

strongly on the ground that they were an unnecessary interference with their duties, possibly of their income. This opposition has been overcome. There were some who thought in the early days of this school that its possibilities were within rather limited lines, that the time could not be very far when the income of the graduates would not be maintained to the degree the early graduates secured. Not only has that forecast proved inaccurate, but that first inaccuracy has veered the consensus of opinion squarely around to recognize the undeniable fact that the introduction of the trained Nurse has already called a halt in the increment of the Nurses formerly depended on in private families, and that it cannot be many years before there will be none to be had.

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Formerly, every physician kept a list of Nurses whom he personally knew. Now he sends to the directory or to any one of the several head-quarters where Nurses are housed. It has happened several times within a year or two in this city that the supply of Nurses was not equal to the demand. The number of trained Nurses was insufficient and there were no others competent. The trained Nurse met a sentiment and has cultivated a sentiment to the extent that there is no chance for Nursing as a business now that Nursing has come to be a profession. What has proved true in these great cities with all their resources, has become disastrously manifest in places more or less remote from the cities, and, as a rule, the more remote, the more manifest the change. With the present limitations of the training schools, it is not difficult to foresee how imminent and very serious the crisis.

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At the present rate of supply of the trained Nurse and the passing away of the former source of supply, it cannot be long before there will be a state of things, with the highest bidder for skill on one side, and, on the other, the needful acceptance of uninstructed good heartedness to meet the emergency. There are already serious signs of strain that ought not to be disregarded, and especially as the causes thereof are directly traceable back to our own doors. We have made the trained Nurse, and she is an expensive, not luxury, but necessity. It is the very few that are rich, and sickness in a home is a very serious financial matter. Have you any idea of the great sacrifices so often made, and made not grudgingly, to secure proper care of the sick? If not, I cannot stop to tell you. The statement is, however, very forcibly true.

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But the urgent thought is, do you shrink from the responsibility you have incurred? Are you prepared to follow up by hard work and more liberal giving than you dreamed of twelve years ago, a work that attracted your fancy then, but which has developed into an issue affecting the very heart-throbs of our civilization? If ever the problem was to provide dignified and lucrative occupation for women, the problem has sprung mountain-high beyond that, to how to modify the present agencies of instruction to meet the urgent demands of the times. This work has gone too far to stop. The responsibility is on the managers and trustees, and it is yet to be faced. This school and this hospital are to be but types of what must prevail in all similar institutions. The number of internes is to be very largely increased, the accommodations for their housing and provision for their care are to be greatly enlarged. The hospital wards, instead of being officered by just enough to attend to the duties, are to be for a much larger number schools of instruction and observation. You cannot escape the logic of events. I do not venture on the solution. The material will knock at the doors, and public sentiment will somehow provide the means that will make it possible for you to open the doors."

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### Inventions, Preparations, &c.

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It is an astonishing fact that over eighty per cent. of our well-to-do, adult population have deformed feet. This state of affairs is brought about by the use during childhood of badly-shaped boots and shoes. The bones and joints of the young foot are very yielding, and the slightest misdirected pressure will produce a lasting deformity. When men and women are old enough to buy their own boots, they will, if sensible people, see that they are well fitted; but then it is too late. The mischief has been done. Our parents are to blame for making so many of us cripples for life. Mothers, look after your little one's feet while they are still natural and beautiful! Messrs. Holden Brothers, of celebrity "K" boots, of 223, Regent Street, W., have made a special study of the foot of infancy and early youth, and have produced, in their "Natureform" shoes, an article of wear for which the coming generations ought to be truly thankful.

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