benighted Hospital? The condition of things is pitiable, and, without exaggeration, the Nurses are worked and starved almost to death, and the patients consequently greatly neglected, not willingly on the part of the Nurses, but because, worn out with sixteen hours' duty, and working on insufficient food, it is impossible to do justice to sick persons, and even under more favourable circumstances, one woman cannot nurse from twenty to thirty severe Medical and surgical patients. As a "Student" remarks, the condition of affairs has been long an open secret, and if the Committee have not known it, the fault is their own for knowing nothing of the rules of the Hospital and the condition of the Nurses and Probationers for whom they are responsible. It is the case of "the London" over again. All details and absolute power left in the hands of a few officials, who either do not, or will not, understand the requirements of a modern Nursing department. But in our case, the Medical Staff are in sympathy with us, and will, I don't doubt, for the sake of patients and Nurses, see the department reorganised. What is required is a Nursing Committee of ladies and gentlemen, who will devote time, thought, and experience, to the management of the Nursing School, and they must be men and women who will take the trouble to study and master the subject, and not "heaven-born geniuses." Many Nurses in Glasgow have said with King Richard, "My kingdom for a Hunter."—Yours, &c., A GLASGOW NURSE.

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