receives from intelligent and conscientious Nursing; and you must always keep in mind that while the wide distinction between the two professions must ever be that the office of one is to decide and direct, and that of the other to follow directions and give effect to decisions, yet that the two combined form one body, whose noble object is the relief of physical suffering, and to either of whose divisions it is an honour and a privilege to belong.

THE Congress and Exhibition of the Sanitary Institute will be held in Worcester at the end of September next. Arrangements are in progress, and will be published shortly; and to-day (Thursday), at five o'clock, a lecture will be delivered by Alfred Haviland, M.R.C.S.E., late Lecturer at St. Thomas's Hospital, on "The Bagshot Sands in Relation to Health."

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