

we Nurses want is "pity." We consider ourselves a very favoured class of workers, and would not change our occupation for any other under the sun. When I glance down this cheery Ward and remember that I am privileged to contribute to its order, cleanliness and comfort; when I remember that there are women whose daily tasks are purely mechanical, can I be too grateful for my life as a Nurse, so full of human interests? No wonder hundreds of women apply to be admitted as Probationers, for whom there are no vacancies. White slavery indeed! Black or white, it is all the same to us. We love our chains.—Yours obediently,  
NURSE.

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