

can recall to mind many of my friends who have married, and some of them present the most perfect examples of "marriages of unity and love" that I have ever known or heard of.

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ONE of their husbands once remarked, in my hearing, that it was very lucky, men generally did not know what an excellent training for wifehood and house-wifery Nursing supplied, or there would very soon be no Nurses left to look after the sick! The letter is as follows:—

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"SIR,—Among my large circle of friends are two men who are well read, and who have travelled in many lands. Consequently they are considered to be worth listening to. Yet, when discussing the merits of different businesses and professions from which a wife would be best chosen, they were heard to declare that they would sooner pass the whole of their days as bachelors than wed a woman taken from the ranks of our public Nurses. This I think most of your readers will allow is more than can be passed over without comment, especially when the days of Dickens's Nurses are gone by, and women of all walks of life are willing to don the plain garb, and share the trying, arduous, and often dangerous, duties of a Nurse. If men would more often choose their wives from those who lead thorough working lives, there would be more peace and comfort at home, more economy in every way, and, consequently, more marriages of unity and love.—Yours, &c.,

FLORENCE BRIDGES."

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MISS BARTON, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Free Hospital, kindly informs me that one of her Staff, Miss L. Stewart, has been appointed as Night Superintendent to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Another kind correspondent informs me of an interesting ceremony which took place at the Bradford Infirmary on the departure of Miss McLelland, the popular Lady Superintendent. She was presented by the Nurses with a very handsome pair of silver serviette rings and vases, and a beautiful cut-glass biscuit box, mounted in silver. Upon the lid of the latter was engraved: "Presented to Miss McLelland by the Nurses on her resigning the post of Lady Superintendent of the Bradford Infirmary, September 1st, 1888." Whether virtue is its own reward or not, there is no doubt that a graceful act of this kind does good in a great many ways, not only as an acknowledgment of good work well done, but by affording an opportunity, seldom possible to the Nursing subordinates, of expressing their gratitude for numberless little acts of individual kindness and help, and also as

a very valued memento to the recipient, of happy days, and hard work whose memory often is quite as pleasant.

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I AM sorry to find the following in the *Hospital Gazette*. I only hope the state of things is not so bad as it appears from this annotation. I trust some one of my readers can give me either more detailed particulars, or some explanation of this account:—

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"TROUBLE seems to be brewing at the North-West London Hospital, where great discontent is reported to exist among the Medical Officers and Nurses. The latter complain that they are promised a course of training which they do not get, as they are generally dismissed at the end of the first year without any particular reason; and it is suggested that this course is adopted in order to dispense with the necessity of paying the higher rate of salary which accrues during the second year of office. They would not seem to be very particular either about the quality of the Nursing, for Probationers are promoted to charge of Wards with as little as six months' experience." S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS FREDERICA has consented to give the prizes at the doll show, which will be held in the Central Hall at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, on Nov. 5.

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ABOUT a lakh of rupees, or £7,000, is required for the new Zenana Hospital in Calcutta, under the Countess of Dufferin's Fund, and of this sum Rs. 42,000 (£3,000) has been subscribed by six gentlemen. Lady Dufferin has been announced to lay the foundation-stone of the building, when she is in Calcutta in December.

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In the reports presented to the annual meeting of the governors of the Sheffield General Infirmary, on September 5th, the Weekly Board regretted that, during the past year, the expenditure had exceeded the income by £177 os. 1d., which was to be attributed to the falling off in the Hospital Sunday and Hospital Saturday collections and minor causes. The great benefit again derived from the Overend Convalescent Fund was recorded, and it was mentioned that by its means 115 patients had been sent to Bridlington and Southport. The Chairman, in speaking subsequently, alluded to the gratifying fact that the

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