

The marble statuette of Miss Florence Nightingale, by Mr. Walter Merrett, now in the Art Gallery of the Guildhall, is here reproduced. It is pleasant to know that this fitting recognition has been accorded to London's illustrious Free-woman. No doubt many nurses will pay a visit to the Guildhall to see the statuette. The photograph is by the *Central News Illustrated*.

What can be more illogical than excluding lady doctors holding clinical assistantships from the male wards of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and yet utilising the services of women nurses in every department?

Discussing the subject in the *Medical Students' Gazette*, a writer indulges in some pertinent criticism on this question:

"We should be more honest if we were to admit to ourselves that it is not because there is no accommodation for them that women cannot be made eligible for resident posts. We should be truer to ourselves if we admitted that there were no duties which a woman cannot perform as well and purely as a man. There is no disguising the fact that the supposed difficulty rests wholly on the catheter and sound business, which, after all applies to a limited number of patients, especially in the medical wards.

"We are quick and thoughtful to save women's morals, but we do not relinquish any of our own rights in the female wards in the supposed cause of morality. . . . We don't mind so long as they are nurses working under our

direction; but when the woman becomes scientifically our equal, we take all possible privileges from her to protect her from those things which we order another woman to do the next minute.

"Men calmly do all manner of things for female patients in their routine, and are none the worse for them. But they say that it would lower the moral standards of women if they had to deal with male patients. Are nurses of a lower standard of purity than other women, because they have to perform duties which are sometimes more revolting than those which a doctor would be expected to perform? The question needs no answer. The whole argument in denying women medical privileges is based on extravagant falsehoods about lack of accommodation that would not deceive a child."

Miss Elston, Directrice of the Tondu Civil Hospital at Bordeaux, has now returned to duty there. Upon the invitation of the Government, Miss Elston has been in Algiers, entrusted with the mission of organising a School of Nursing in connection with the Parnet Hospital on the same system which has proved so useful in the Gironde. Miss Elston's work in France reflects the greatest credit upon English nursing, which her colleagues in the International Council warmly appreciate.

The *Standard* reports that in memory of Mme. Feuillet, who died at Meknés, in Morocco, as a result of her devotion to the Red



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