

He admits that the present day nurse stands on a different footing to that of her predecessor, but thinks that much remains to be done to bring her to a higher level still. A State examination has already been arranged for, and is soon to be put in practice, but it would be a mistake to regard this as a perfect cure. It is merely a help, a proof that the nurse has learnt something, but how she uses this knowledge depends entirely on her personality.

First of all the status of the nurse must be raised from within; she must understand the worth and value of her work. She must regard herself as the right hand of the doctor, and act accordingly. Often the nurse is regarded merely as the good Samaritan, without wishes or feelings, who can bear, and put up with anything. The result follows that most nurses are worn out at an age at which others can enjoy life. All this must be altered, and the first step has been made by the formation of the German Nurses' Association. This idea is, in Dr. Esser's opinion, one of the best of recent years, and principally because it has all been done by the nurses themselves, who feel that they have the power to take the initiative in bettering their condition.

But after the first step he thinks manly help, i.e., that of doctors, is needed, if the movement is to be completed. (In this we cannot agree with him. If the nurses have made the start, they are able to reach their goal.) But for this doctors must give up their sovereign, their despotic attitude, and treat the nurse as their right hand. Again, on the other side, the nurse must avoid the danger of over-valuing herself and her attainments, an attitude which causes her to be the terror of all the doctors she meets. She should remember that though she is responsible for her actions, *he* is responsible for the recovery of the patient. His authority must be ultimate.

The doctor should remember that the right hand belongs to the body, and that doctor and nurse do not work separately, but together, if anything is to be accomplished. To attain the end required, probationers should be taught this necessary attitude from the beginning. They should be taught not only to take it, but why. The nurse must be a thoughtful help to the doctor, on whom he can himself depend, and to whom he can trust his patients.

The Queen of Spain has engaged Miss Alice Mary Evans, an English nurse, to assist Miss Gertrude Bunting in the care of the Royal infant.

The Prince & Princess of Wales at the Tottenham Hospital.

"All's well that ends well" is a good and comforting adage. So we all felt at the charming ceremony which took place at Tottenham Hospital on Tuesday last, when the Prince and Princess of Wales opened the new wing and operating theatre, and gave the Hospital its new name—"The Prince of Wales' Tottenham General Hospital." But the first part of the afternoon began sadly, for the rain came down in torrents, and the beautiful large marquee erected for a couple of thousand people, was drenched to such an extent that regular waterspouts poured in, not only in all directions, but actually on the platform, and very nearly on to the handsome chairs which had been placed for their Royal Highnesses. Just in time, however, the sun shone out, and as the Prince and Princess were heralded with shouts of joy by the outside crowd, and were received by the President, Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, Sir Francis Cory-Wright (the Chairman), the Earl and Countess of Jersey, Miss Margaret Fox (the Matron), and others, the Band struck up the National Anthem.

The Ven. Archdeacon of London then said prayers, which were followed by a hymn.

Sir Francis Cory-Wright then read an address of welcome, to which the Prince most clearly and distinctly replied, and thanked H.R.H. Princess Louise and the Committee for the kind reception which had been given him and the Princess, and for their efforts and labours on behalf of the sick and suffering. It was then that he announced the fact that two of the new wards were to bear the names of "Victoria Mary," and "Louise," and that the Hospital was in the future to bear his own name, an honour which he felt deeply. Many presentations to their Royal Highnesses were made, after which the Royal Party proceeded to visit the new wing. The patients looked very happy and comfortable, and very proud of the honour that had befallen them during their stay in the Hospital. Amongst them was a Japanese patient, who spoke some English, and who at once took the opportunity of showing the Prince and Princess a group of the Japanese Princes and suite he had in his possession.

Before closing, I must not omit to say that white leather purses containing sums from £5 to £50 were handed to the Princess by ladies and children, the total contents amounting to £745. Sir Francis Cory-Wright headed the larger donations with £1,000, making in all about £4,000 in hand.

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