

On Friday, September 26, a very nervous but eager preliminary student nurse entered a private room in the Maternity building. That student was me, and I was indeed nervous.

I was introduced to the patient to whom I had been assigned, and immediately any qualms which I had were dispelled.

The patient was a very nice looking dark-haired woman of about 30 years of age, and right away I felt at home because she looked so much like my eldest sister. When I went into the room, she was just finishing nursing the baby, so the conversation started, and with such a wonderful topic as the baby, I felt I could hardly start off my visit on the wrong foot.

The baby girl, Barbara, was so very tiny looking even though she was a fairly good weight, 9 pounds. When she arrived in this world a week ago, she was 8 pounds 10 ounces, but since then has surpassed her birth weight. The mother and father were both dark but the baby was very fair and very sweet.

I found out that this was Mrs. K's first baby. There are two other children in the family, but both were adopted. Both have been with Mrs. K and her husband since birth and the girl, Debbie is now six, and Robbie, the boy, is now three and a half. Mrs. K and her husband Bill, had been told that they didn't think it was possible for them to have children of their own, so when the baby came they were thrilled, so were Debbie and Robbie.

I talked with Mrs. K for the full hour. I found out that her sister had trained at the Toronto Western Hospital and that she herself was a dental nurse but would rather have chosen the nursing profession too. Her husband is an engineer and represents an firm ^{EASTERN} here. As it turned out her husband does a great deal of work with a good friend of mine, so again I felt comfortable in her presence, ^{BECAUSE OF THIS COINCIDENCE.}

As we were talking she told me of her desire to travel. She and her husband hope that when the children are older that they will travel around the States and someday go to Hawaii. She had been to California recently, and I too had been this summer, so once more we talked upon common ground.

Possibly, you did not wish this kind of a report but I felt that only by expressing what we talked about could one find out in a short period of time what an individual is like, and what their interests are. ^{MORE ABOUT HER} Possibly if the patient had been sick, I could have noted ~~their~~ condition and environment. I did notice that Mrs. K was very happy and completely enjoying her stay in the hospital and taking advantage of the rest.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting her as she was friendly and had a nice personality. I know that I shall never forget, as long as I live, my first patient.

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