

Why this is so, I cannot gather, unless, as it was hinted at the annual meeting of the Notts Nursing Association, held last week, it is thought that it may be a formidable rival to the older established Institution, which has, undoubtedly, done good service in its day. But considering the manifest public advantages of being able to obtain well-trained Nurses direct from the leading local training school, and the manifest benefit to the Nurses of being kept in touch with all the advances which may be made in their profession, I cannot believe that the opposition can persist.

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I AM informed that Miss EMMA LOVEYS, the Lady Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, at Wolverhampton, was, recently, the recipient of a very gratifying presentation of a beautiful electro tea service from her staff of Nurses, as a mark of their affection and grateful appreciation of the kindly interest she has always evinced towards them, as well as the thoughtful care she has exercised, thereby ensuring to them every comfort while in the Home, during the two years that she has been Lady Superintendent.

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THERE appears to be rather a commotion going on amongst the students of Glasgow in reference to the Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, as evidenced in the following letter which appeared last week in the *Glasgow Herald*. The rule is certainly strongly worded, but "Neoplastic Humbug," who is evidently a very young student, must remember that discipline is essential in a Hospital, and that disciplinary rules must be necessarily couched in somewhat imperative language.

Some considerable dissatisfaction and murmurs of discontent reach me from within the walls of this old and honoured institution at a regulation which with due solemnity has been recently added to the already well-filled book within which all such regulations are recorded for the guidance of the Nurses.

The rule runs as follows:—"All Nurses when outside of the Hospital precincts, although off duty, shall not, on pain of instant dismissal, walk with or be seen talking to a student." This, sir, I think you will agree with me, is most unjust, because it is difficult at all times to differentiate between a student and any other gentleman. Is a Nurse to be instantly dismissed because perchance she was seen walking with a gentleman who possibly might be a very intimate friend or relative? Are the Nurses and students not capable of taking care of themselves? Or are they looked upon as infantile prodigies, always needing a free application night and morning of the birch-rod?—I am, &c.,

NEOPLASTIC HUMBUG.

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OUR influential namesake, *The Medical Record*, tells the following story:—

A Hindoo, jealous of the encroachments of Western civilisation on his traditional beliefs, when asked "which of all the methods of that civilisation do you fear the most?" naturally enough evaded the question, remarking, "Why should I put weapons in the hands of an enemy?" At last he said, "We do not greatly fear the missionary schools, for we need not send our children; nor do we fear their books, for we need not read them; nor their preaching, for we need not listen to it. But we dread the doctors and the women. The doctors are winning our hearts and the women our homes; and when our hearts and homes are won, what is there left of us?" It is, in truth with the advent of the medical man and the trained Nurse that progress has been made in the reclamation of the backward Oriental, and the annals of missionary enterprise would lose half and more than half of their practical interest if these two factors of their work were omitted from the record.

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A CORRESPONDENT kindly sends me the following cutting from the Port Elizabeth (Cape of Good Hope) *Telegraph*, and tells me there is a growing demand in South Africa for good Nursing, much increased since the legal registration of Nurses came into force.

The professional Nurse in contradistinction to the professed Nurse is an institution which, in this town, is decidedly weak. Utility, benefit, progress, and improvement have forced their way onwards with persistency and success, but the adoption of the profession of a sick Nurse has been either stagnant or so slowly moving that any advance in this direction has been hitherto almost imperceptible. It has been aptly pointed out by a contemporary that the motive powers by which intelligent young females have been induced thus to affiliate themselves to the healing art are chiefly two: A sense of religious duty and the natural affection springing from family ties. Nevertheless, the profession is not without its degree of popularity, especially with females of strong religious bias. They are anxious to do something for the benefit of suffering humanity. Leading to this end are many avenues that are practically closed to them, but administering to the wants of the sick and infirm is a course that is always open to those whose desires lead them in the direction of doing good. Various organisations and sisterhoods exist, it is true, but they need not impede the individual action of ladies who prefer to perform their work of mercy irrespective of hard and fast rules, adherence to creeds or subordination to a superior authority, the exercise of which may become irksome to a degree which render duties distasteful. We consider the institution of the Nurses' Home in Cape Town, which has been founded by the Cape General Mission, approaches the desideratum so nearly as almost adequately to meet and supply it.

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At present there are only eight Nurses at the Home, but during 1892 they have attended 145 paying cases and 30 gratuitous cases. This establishment of eight Nurses has now become a centre from which, at any hour, adequate help in sickness may be available. From the well-

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