

THE NURSE.

12. "Blue-eyed and bright of face, but waning fast into the sere of virginal decay," is Hlenley's description of the nurse, of whom Shakespeare would have said: "Lady, you are the cruellest she alive if you will lead these graces to the grave and leave the world no copy."

13. I am of the opinion we have in every locality a sufficient number of intelligent widows and aged spinsters who have had sufficient experience, and possess natural qualifications for the position of nurse. They should be the ones whom we had better select for nursing. The trained nurse of the "new woman" order no doubt has her place, but I believe her noblest mission on earth—one for which Providence designed her—is that of *motherhood*. The nursing of her own babies and her husband, and that before the fountains of her youth are dried up, even desire fail.

14. Dr. Shradly says: "The great doctor is greater than ever, especially in the field of research and discovery; but the average doctor is a smaller personage than he was ever before, and that is why the profession seems to have declined, and lost many of its old time attractions for educated men." Success consists in doing one's best without thought of fame. "'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more. Sempronius, we'll *deserve* it."

15. Some one has said: "A man may be a *fool* to choose a profession, but he is an *idiot* to give it up." However, it is well to consider that "he who knows not that he knows not is a fool—therefore shun him. He who knows not and knows that he knows not is humble—help him. He who knows and knows that he knows is wise—follow him.

16. Some doctors persist in putting thermometers in the hands of families and patients, because of which they get less practice, and the families, with the aid of a doctor book, treat themselves until the undertaker gets them.

17. Our profession demands of its members brotherly love, peace, co-operation and fidelity, and able advocates for its rights. In the festivities of Piræus in honor of the Thracian Diana, the equestrian celebrants, swinging fire-brands, handed them to one another. (Lampadia exontes allelois diadinsonsin.—Plato.) What is the deduction ?

18. No other profession has more binding ties among its members than those which are held as sacred by the true and