carrying flowers into the lavatories for the night—
that it is a relief to be able to occupy them; for
from childhood their lives have been mostly
passed in active work, and they have had no
opportunity of taking refuge in the study of the
solar system, or the habits of the black beetle, so
that now they can no longer new wood and draw
water, the days seem inordinately long.

The work of the Probationer will be similar to
that in the women's Surgical Ward; but as time
passes she will be given more dressings to change,
and various responsible duties, according to the
capacity she displays. The dusting and polishing
will be still her care, and I hope her pride, for
thorough cleanliness is an essential of successful
Nursing, and nothing is more objectionable than
an untidy Ward, or to find no hot water in the
jugs on the Doctors' table, and the soap dwindled
to a microscopic size.

Two months will be well spent in the Obstetric
Ward, where the treatment of the diseases of
women will be studied and found most useful in
general work. The mechanism of the human body
is so compact and so complete, that no member
can be perfectly unaffected by the suffering of
another part, and strange symptoms may be traced
to remote causes, and could, if they are skilfully
handled, have a wonderful effect on the
patient's general health.

She will now spend two months in charge of
each Ward on day duty, and one month night
duty, under the direction and supervision of the
Sister, from whom she will still have many things
to learn. The Nurse will be responsible for the
dressings, which she will prepare and place, with
bowls and trays, by each bed, in readiness for the
Staff of Dressers in the morning, the Probationer
clearing and cleaning them after use. She will
change poultices, place screens and clean towels,
and see that hot water is in the jugs on the
Surgeons' table. She will give medicines in any
absence of the Sister, being as careful as if still
Probationer to read all labels, however frequently
this duty devolves upon her. She will examine
the contents of the store cupboard, and indicate
the bottles that require replenishing, seeing that
the supply of strapping, lint, wool, and tow be
well regulated, reporting to the Sister all
requirements, regular and incidental. Each morning
the Nurse will receive a night report from the Sister,
with instructions for the day's procedure; and
leave a report of the day Nursing before quitting
the Ward at night. She will accompany the Sister
round with the Medical Officers, uncovering
wounds and removing poultices—the Probationer
following, to cover the patients and take away
soiled dressings—putting on fresh poultices as
required. Unless the Sister prefer doing so,
Nurse will keep the temperature charts, using a
mapping pen and ruler. In absence of the Sister,
she will accompany the Surgeon round the Ward,
giving a concise report of each case, with any
incidental changes and symptoms she may consider
useful, sending to the dispensary at once all pre-
scriptions and medicine bottles to be changed,
and carrying out all fresh instructions.

Nurse will prepare the patients for operation,
seeing that they have no food for the specified pre-
vious time, that they are suitably clothed, and
clean in every particular. If it be her turn to
accompany the case, standing by the Theatre
Sister and handing her the dressings as required,
a Probationer attending to the sponges. Upon
returning, the bed will have been prepared with
hot bottles and pillows, and a bowl containing
small pieces of ice, in case of sickness, when Nurse
will leave the Probationer in charge, coming occa-
sionally to see that all be well. She will prepare
the luncheon, and assist the Sister with the
dinners, the Probationer disbursing them, in which
she may require help, for the patients need placing
comfortably, and the helpless ones to be fed.

On night duty she will now have charge of the
Ward, with a Probationer for special cases; she
will need to be constantly watchful in the dim
light, always listening for a change in the breath-
ing, a moan of pain, or the restless movement