

that Nurses should take up. By admitting Nurses to some sense of partnership in science, doctors very much increase the bond of union which should exist between the medical and the Nursing professions, and it has a distinctly opposite effect from making the Nurse encroach on medical grounds or overstep the limit of the boundary which must ever exist between the two arts. When a Nurse realises that she is a "partner" with the doctor for the best interests of both of them and the patient combined, we get the ideal relationship. And the very fact that the doctor regards her highly enough as to admit her to some share in the higher branches of Nursing, will ever have the effect of increasing her loyalty and devotion.

To a busy man the "new photography" is almost an impossibility, and it seems to me—as the process is so long and rather tedious—that it would be an excellent field for women's energies. Women proverbially have more patience than men. They are fonder of detail, and find minutiae less irksome, so that the busy practitioner might be very glad to relegate to a skilful Nurse the carrying out of Röntgen's photography. Of course, I shall at once be met by the argument that there are students to do this kind of work, and that it more properly belongs to their department. By all means let the students do it; there is room for everybody; but students come and go, and the doctor cannot *always* rely on having a student at hand to do his photography just when he wants it. Surely, then, it would be a great help to him to have a capable reliable Nurse qualified to do the work, relieve the hard-worked doctor of the tedium, &c., and at the same time increase the Nurse's professional value. It is certain, considering the desperately over-crowded state of the profession, and the growing competition in every department of it, that we must take every means to add new proficiency and fresh accomplishments to our *repertoire*. As time changes and expands, the Nurse must change and expand, and must ever be on the *qui vive* to catch the spirit of the hour and fulfil the needs and requirements in force for the time being. For this reason we must always try and get rid of the fallacy that on completion of her term of training the Nurse is complete. It is a very mischievous teaching, and one which must be detrimental to the advance of the profession at large.

I shall be very glad to hear what some other readers of the RECORD have to say on the suitability of the study of the new photography for Nurses.

Faithfully yours,
ETHEL WRIGHT.

COMPULSORY CHAPEL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I am a Nurse in an Infirmary, one of whose rules it is that "Nurses shall attend the Workhouse chapel every alternate Sunday."

Now, it appears to me, in these enlightened days, that there is not the least reason for any Board of Guardians insisting on their staff of Nurses attending the Workhouse or any other chapel. There is no rule applying to the inmates of the Workhouse attending the services, and I do not see why the Nurses should have religious observances imposed upon them. Not that I am by any means irreligious. On the contrary, I like to go to church on Sundays, but I much prefer

to attend an outside church. It is most depressing to always have the same faces, the same surroundings, and the same influences around us, and it undoubtedly tends to make us narrow-minded to spend so much of our time within the enclosure of an Infirmary. When I go to a church in the town I come back refreshed with new impressions, both mental, physical and spiritual, and this I contend acts beneficially on my patients and me. But when I go to the Workhouse chapel, I must confess I feel the worse for it. It is so depressing and wearying to be surrounded at the service as we are all the week in the wards with so many hopeless, helpless and worn-out paupers. I wonder if other Infirmary Nurses feel as I do.

Sincerely yours,
ONE WHO LIKES FRESH SCENES.

WOMAN'S WORK.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I wonder whether you or any of your readers can tell me of an Institution for training laundresses. I find it almost impossible to get them in the country, though when they do come they never leave until they marry. Just now I am wanting one (second of three), and simply cannot hear of one anywhere. Thanking you in advance,

I am, dear madam,

Yours obediently,

M. HARRIS, *Matron*.

Suffolk General Hospital,
Bury St. Edmunds,
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AN INTERESTING POINT IN NURSING ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—An interesting point recently arose in an Infirmary with regard to a Nurse who had sent in her resignation—and whose resignation had been accepted by the Board of Guardians. A successor was advertised for in several papers, but, before an appointment was made, the Nurse repented of her haste, "changed her mind" with feminine fickleness, and wrote to the Guardians withdrawing her resignation, and asking to be re-appointed. She considerably said that as the Board had been put to considerable expense through her action in resigning, she would herself pay the cost of the advertisements which had been issued relating to the vacancy her resignation had caused. Two or three of the Guardians proposed that she should be taken at her word, and should be asked to contribute the advertisement money. Some others voted she should pay half. She was called before the Board and was re-instated on her giving a guarantee that she would stay for at least a year. The Chairman moved that she should *not* pay for the advertisements, as, if they allowed her to do so, the circumstance would "some day be thrown up at them."

Can any of your readers inform us, as an interesting point of Nursing etiquette, what is usual in such cases? I have not met before with a circumstance like it.

INFIRMARY NURSE.

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