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DEAREST JEAN,—Much has happened since last I wrote to you, and of a painful character. Poor Nurse Black is dead, and Dr. Fulton has left the Hospital for good and all; and we are all the poorer for the departure of this honest man!

When I went on duty, after writing to you, I told Sister Damian all about Nurse Black's illness, and that I wished to go down to the office and speak to the Matron. Her advice was—

"You are right; report exactly what occurred; but be calm, and do not express an opinion."

As we were speaking, a message came to Sister Damian to "send Nurse Graham to the office"; so down I went.

Upon entering the ante-room I found several persons there; amongst them the Home Sister, a tired-looking woman, commonly known as "the Matron's Ass.," Nurse Carew, and a smart

flighty little person generally termed "Ducky Dazzles," attached to the office of the Matron, and whose chief duty in life is to interview the male sex and conduct visitors round the Wards. The former gave me a furtive glance as I came in, and the veiled malice of her eyes was not lost upon me. "The Ass." was seated at a table, writing as if for dear life; Nurse Carew was standing leaning against the wall, her arms crossed *à la* Napoleon, and her face strangely white to her lips, and "Ducky" was mounting guard over the inner door handle. You know, Jean, my way of entering a room, what Dad calls "the imperial sweep." Well I suppose I must have swept in. I am not aware that my movements are unusual. I can't help being 5ft. 7in., and my neck being proportionately long, any more than I can help having a *retroussé* nose, and a sense of humour. Any way, I had no sooner entered the room than Home Sister darted at me with the remark—

"I should advise you, Nurse Graham, to enter the Matron's office in a somewhat less aggressive manner. She has had good reason to be seriously displeased with you already."

"Indeed," I answer. "I was not aware of the fact." And my long neck goes craning up half-an-inch higher; anyway, I prefer to hear the

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