

women. Nearly every man passed me by. And their faces. I studied them. Coarse and selfish most of them. This type of course to be seen every day, but to study them one must not be one of the hurrying crowd: one must stand still and watch. For some time I remained undisturbed. Then the following duologue took place:—

“‘I must request you to move.’

“‘On whose authority?’

“‘My own. I am the manager of these Flats.’

“‘I don't accept your authority.’

“‘Then I shall fetch a policeman.’

“‘I can readily understand why you object to my being here.’

from the London daily papers, and perverted by the commercial Nursing Press.

They agreed (1) that the Parade was the most effective method of attracting attention, because it took the public some time to grasp the meaning of the Protest, but after reading half a dozen posters they eagerly bought JOURNALS from protester number seven! (2) That the word in season can be made very effective—delivered quietly and with courtesy. The sinister situation lends itself to conviction. “‘What do you think of a condition of affairs,” we asked, “where it is possible for a woman to be employed daily in a disorderly house of the most horrible description, wearing the professional uniform of the trained nurse, and



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“I crossed the path and stood in the gutter, in order to be strictly within my rights. The policeman came and courteously asked me to go a little further off, having no authority to insist on my doing so. I did so, but kept near the Flat. I wanted the public to associate my protest demonstrably with the object of it. I sold many JOURNALS. The value however of street selling does not lie *alone* in selling. It is a most valuable means of protest, advertisement, and propaganda.”

All the missioners did good business, and were enthusiastic as to the value of publicity, especially as the question of the protection of the public, and the nursing profession, by State Registration is now systematically excluded

when this infamous den is raided and closed by the police, that she should be able to enter private houses in the confidential capacity of a trained nurse? Imagine the moral damage which may result! And a just Nurses Registration Act could prevent such evil. Trained nurses have now no legal status, no Disciplinary Authority to purge their profession of such associates, as midwives have, no legal power to protect the honour of their profession, or the sanctity of the home.” On such lines was our teaching. It struck home, its significance was easily grasped by the public.

A very good day's work, and pregnant, we decided, with future possibilities.

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