

And a real *Home* it is, too—so much so, that it is quite amusing sometimes to see the reluctance of patients to leave before they are entirely convalescent. "I would rather 'convalesse' here," one said to me once. "I am far too comfortable to want to move until I am no longer, even the *least little bit* of an invalid!" And over and over again it is the same story.

And though, if the walls of the bright, homelike rooms could utter sound, they might tell of long, anxious days and weary nights of pain, they might tell, too, of suffering alleviated by some of our greatest Doctors, and tended by Nurses who love their work, and give *themselves* to it with the unflagging interest that only a Nurse can understand.

In conclusion, may I offer "W. S." my most sincere sympathy, with the hope that if ever she is again under the necessity of entering a "Nursing Home," she may be more fortunate in her choice, and be able to echo the words of a Doctor under whom I was lately Nursing in the North of England: "Those Nursing Homes" are among the greatest blessing of the nineteenth century."—Yours faithfully,
L. F. G.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you grant me a small space in your paper? I should like to give my experience of a "Nursing Home"—not as a patient, but as a Nurse (and, I trust, not so frivolous as the Nurse spoken of as "W. S.").

May I ask, to begin with, do you not think the house mentioned was wrongly named when termed a "Nursing Home?" also that the Nurse was far from deserving the name of Nurse after the wretched treatment to her patient.

To a great extent a "Nursing Home" depends on its Nurses, and unless they are good Nurses, and love their work, and so fulfil their duties to their utmost ability, that Nursing Home must own a bad name sooner or later. Everything depends on the management, and unless every Nursing Home has a Lady Superintendent, who is a Trained Nurse, and thoroughly understands the routine of housekeeping in every form to the smallest detail, and ability to carry them out, her Nursing Home must fail in its duties.

The Nurses of her Home should be *Nurses*, not apologies for them; this the Lady Superintendent should make it her duty to ascertain.

I am at present nursing a lady in a Nursing Home not far from Portland Place. It is my first experience of a

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Nursing Home in London, and I can truly say I never wish to be in a better managed household. There is every convenience to induce comfort. Cleanliness forms one of its chief attractions—plenty of clean linen, excellent food, and properly cooked. All food is sent to the patient in as tempting a manner as it is possible to make it, and oftentimes tempting patients to eat when least inclined to do so; in fact, patients are made to feel it is indeed a Home, and not too much of a Hospital. Their rooms are prettily arranged, and yet in every way suitable for Nursing; and certainly there are no shake-downs for Nurses in the bath-room, for Nurses have comfortably-furnished bedrooms.

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I quite agree with "W. S.," that such Homes as she writes about should be abolished, for the welfare of patients who might go there; also for the good name of "Nursing Homes" in general.—Yours truly,
ELISE.

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