

Never send second-rate Nurses to the colonies ; those who cannot work with the tread of many feet will never work well alone ; those who fail amidst all sorts of helps will not do better when those helps are withdrawn. To stand alone before the Master at the bar of her own conscience is what every English Nurse in the colonies, who means to do right, has to do. By-and-by she will earn friends for herself and love them ; she will find some good clergyman, doctor or matron on whose advice she can lean ; but for a time, as far as this world is concerned, she must stand alone, and live and work on the first principles of Christianity. Then a Nurse coming to the colonies should be a refined and cultivated woman ; she requires the pluck and discipline and endurance which only culture gives. She is expected to take the place of a lady, and if she can't she is looked down on and felt to be a disappointment. She must by no means be narrow. How can one full of insular prejudices and vulgar class distinctions be equally acceptable to the Kaffir savage, the Greek merchant, the English barrister, the careful Scottish lady, the half caste servant, and the Italian priest ? Yet in a colony she meets all these and many more, and has to minister to each in turn. She must have plenty of tact, for each of these people has a different code of manners. The gentle, unselfish, patient Nurse is welcomed everywhere ; the stiff, rigid woman is liked by but few. A readiness in picking up languages colloquially is a great help ; so is strong, physical health. In South Africa, where Nursing has been made a profession, the absence of a good sound training is detected at once.

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Colonial Nursing is hard ; we see more of our patients' lives, of their trials and difficulties, than English Nurses do ; we are away from home, and they are at home. We have our isolation, our uprooting, our loneliness ; but we have also

a wider field, a greater grasp, so to speak, on the mind and soul of mankind as a whole ; a deeper sense of universal brotherhood ; a keener sense of life.

And hast thou chosen then? Canst thou endure  
The purging change of frost and calenture ;  
Accept the sick recoil, the weary pain  
Of senses heightened, keener nerve and brain—  
Suffer and love, love much and suffer long—  
And live through all and at the last be strong?  
Nor hath thy knowledge of adversity  
Robbed thee of any faith in happiness,  
But rather cleared thine inner eyes to see  
How many simple ways there are to bless."

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MISS L. E. FORREST, of the Training School for Nurses at the Leeds Infirmary, has been appointed Matron of the Cancer Hospital, which is to be opened shortly in the Owen's College Hospital Estate in Stanley Grove, Manchester. She expects to be ready to receive patients in October. This is the first of the independent Hospitals which has accepted the College invitation to settle in Hospital Gardens.

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MISS WEBSTER-WEDDERBURN, daughter of the late Major-Gen. WEBSTER-WEDDERBURN, 7th Royal Fusiliers, has been appointed Matron of the Hospital at Suva, Fiji, leaving England on September 16. She was trained at the Nightingale Home, St. Thomas's Hospital, and from there went to Derby as night superintendent at the Royal Infirmary.

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