

cherisheth love," which is born, and can only be born, of what is familiarly called "a good disposition." All this is undoubtedly true, and yet there often comes, in the Nurse's experience, when patience with the impatient, tenderness towards the untender, may easily pass into a weak and therefore a dangerous excess—a time when these high qualities become fatal indeed to the Nurse's benevolent efforts and fatal to the patient—a time when the one force needed is that courageous, unflinching firmness, which can cow the patient's fretfulness or break through his obstinacy. Invalids of a selfish nature will often develop into the most irrational of tyrants. Then the first thing to do is to conquer them.

(To be continued.)

### NURSING ECHOES.

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OUR able contemporary, *The Queen*, had a very excellent series of sketches in its issue of Saturday last, entitled, "How the Sisters and Nurses are dressed at the various Hospitals." Judging from these sketches only, I should say that the "palm" was borne about equally by the St. Thomas's Hospital and the Chelsea Hospital for Women, for neatness and simplicity of design.



MISS ALICE DANNATT, whose name is familiar to the readers of this Journal who have from time to time appreciated this accomplished lady's literary abilities, has, I am pleased to note, a series of interesting articles—entitled, "Duty First: Pen and Ink Sketches of Hospital Life"—appearing in the columns of *The Lady*. I perhaps need hardly add that they prove excellent reading.

SIR WILLIAM GULL, whose highly interesting and unusually brilliant career has, to the regret of the profession at large, closed, was a great believer in thoroughly trained, reliable Nurses; and nothing irritated him so much as when he found his patients nursed by those incompetent or careless. Away such had to go, and at once; but, on the other hand, if he happened to meet with one who was fully experienced, alive—and

thoroughly alive—to the responsibilities and importance of her position, she was not readily forgotten. I have heard many Nurses say that a good word from "Sir William" was almost equal to a three years' training, in the way of advancing the fortunate Nurse who managed to deserve and obtain the compliment from him.

It is reported of Sir William that some years ago he was hissed at the meeting of the British Medical Association at Cambridge, because of the support he had rendered the Nurses at Guy's Hospital when the new system of nursing was introduced. A friend thought he had spoken imprudently. Sir William took hold of him and shook him, and said, "It is easy to do right when it is popular; it is a different matter to do so when it makes you unpopular. Would you wish me to speak prudently when I am convinced I ought to speak out?" Sir William said subsequently that "he was never prouder of anything than being hissed at Cambridge." It wants a man of no ordinary strength of mind to meet opposition of the above kind.

I HEAR that the St. Raphael's Home for Consumptives, Worthing, has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Dr. Charles E. Smith, whose kindness and attention to the patients were well known and appreciated. This institution, which was specially set aside for consumptives on April 1, 1889, has already admitted one hundred and twenty patients for treatment, the majority coming from the Metropolis. Donations and gifts of all kinds are urgently needed, and may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. St. A. Horton.

A NUMBER of Nurses are going out to South Africa to one of the chief mining regions, as a number of the employes appear to have been struck down by fever, which is a serious matter where unhealthy houses and generally unsanitary surroundings have to be contended against, apart from the fact that wholesome water for drinking purposes is an exceedingly difficult thing to obtain.

THE Sunderland Nursing Institute held its first annual meeting on Thursday last. There are nine Nurses and a Matron engaged in this work, and the financial state of the Institute is decidedly rosy, considering the youth of the Association and the many demands already made upon it.

DURING the recent and still-continuing, though rapidly diminishing, epidemic, a large number of Nurses have been "off duty," on account of the extra strain and work thrown upon them, and all

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