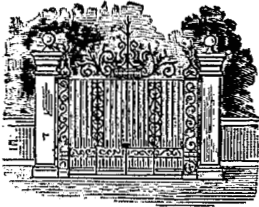


## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



wisely recognise that a little humour goes a long way in lightening the daily seriousness inseparable from hospital work. The motto adopted for the paper is appropriate—"Work is as it is done."

The magazine has several excellent notes of cases gathered from the experiences of Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Scharlieb, Dr. West and others, and this part of the paper will be of great professional value to the students. Under the heading of "Events of the Term," there is a little note which will be of interest to past and present Nurses of Bart's. "Mr. Roughton now takes the Surgical Tutorial Class, instead of Mr. Battle. He treats chronic ignorance with caustics of varying strength, p. r. n. This was a strong dose: "Ladies, your ignorance of anatomy would be amusing if it were not appalling."

An amusing little verse also appears, which goes to prove that the women students are quite as much in wholesome awe of the reproaches of the Staff Nurses, when water is spilt about the polished floors, as are the men medicos:—

#### A WARNING!

New Marsden Ward  
Is parquet floored,  
And turpentine  
Doth make it shine,  
But you should know that H<sub>2</sub>O  
If spilt, will every droplet show.  
Then if you would avoid commotion  
Be careful how you carry lotion.

The feminine Abernethys in embryo are not to be behind their more athletic brothers, as is evidenced by a rumour which is rife that a Cycling Club and a Swimming Club are to be started. A move in a "sporting" direction has also been taken by the adoption of "hospital colours," consisting of a hatband of bronze and blue, with a narrow line of yellow—colours becoming to most complexions, and which look exceedingly pretty.

The adjoined little cutting goes to show the pleasant footing between the students and the Nursing staff of the Royal Free Hospital:—

"On March 29th the students of the Royal Free Hospital gave an 'At Home' to the Sisters, and a very enjoyable occasion it proved. The Sisters sat in our new arm chairs, and drank from the new cups; what is more they had tea spoons—there was just one for each! Songs were afterwards given by Miss Harris, Miss Fitter, Miss Thorne, Miss Henwood and Miss Colebrook. Miss Vernon played, and then came the choruses, without which no students' party would be complete, finishing up with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the hearty impromptu—

'For they're all jolly good Sisters,  
And so say all of us.'

The magazine is jubilant over the establishment at the Royal Free of a "new Common Room, in which there is space to turn round—nay, even to stretch one's weary limbs in an arm-chair if one is so disposed—and, joy of joys, even three fixed basins with hot and cold water (so that it is no longer necessary for six people to wash at once), and by a sufficient supply of pegs for hats and cloaks, the meekest of juniors is now able to hang up her belongings without fear of returning to find them reposing in the dust below, replaced by those of the naturally indignant senior students," from which it would appear that the dressing-room arrangements for the ladies have hitherto been of a most primitive character.

The students have formed a capital Debating Society, and at the last meeting of the Session the motion on a paper by Mrs. Sheldon Amos, "That the Dissemination of Knowledge tends to decrease Crime," was carried by a large majority.

In a letter, a student complains of the rule with regard to the Debating Society, which precludes the discussion of any subject which has not been approved by the Council of the School. She says:—"I always believed that the School of Medicine was a pioneer in the advance of women, that is, in regarding women as responsible beings, capable of thinking and acting for themselves. Is it not rather unfair to us to say that we may not debate about anything that has not been approved of by the Council of the School? I think it is rather a poor preparation for the kind of life we are undertaking, to be hedged round in this way. When we leave the School we shall be particularly exposed to all kinds of discussion, and we should prepare ourselves to meet this. Free discussion is the greatest help to an understanding of life and character. Is not our School the very place of all others where we should have the privilege of this free discussion? I do not think we need be afraid of public opinion. We have taken a bold step in studying medicine at all, but having taken that responsibility upon ourselves, we ought not to stop half way and try to conciliate public opinion by putting a kind of superficial gloss of conventionality over our lives, by saying some subjects are not proper to discuss, when we know that so many subjects will come under our notice in our lives that we must be prepared to face." All thinking people will thoroughly agree with this very sensible protest against the trammelling of the minds and actions of a body of working women.

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