

courteous treatment. "Familiarity breeds contempt," and it is my experience that it also breeds toleration.

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

When we give to the nurse her diploma, we virtually say to the public: "Here is this young woman. We find her virtuous, truthful, and faithful. Take her into your homes; trust your loved ones with her; place your confidence in her; she will not fail you or be found wanting." Do we always conscientiously say this? Do we not occasionally feel like saying: "We *hope* she will not fail you!"

We should instruct our pupils to consider character of first importance, then look to their profession. The school should retain only young women with vigour and loveliness of character. Selfishness, sensuality, greed, and disloyalty are degrading, and to be deplored; gentleness and veracity, in word and act, must be absolutely demanded. The same ethical principles which govern the school should govern the individual.

It is the duty of the school to thoroughly instruct its pupils with regard to the use and abuse of certain drugs and stimulants with which in daily life, they become so familiar. It should never be taken for granted that they realize their danger. Here again familiarity is a great source of evil. So the woman of weak character, the alleviation obtained by such means, when the mental and physical strain is great, makes the forming of unfortunate habits comparatively easy. Let us warn those under our supervision of the danger which is in store for them if they yield to this form of temptation.

She must also be prepared and fortified against the peculiar trials and temptations which will surely come to her after she leaves the hospital. Here our responsibility ends and hers begins; and though we are naturally solicitous as to her progress and success, and desirous that she performs her duties in a faithful and conscientious manner, we should not further be held responsible for the conduct of the nurse who goes astray from the principles inculcated during the years of preparation in the training school.

THERE has been some difficulty in procuring a sufficient supply of nurses immune from yellow fever in New York, and Dr. Carpenter, one of the surgeons of the Red Cross, has established a bureau at New Orleans and Memphis through which to procure such nurses, it being thought that such nurses could be more readily obtained in the localities where yellow fever has prevailed.

## Nursing Echoes.

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AN interesting marriage took place on Tuesday between Dr. W. J. Collins, late Chairman of the London County Council, and Surgeon to the London Temperance Hospital, and Miss Jane S. Wilson, lately a Sister at the same institution. Miss Wilson entered as a Probationer at the Victoria Hospital for Children in 1884—during Miss Minks' reign—where she remained for a year. In 1886, she entered for adult training at the London Temperance Hospital, the certificate of training of which school she holds, and where she has worked as a Sister for many years.

Dr. Collins is a very brilliant man; and Miss Wilson, who is the daughter of Mr. John Wilson, M.P., (Govan,) is a lady of great intellectual force. It ought, therefore, to be an ideal marriage.

THOSE who know St. George's Hospital are aware that the Matron's rooms are most conveniently situated to the left of the entrance hall. But this prominence of the nursing department is evidently not to the taste of the editor of *St. George's Hospital Gazette*, who suggests in the current issue that the Matron should be removed bag and baggage into the basement!

*St. George's Gazette* says:

"The New Casualty Officer is soon to be an accomplished fact. Half the room previously devoted to male medical casualties has been given over to his use, thus making grave inroads upon the already insufficient space for casualty work. Many changes are going on in the Hospital building, but the Medical Officers are sufferers thereby rather than gainers. The only course would appear to be to remove the Matron's office, and also her private rooms, to the ground floor, and devote the valuable space now given up to her, to more pressing medical needs."

THE "ground floor" alluded to is in reality a dingy semi-underground basement, which, for lack of space, has unfortunately to be utilised for kitchens, store-rooms, linenry, and dining rooms, and will, no doubt, be at once condemned by the Investigating Committee of the Prince of Wales' Fund if it is in earnest, as quite unsuitable for human habitation.

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