

help Sister, were Mrs. A. B. and C. always quite courteously treated, was nurse quite blameless?

This attitude of thought is, to many, extremely hard, because to the commercial mind its natural bent is to give only for the sake of the possible return; it needs a strong force (which in many is supplied by religion) to do a thing when one is fagged and tired, merely to give, perhaps, only a passing pleasure to some one else, and, moreover, the effort may not always be appreciated; or one thinks it is not, but that one never really knows. Then there is always the pleasant feeling that it *was* done.

These things should be done, too, with the willing cheerfulness which gladdens and brightens all things.

This cheerful giving is worth untold gold; its value is incalculable, and makes those who possess it worth more than money can repay.

If the work is taken up in this way, then a nurse's worth cannot be measured by a mere monetary standard, for the memory of her many kind acts and thoughtfulness, although often apparently unappreciated, will live in the hearts of her patients long after she herself has forgotten the case.

But do we usually find this state of things? Unhappily no! So many nurses seem to look upon themselves (because of the unique position they hold, I suppose) as being something so much superior, so very different to the average human being, that when they enter private families they expect all their demands to be acceded to at once, and without question; besides this, we hear of this, that and the other, not being *nurses' work*; in many cases these things are connected actually with the patient.

We have no need for these female Shylocks, who are such sticklers for their pounds of flesh, who will never give more than what *they* consider is the money's worth, and who often expect for themselves much more consideration (on account of the arduous and fatiguing nature of their duties, they say) than they ever think of giving to their patients.

This trying to gauge a nurse's value from a purely monetary standpoint, is not only very difficult, but lowering to the high professional ideal that should actuate all those who take up the work. Those who nurse only for the sake of the money likely to accrue from it, cannot even from such a standpoint be worth their *full* money value, because they undertake work with which they are not in sympathy, and the true inwardness of which they don't and cannot understand.

I repeat, this is not the best standard of a nurse's value. As Barrie says, "No man ever attained supreme eminence who ever worked for

*mere lucre*; such efforts must ever be bounded by base mediocrity."

All work—no matter of what kind, whether nursing, sewing or scrubbing—should be done as all true artists work, not for what will be gained by it, or because one has it to do, but for the love and pleasure of doing the work *itself*, and the wish to help in the work of the world, no matter how slightly, and, above all, to carry out the Divine commands, to "help one another,"—and to "do to others as you would they should do to you."

Hence, a nurse's money value to the public depends, not so much upon the work she does, but the spirit in which that work is done.

## Appointments.

### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS ELIZABETH MARY JONES has been appointed Lady Superintendent and Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. Miss Jones entered the Liverpool Nurses' Training School, in connection with the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, in 1889, and has from that time up to the present been engaged constantly in the work of the Hospital. She held the post of Ward Sister of Medical and Surgical Wards for five years, and of Night Superintendent for a year and a half, and for four years has held the position of Assistant Lady Superintendent. She has also had practical experience in hospital house-keeping, and in the management of Private Nurses. Before entering the Liverpool Nurses' Training School, Miss Jones received two years' training at the Hospital for Sick Children, Pendlebury, near Manchester, and holds the certificate of this School.

### MATRON.

MISS NORA F. WATTS has been appointed Matron of the Western Hospital, Torquay. She was trained, and afterwards held the position of Sister, at the Westminster Hospital, which position she has also held at the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne, and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

### SISTER.

MISS MARIAN ROBINSON has been appointed Sister at H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Greece's Hospital at Athens. Miss Robinson was trained for three years at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, where she obtained her certificate in March last. She also holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society, and has recently acted as nurse at the Hopper's Hospital, Five Oaks Green. She is well recommended by her Matron for the post.

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