

her patient than her own dignity, by studying what is her work, and what not, sparing the patient all thought for himself. A certainty of perception, as so much much depends upon this as to her patient's recovery. A woman who is to be depended upon or capable of being a confidential Nurse.

MISS MARY FURLEY, M.B.N.A.:—

A nurse should be young, of strong physique, and of medium height; quick, clean, and thorough in her work; as far as possible methodical, kind, gentle, sensible, and patient with her patients; intelligent and observant, and useful to her superior officers, *i.e.*, Doctors and Sisters.

MISS MINNIE CHAPMAN:—

(1) She should carry out the Doctor's orders with accuracy and precision; (2) She should be clean and neat in appearance, tidy and methodical in her duties; (3) Kind, cheerful and attentive, letting her patient's comfort be her first study; (4) To use her utmost endeavours for the recovery of her patients.

MISS HELEN BENNETT, M.B.N.A.:—

She should possess a quiet, calm disposition, patience, watchfulness, method, accuracy of observation and report, gentleness, firmness, cheerfulness, devotedness, a sense of duty and true piety.

MRS. M. A. CORE, M.B.N.A.:—

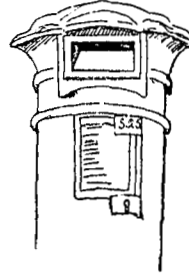
A Nurse should be strong, healthy, bright, quick, spotlessly clean, full of patience, intelligent and punctual in the discharge of her duties, observant in small matters as well as great, correct in her reports, sympathetic and kind, and able to retain her self-possession in emergencies.

NURSE JESSIE HOLMES:—

My ideal Nurse, what should she be?  
 One filled with patience and sympathy;  
 With a heart of love that's willing to ease  
 Other folks' burdens, to lighten and share;  
 To be thorough and earnest, loyal and true;  
 To do to your patients as they should to you;  
 To be gentle to all sufferers, whatever disease,  
 Remembering ye do it to Christ when ye do it  
 to these.

MISS FLORENCE SHEPPARD:—

I consider an ideal nurse should as far as possible possess the following qualities: punctuality, truthfulness, obedience, calmness, cheerfulness, neatness, patience and good temper.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries &c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.*

YOUR "EDITORIAL" OF DECEMBER 18TH.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have only a few moments spare time just now, and these I do most gladly devote to my pen, in full support of the views expressed in paragraph four of your "Editorial," dated December 18th, for if *any* Committee, Matron, or Nurse can longer refuse to come forward and join in this "crusade against oppression and wrong," such may rest assured that they are, wilfully or blindly, doing it only at their own peril. "Just as soon, O man, canst thou mark out the boundaries of yonder restless ocean as thou canst stop the huge and unresting billow of progress, which must soon, very soon, inundate the whole of Christendom; and shouldst thou still fear to stand in thy place at the helm of duty, woe be unto thee and thine for ever."

So, then, we would urge upon you in particular, and your persevering band of correspondents in general, the stern necessity to keep *right on hammering*; because, whether we look at those Committees, Matrons, or Nurses, do many of them—comparatively speaking—appear one whit too intelligent? Have any of these been awakened out of their long slumber yet? Who shall say? There are *a few* noble exceptions; hence the grave importance of Carlyle's words, "Look straight through the clothes at the real man within."  
 —Yours, &c., GEORGE HALEY.

PUERPERAL CONVULSIONS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Whilst thanking "E. F. M." for his valuable letter on this subject, published in No. 143 of your journal, permit me to observe that I did *not* say that puerperal convulsions were not fatal at or before labour; my remarks applied to *epileptic* convulsions during that period. There are one or two points in your correspondent's letter to which I beg to take exception, but for the present subscribe myself,—Yours truly,  
OBSTETRICA.

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Sister Mary.*—Apply to Miss Hendie Close, Lady Superintendent, Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street; and to Miss Cooper, Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea. There is a Private Home for invalid children of the better classes in connection with the last named Institution.

*An Ignorant Probationer.*—Get "A Manual of Nursing," by Mr. Lawrence Humphrey, a most popular and instructive book.

*An Infirmary Nurse.*—We entirely agree with the Matron. Dancing is quite out of place in a Hospital, or wherever there are sick or dying people.

*Mary Graham.*—We should advise you to try to obtain the post of Head Nurse or Sister before attempting to perform a Matron's duties. Nothing fits a woman for the position of Matron so well as the practical experience gained as a superintending Nurse.

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