

is so natural? These, I gathered, were Mrs. Fenwick's feelings when she admitted the improbability of Nurses as a class attaining the standard of perfect immolation of self, suggested by Dr. Sturges' generous opinion of women, and Nurses in particular. I did not gather that she intended to convey, as suggested, that any standard could be too high, but that it was safer to begin by recognising the stern fact that feminine human nature is faulty, rather than be pleasantly lulled into a sense of false security by laying the flattering unctious to our souls that Nurses are by nature and circumstances superior to their fellow-creatures. No more fatal notion could possess them or the public. Having recognised as kindly satire the remark made by Dr. Sturges—that "I imagine that with Nurses such depressing passions as envy and jealousy are unknown, that their criticisms are always kindly, and their conversation never degrades into gossip"—let us set ourselves to root up these noxious weeds, which we know grow rankly in our midst. Rather let the honour and happiness of one Nurse be the occasion of joy for all; let us grieve in spirit for another's misfortune or disgrace, and remember always that an erring sister "is only human."—Yours faithfully,

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