

abuses connected with its Nursing Department, is always on the edge of a volcano. For two and a half years, there have been incessant symptoms of eruption—scandals exposed in this paper—protests made in that—individual dissatisfaction expressed on all sides. Some day, there will be a cataclysm; and, when the smoke has cleared away, there will be light and hope again for that Institution, and all the other Hospitals which now are suffering through, and with, it.

But this being the position which we have constantly assumed, it will be understood why we do not consider ourselves called upon to point out defects in the management of other Institutions. We know that we enhance the difficulty of our task thereby, but that we are prepared to bear—because week after week, and, if necessary, year after year, we shall demand the abolition of the present abuses at the London Hospital until we have achieved our end. Then, we believe, no other Hospital will be able to permit similar scandals to continue, and the dawn of better times for Nurses will have arrived.

#### LITTLE MERIT AND LESS MODESTY.

OUR comical contemporary, the *Hospital*, carries its "amusements for all ages" to too exuberant lengths. It recently indulged its readers with a little lecture entitled "A Nurses' View," and the joke, this time, was terribly far-fetched—as bad, in fact, as the missing word competition. Of course, our contemporary—as we have before pointed out—rarely or never answers the riddles it asks; but this, we presume, is an essential part of the fun. "A Nurses' View"—View of what? one naturally asks—"Merit and Modesty," says the Editor. So we read the Nurses' View of Merit and Modesty, and, as we read, the conviction grew stronger and stronger that we knew this Nurse, and that she spends very little of her time on the Stock Exchange—as she is paid to do. She pretends to think that "Merit and Modesty" means a "Congress," and that people meet in Congress "to extoll their virtues." We guess that the jumble of ideas is the joke, but we are not prepared to try for the prize. Now, if under this heading Mr. BURDETT had given his views of Miss K. PHILIPPA HICKS's views, that would have been a much easier joke to understand. From all we hear, Miss K. PHILIPPA HICKS's views of Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT are very interesting. He might, with very great amusement to all ages, return the compliment.

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## A Case of Cholera.

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THE following case, of which notes as careful and full as was possible under the circumstances were made, may be of value. It was—if one may use the term in relation to Cholera, which differs so widely in its manifestations—a typical serious attack ending in recovery.

*Sept. 10th, 1892.*—Frau F—, aged 20, a well-nourished, strong-looking woman, admitted 11 p.m., carried in a blanket. Face drawn and pallid, extremities cold, finger tips and nails bluish. Had diarrhoea yesterday—increasing—not much pain; sometimes cramp in legs, great weakness. Put to bed, not washed, blanket next to her, hot water bottle to feet. Temp. 95°8F. Vomited about 6 oz. watery fluid; passed four greenish, copious stools during night. Took about three pints of black coffee.

*11th, 6 a.m.*—Vomited twice on bed and floor dark fluid; looks rather collapsed, skin dusky, black outlines of eyes and features; hand dusky, hard, and shrivelled. Temp. 95°F. Infusion done in right arm—35 ozs. Kochsalzlösung infused; 2 ozs. port wine in hot water given; vomited eight minutes later. Drowsy, all but unconscious throughout the day. Took, when pressed, hot coffee, about two pints, and wine and water. No vomiting. Stools passed unconsciously, watery, blackish character, six times. Evening temp. 95°F.

*12th, 4 a.m.*—Condition much the same till now; skin more dusky, not quite unconscious, eyes and mouth open. Takes automatically coffee or wine in spoonful. Temp. below 94°2F., pulse at wrist not felt. Still diarrhoea. About 3 pints of saline solution infused; hypodermic injection of half a drachm of camphor-oil ordered every hour. Hot pack (bath temp. 102°F.) given half an hour later. Took 2 ozs. port wine in hot water; retained. Seemed slightly better. Took more willingly hot coffee with milk, wine and seltzer-water. Evening temp. 96°F. Stools same character, but scanty, 7 times.

*13th.*—Improved condition maintained during night; some natural sleep, never quite roused; but taking coffee and wine when offered. Skin much more fair; haggard, but no black lines. Temp. 97°F. Stools, watery and dark as before, 5 times.

*14th.*—Not so drowsy or indifferent; asks for something to drink. Takes willingly coffee, barley-

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