The British Journal of Mursing,

One of the worst phases of this Battle of the Standards is that the majority of the daily papers are apparently closed to the views of St. Bartholomew's nurses. They owe the *City Press* a debt of gratitude that its editor has realised the public importance of their communications, and devoted so much valuable space to the admirable letters contributed by them.

The following letter from India is one in sentiment with many others received. It expresses what all honourable women think on this question.

A SACRED DUTY.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—May I be permitted to express through your columns my feelings, and those of thousands of fellow nurses, on becoming aware of the new appointment of the Matron of Bart's. My first feeling is one of renewed sympathy with "ne entire staff, past and present. Was it not enough that their loved and honoured leader should have been so suddenly reaped by the Great Reaper? Yet even in that sorrow there were the consolations of a life nobly lived, of innumerable good deeds done, and an ever fragrant memory of them.

But this dishonour laid on them by the hands of their governors, whom they trusted, is on an entirely different plane of sorrow; rousing feelings of disgust, disgrace to the memory and work of one those very men professed to revere, and resentment at the treatment hundreds of women trained at the historic hospital have had meted out to them.

I only want to add this-that if those who oppose our efforts for progress and professional improvement wanted to fan our energies into a more living, all-conquering fire, they could not have devised a better means; for now the only way those trained in Miss Isla Stewart's Training School, and those who join the ranks of the associations she was such an enthusiastic worker in, can show their loyalty to her work and memory is in rising, every individual member, in her fullest strength, and working as she never worked before to bring to a successful and speedy issue those things needful for our profession for which Miss Stewart worked and gave her life. I am not a Bart's nurse, but I feel what they feel, knowing many intimately and working for the causes they work for; and I say this dishonour is not of our doing. Let us see to it that our de-parted friend's work for the good of the profession is in highest honour finished, as becomes the love and reverence due to her memory, and show those who want our profession to remain as it is, without proper recognition and status in the world, that Miss Isla Stewart's work lives and flourishes even more with death's hand near us, than it did when she was able in the flesh to guide our steps.

Yours faithfully,

S. GRACE TINDALL, Lady Superintendent.

Cama Hospital, Bombåy. June 17th, 1910.

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