

this fact, during the deliberations of the Board. It appears to me to give food for thought to those who are thinking of Nursing as a future vocation.

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However, when I had waited for nearly three hours, I was told that the Board only desired further interviews with four of the candidates. As I was not amongst that number, I retired with some celerity to get some luncheon, and then returned to Norfolk House, curious to know who was the Matron-elect. I was informed that the Board was still sitting. I almost wonder if they are sitting now! but I hope that they got home that night in time for dinner.

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I must not forget to mention that a diversion was caused at the beginning of the proceedings by a note, which was delivered to one of the ladies evidently known to the Board. The recipient read it, hesitated for a moment, and then said, 'I am requested to ask all the ladies to *remove their veils!*' The remark caused some disturbance. One lady had 'never heard of such a thing.' The veils had evidently had a good deal of putting on (one of them was certainly new for the occasion), and they required a good deal of taking off, but the bonnets were re-adjusted in time. I must say I sympathise with the members of the Board in their desire to obtain an uninterrupted view of the features of the candidates for the post which was at their disposal, and I would advise all future aspirants for appointments under the Board to leave their veils at home. For my own part, I thought that those ladies who appeared in uniform had the advantage, in point of appearance, over those who, in the phraseology of Nurses, 'wore their own clothes.'

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ANOTHER Workhouse Infirmary tragedy. On Monday at Birmingham, an inquiry was held as to the death of Frederick Weatherall, 39 years of age, who died in the Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary on the 18th inst. The deceased was admitted in a dangerous condition from bronchitis, and was ordered a hypodermic injection of strychnine solution. Sister Aris, in mistake, injected a small quantity of morphia solution. She quickly found out her mistake, and called Dr. Smyth, but the deceased died two hours later. Medical evidence showed that the injection accelerated death. A verdict of death from misadventure was returned, and the jury added that in their opinion, so far as practicable, all poisonous subcutaneous injections should be given under the superintendence of the resident Medical Officers.

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THE *St. James's Gazette*, in commenting on a letter from a medical man in the *Lancet*, who

condemned the calling-in of trained Nurses in slight illnesses, on the ground that in ordinary cases a "wife or daughter is quite as capable of carrying out the instructions of the medical attendant as a professional Nurse," says: "In middle-class households, when means are straitened, the dictum of the doctor, which is now so frequently and so imperatively given, that a trained Nurse must be called in, is one that causes additional expense, anxiety, and even pain, to women who regard it as a sacred duty and privilege to nurse their relations, and to whom banishment from the sick room may be a source of life-long grief."

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Now, it is perfectly true that "Home Nursing," as an art, is falling into disuse, and that the modern girl and woman is too ready to throw daughterly, wifely and motherly responsibility on the trained Nurse. And, undoubtedly, the average woman is consequently losing much of her old-time gentleness and softness. To-day, if there is a case of sickness in the home, the invalid is handed over to the professional Nurse, while the "women of the household" go bicycling and golfing. And in this way women are losing a most valuable factor in their development. Their very manner in the sick-room shows how sick-nursing instincts are missing. At the same time, unless women will take the trouble to learn something of the care of the sick for home use, it is to the interest of the patients that trained Nurses should be employed.

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MISS NORTHCOPE, the district Nurse at Bognor, recently wrote to the committee, in which she stated that if the committee could not collect sufficient money to pay her usual salary of £70, she would be quite willing to take what sum they could give her. It was an instance of the devotion to her work on the part of the Nurse, but we are glad the committee did not accept her generous offer.

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At a recent meeting of the Gainsborough Board of Guardians, owing to a feeling on the part of some of the Infirmary officials that a slight rise in salaries would not be unacceptable, Mr. Marshall moved a resolution that all officers seeking an increase in salary should hand in their resignations. This was condemned as "un-English, gagging, and tyrannical," as it undoubtedly was.

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THERE is a terrible outbreak of small-pox at Gloucester, and the Urban District Council is attempting to meet the emergency by erecting an iron building for the reception of the patients. The following letter from a District

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