

Nurse with Surgical knowledge and others not. It is not always possible to obtain Nurses with Hospital training, and the demand permits them to easily obtain 15 dols. a week.

"Dr. B., Homœopathic, prefers God-made to man-made Nurses. He knows many excellent women whom he prefers to any Trained Nurse for good practical work. Trained Nurses must not expect to find all the modern Hospital appliances in everybody's house, or assume to know more than the Physician. They are often 'poor by nature and worse for cultivation,'—and he was quite indignant on account of a Nurse inquiring 'what medicine he was giving,' that she 'might note its effect.'

"Dr. B. finds *common sense* more advantageous for a Nurse than Hospital Training. Some patients object to Trained Nurses, because they know too much, and lord it over their patients, while Physicians connected with the Hospitals prefer them, because they understand their orders and know how to carry them out.

"Following up the subject of high-priced Nurses, and the alleged need of a Register for cheaper or 'professional' Nurses, the reporter found quite a strong feeling manifested among other Physicians and Nurses.

"Dr. R. says :—'I prefer Trained Nurses, and think all young Physicians do. As far as expense is concerned, there are fewer calls from the Physician needed, because the Nurse is capable of noting symptoms and giving correct reports to him when he comes.'

"Dr. M., Chairman of Nurses' Directory Committee, said, 'The present Directory for Nurses is established for all classes who have experience, and can bring good references; and as our Registry includes those who charge all the way from seven dollars to twenty-five dollars per week, I fail to see the object of establishing another. Any Nurse, trained or "professional," who proves incompetent or unworthy is discharged from our list.'

"Dr. F. has frequently employed Nurses who have filled their position acceptably, without the benefit of a Training School, and there are cases where people cannot afford to pay Trained Nurses.

"Dr. C., Visiting Physician to the Buffalo General Hospital, says, 'There are advantages, of course, in having Trained Nurses, especially for Physicians connected with the Hospitals. They understand our manner of treatment, and we feel confident will follow our instruction.' He also fully appreciates the convenience of the Directory where a Nurse can be obtained on an hour's notice.

"The reporter found at the Directory sixty-two Nurses registered, and all but four engaged, in-

cluding thirty-eight trained in Hospitals, foreign, from other Cities, and from our own schools. Remuneration ranged from seven dollars to fifteen dollars per week, Trained Nurses receiving from fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars, according to the case.

"Miss Masten, Superintendent of Nurses at General Hospital, says, 'A Nurse who will do her work well without training will do better for being trained.'

"There is seldom trouble between our Nurses and Physicians, as they are taught implicit obedience to his orders, to watch symptoms closely and report to him.

"As regards doing other work than Nursing, the Nurse's time belongs to her employer. However, their first work is Nursing; housework secondary; and the patient should not be neglected when, as often occurs, the Nurse is called upon to assume charge of the house.

"When you consider that out of one hundred and seventy-two applicants last year, only twenty were retained as Nurses, it will be apparent that they are most carefully chosen as regards their fitness for the work.'

"Miss Oliver, Head Nurse at the Fitch Crèche, said: 'I wish we could be let alone, as it would seem that our burdens are heavy enough to bear, without the attacks made upon us from all sides. We are perfectly willing, and have been instructed to do anything we can in a house, when we can leave the patient to do so.'

"Nurses never object to eating in the kitchen, if the family eat there, but do not care to eat with the servants, or be classed with them. Nurses also have many grievances which might well be stated if we chose; for instance, being expected to nurse for twenty-four consecutive hours, without any provision being made for rest or sleep.'

"Miss Gillie, of the Fitch Accident Hospital, has nursed a patient for days with no sleep but what was secured on the bed by her side; has also done the family washing where the people were poor, and it became necessary; built fires, cared for two coal stoves; prepared breakfast for the family and servant, who was ill, as well as the patients, washed dishes, &c.

"In one place she left the sick room but two hours during five days, but these things are seldom told.

"On one occasion she was asked, 'Do you have to sleep?' 'How can we be expected to give medicines intelligently unless we know what we are giving and the effects expected? Good Nurses work harder and run greater risks than any other class; but many people by whom we are employed try to make it as eas- as possible for us.'

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