

from glow of stage-light or throb of music, or applause of Argus-eyed audience eager to express its approbation, but under the cold, hard light of criticism, keen to detect a flaw, hostile often, scientific generally. For the nurse is the servant of the patient, the servant of the doctor, the servant of the household. Even if these were all perfect it would be a great strain always to be on trial before such a court; but since human nature is confessedly one-sided and prejudiced, can there be a severer test than where the very circumstances of sickness and pain bring out all the inequalities of temperament?"

There is another side to private nursing, however. Cold, hard, hostile criticism is not always the portion of those who undertake it. Often there is the most generous appreciation of their work, and in after-years private nurses are regarded by the families in which they have worked as friends who have won both their respect and their affection.

In supporting the urgent recommendation of the Superintendent Nurse to increase the nursing staff at Brighton Infirmary, Mr. Rose stated that he had known a nurse stand between the beds of practically dying patients and feed one with the right hand and the other with the left. We are glad to say that the majority of the Board agreed

with the Superintendent Nurse that the old Infirmary is at present much under-staffed, and that the nurses have an unreasonably heavy amount of work to get through. It was decided to increase the staff. No class of patients require more constant care than the old and infirm who fill our workhouse infirmaries.

The Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Crowe, who last

year endeavoured to place the nursing of the Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, the Petit, and the Motilbai Hospitals in Bombay, on an adequate and permanent basis, raised no less a sum than a lakh and twenty thousand rupees, but some months must elapse before the interest on the endowment fund will be available and thus the grant from Government which it will secure be received. To meet the immediate needs, a concert was suggested by Mrs. Crowe—a member of the Association vested by the Government with the management of the Nursing Fund—and organised by Major Collis Barry, and carried to a most successful issue. The attendance was



a record one, comprising the Governor and Lady Lamington, and H.H. the Nizam and suite, and a considerable sum was handed over to the Association as the fruit of this effort. These hospitals fill a great need in Bombay, and we are glad that there is at last a better financial prospect before them.

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