

"It would be no matter. She is beyond caring for that now; and not one of her friends could object to anything you who loved her so much would say about her."

The mention of this lady seemed to put some strength into me. I felt as if I did know something worth telling, and I was silent in my turn.

"Certainly," Mr. S. resumed, "whatever is worth talking about is worth writing about—though not perhaps in the way it is talked about. Besides, Mrs. Percivale, my clients want to know more about your sisters and little Theodora or Dorothea, or what was her name in the book?"

The end of it was that I agreed to try to the extent of a dozen pages or so.

(To be continued.)

POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the tenth of this series of examination questions has been most heartily responded to, the following having secured the prize of a book or books of the value of five shillings:—

Sister H. King
 Fort Pitt
 Chatham.

Give your opinion as to what an ideal nurse should be?

An ideal nurse should be thoroughly acquainted with her work, practically as well as theoretically & should have health & strength to perform it. She should be prompt in obeying orders, respectful to her superiors, punctual, methodical & observant, kind & courteous to all around her. She should be gentle, firm, patient, cheerful & sympathetic in dealing with the sick. Not seeking for reward but striving to attain the "forgetfulness" & doing each duty as it comes "heartily as to the Lord & not unto men."

I obtain the "Nursing Record" from
 Smiths Railway booksellers
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We desire to draw our readers' attention to the examination question given in this issue.

** Other answers received deserving honourable mention.

"Give your opinion as to what an Ideal Nurse should be."

MISS EMILY SANDERSON, M.B.N.A. :—

An ideal Nurse should be most particularly cleanly and neat in her person, dress and sick room, conscientious, truthful, sober, honest, gentle, deliberate, firm, but kind, patient, sympathetic, intelligent, obedient to doctors' orders, modest, but never prudish; quiet, of a cheerful and happy disposition, most unselfish, not fussy, must thoroughly understand all domestic duties and sick cookery to perfection—not necessarily to do them, but to ensure that they are done properly; she must exercise great self-control and determination; she must take care of her own health, but in every way give herself up for the good of her patient; her heart must be in her work, and she should do as she would be done by—in fact, she should be a ministering angel without guile.

MISS MARIAN C. PINCOFFS, M.B.N.A. :—

An intelligent educated woman, with the feelings and instincts of a lady; Hospital trained, but not rendered careless in the process; skilful in tending the sick in the fullest sense of the word, and in reading the symptoms of disease through the knowledge bought by experience; infinitely patient, and with the power of sympathy which keeps her in touch with her patients, and so alert to their wants and sensitive to their feelings without the need of words; thoroughly conscientious, but not morbid; loyal to the Doctor for whom she is working, and honestly fond of her work.

MISS MARY SPANTON, M.B.N.A. :—

A Christian woman, a follower of Christ; taking the "Inasmuch" as her word of cheer and comfort in her work. A practical woman, one who cultivates the habit of correct observation. A woman of refined feeling and education, possessing what is essential in everyone who takes up Nursing, common sense, tact, endurance, firmness, unselfishness, conscientiousness, truthfulness, kindness, gentleness, patience, carefulness, cheerfulness, and obedience. Not one who merely understands the administration of drugs, application of poultices, &c., but also the use of fresh-air, light, warmth, cleanliness, quiet, and the selection and administration of diet; one who cares more for

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