

things only, but includes faithful and efficient service. The very fact that you class yourselves as professional nurses implies the possession of the requisite amount of scientific knowledge and training. You have the opportunity of acquiring both of these during your hospital course, but if from any cause you fail to obtain them your ignorance and inability will make it impossible for you to render an honest service. Again, you may have these qualifications, but on account of indolence, of carelessness or of distractions from other sources, you may not give honest service. These subtle temptations are far harder to resist than any of the grosser ones of common dishonesty.

The ethical relationship between nurse and physician claims all the virtues already specified, with the addition of unfaltering loyalty. While you are nursing his patient he, and he alone, is the physician for that patient. Whatever your private opinion may be as to the greater ability of some other physician, your duty is to be loyal to the one in attendance on the case. If you see plainly that something is being overlooked, or left undone, that the physician's attention should be called to, seek a private interview and give the information. It is your duty to help keep up the patient's confidence in the physician, and to dispel, if possible, any doubts as to his ability to treat the case properly. I need not detain you as to the manner of keeping your medical chart, care of the instruments, etc., etc.

The ethical relationship of the nurse to her calling demands the possession on the part of every professional nurse of a broad, mutual faith—not only faith in one another—but faith in all the others. Every calling is judged by the character of its members, by the confidence these place in each other, and by the enthusiasm they put into their work. The duty of maintaining the honor of her calling has just as imperative a claim on the professional nurse as the earning of a livelihood or making provision for the future.

#### DEPORTMENT.

Assuming that you have acquired the knowledge and skill essential to your calling, and that you possess the character and virtues already discussed, then comes up the problem of how to use all these to the best advantage. The innate instinct or desire to appear attractive should be carefully cultivated by the professional nurse. The conventional uniform and dress should be faultlessly clean and neatly made. The strictest attention should be paid to personal hygiene. The daily bath, wholesome food, sufficient sleep, together with abundance of fresh air and sunshine are essential. Every effort should be made to bring into the sick-room the bright eyes, ruddy cheeks, inoffensive breath, and the graceful, firm poise of body that comes with good health. The nurse should cultivate a musical voice, and she should endeavor to be able to express herself