

Miscellaneous.

The Nurse Day.

Few wage-earners work twelve hours, or more, a day, and great as are the responsibilities of the nurse to the hospital, it should not be forgotten that the responsibilities of the hospital to the nurse are equally great. It is evident that the time is coming when these relations will need to be re-studied and re-adjusted. The petition of the nurses in the Toronto General Hospital for an eight-hour day is a sign of the times.

Moreover, it is a very serious indictment against hospital training that there is a general impression that nurses in the last year are broken down in health. We have no hesitation in saying that hospital nurses, as a rule, are worked too hard, and have too long hours, or, what is the same thing, not enough time off duty. An excellent symposium on this subject was published on June 1st, in the *National Hospital Record*. It seems to be the general opinion, as expressed in the *Record*, that two relays of nurses, with longer off-duty hours, say two or three hours per day, with a half-day each week, and special rest-hours for Sunday, is the best solution of the problem. The Superintendent at Toronto General Hospital, with all the difficulties of the situation before her, has succeeded in giving the 127 nurses now on duty there a half-day, beginning at 12.00 noon, each week, for the summer at least. The broader and more unselfish the outlook, both of the Hospital authorities and the Nurses, the sooner the situation will improve. There is not a little truth in the somewhat extreme letter which recently appeared in a Canadian paper, "Nurses as Martyrs." Yet in this occupation, as in every other, though there are martyrs, saints, and heroes, the great majority are good average ordinary women, and too much should not be expected of them.—*The Canadian Nurse*.

Art and Prudery.

A certain London evening paper has lately broken out into a ludicrous excess of moral censorship. It seems as though a member of the staff of this periodical, whilst walking down the Strand a week or two ago, happened to look up at the new buildings of the British Medical Association, whose frontage had just been disclosed to the public view by the removal of