

"She came, and I found she was most willing and anxious to help, and realised fully all the difficulties ahead with such a class of parents. These people need careful handling and great diplomacy. At the first, her visits were much resented, and every opposition given to her in her work. Now, however, with a courteous, yet firm manner, kindly ways, entering into the mother's confidence so far, and altogether making the parents feel she is not only the 'nurse' but 'friend' too, if they will only accept her as such, the general attitude and opinion of her is altogether changed, and the work is made so much more easy and pleasant, and the children all the brighter and happier both in the school and the home. Why, only the other day, I had a message, 'Would I ask the nurse to call?' This is only one of the many messages. Of course, there are still a few obstinate ones, who cannot or will not see that it is only their children's welfare that is thought of; but this one does not feel when they can see the result of their labours so fully manifested. We must recognise, too, that this nurses' work means more than skill from a medical side only; it means a love for poor struggling humanity. It is easy and pleasant working in clean homes and with all necessaries at hand, but it is a different thing going into desolate, filthy, and lost homes, where one is exposed to all sorts of dangers. Truly, it can be said, that a nurse's heart must be in her work to enable her to live her life in such an environment. I should like to add my high testimony as to the value and esteem of those women who will devote their lives to such work. It certainly is not the 'high salary' which prompts them to choose this sphere of labour. Long may they prosper and continue to be the helper of both teachers and children."

The West Cumberland Infirmary, Whitehaven, has made great progress in the last few years under the able administration of the present Matron, Miss Evens, who has seen the complete re-organisation of the institution. The latest addition is a Ladies' Linen League, which is now in full working order, and promises to be a great success, and will be of great assistance to the hospital. Lady Lonsdale is the President, with various ladies in Whitehaven and the wide country district served by the hospital as vice-presidents and associates. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer is Miss Mary C. Fair.

Through the kindness of Mr. Alfred Wareing, a number of the members of the Nursing Staff of Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, were invited to the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, to see "His

Excellency the Governor," which was produced there for three nights last week under his direction. The play was good, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the nurses.

At a recent meeting of the Three Nursing Association Lady Frances Balfour was unanimously appointed President in the place of the late Lady Victoria Campbell. On the motion of the Rev. D. Macpherson, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, it was resolved to send a motion of condolence to the Duke and Duchess of Argyll. The following resolution was also adopted—

The Association wish to put on record the great loss sustained by the Nursing Association by the death of Lady Victoria Campbell, who for so many years did so much for the Association by her wise counsel and energetic efforts, and who has left behind her such a noble record of wise and self-denying efforts for the poor and suffering in every sphere of life.

Lady Victoria Campbell was a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and a strong supporter of thorough training for nurses provided for the poor as well as those supplied to the rich.

Miss Estelle Reel, in an article in an American contemporary, says: "The educated Indian girl looks for a higher type of manhood in a husband than satisfied her mother. If she does not find her ideal, she is perfectly capable of earning her own living. You may find in her any one of various traits that fit her for special work. She makes a superb nurse. Hospitals, which have trained Indian girls, are making constant effort to enlist others of the race. She has infinite patience, forbearance, generally a magnificent physique, and no trace of the "nerves" which so often cause a breakdown among over-civilised races. An Indian girl can go through the most trying surgical case with a stoical calm that is extraordinary. She never gets flurried, anxious, or worried, and she obeys the physicians as a soldier does his commander. In caring for cases of severe illness she seems to live on some strange reserve force and is a tender as well as a painstaking nurse. Indian girls make splendid needlewomen. They inherit the skill their grandmothers put into bead work or basket making. They have excellent taste and an intuitive idea of good colouring. You find among them good musicians; they excel as teachers of their own people, and many have achieved a high place as workers in the arts and crafts. As often as possible art is taught in the schools by an Indian woman, with a high regard for all that is best in native handiwork."

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