

- (2) State some diseases in which (1) lividity and (2) breathlessness are prominent symptoms.
- (3) In what diseases is pain a prominent symptom? What measures may be taken to relieve a severe attack of pleurisy?
- (4) What are the common complications of (1) scarlet fever and (2) enteric fever, and at what period of the disease do they occur?
- (5) What are the essential qualities of a good Nurse?

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NURSES' EXAMINATION, 1896—SENIORS.

- (1) Give an account of the lower limb (skeleton only).
- (2) How would you apply pressure to the following blood-vessels:—subclavian; common carotid; and common femoral.
- (3) Give an account of the nursing arrangements for operation and after-treatment of a case of strangulated hernia.
- (4) How would you prepare a patient for the operation of amputation of the breast?
- (5) Give an account of the method of administration of different kinds of enemata.
- (6) What are the precautions to be observed in the nursing of bed-ridden patients?
- (7) How would you prepare the following:—peptonized milk, beef tea, and egg flip?
- (8) How would you deal with a case of secondary hæmorrhage coming on during the night after amputation of the leg?

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Truth calls attention to one of the evils arising in the Indian Army Nursing Service from the "confidential report" system. It seems that a Nurse, whose case is quoted as illustrating the deficiencies of the system, joined the Indian Nursing Service in 1891, and had served with every credit until December last, first at Allahabad and afterwards at Quetta—in fact, during this time she had received conspicuous indications of approval from her superiors. In December last, when she had been about a year at Quetta, she found herself passed over by no less than six juniors for a number of appointments as Deputy-Superintendent which were falling vacant, and which, in the ordinary course of things, would have been filled up in the order of seniority. Not until some days after the appointments were gazetted was any explanation forthcoming; but then the Sister received a letter from Miss Barber, Lady Superintendent at Poona, informing her that she (the Superintendent) had reported her as having a hasty temper, and also that her relations with another Sister had not been pleasant.

It seems a very great hardship that the Sister in question received no intimation of the adverse report until after the six vacancies had been filled up, and when, consequently it was too late for her to defend herself. But, worse still, it transpires that the Lady Superintendent had never seen the Sister in question, and that her report was made entirely on hearsay and second-hand evidence. The Editor of *Truth* states that the "unpleasant relations" with another Sister is founded solely on the fact that this Sister was a junior with whom she had to find fault in the course of duty. So that the fact appears that instead of this confidential report reflecting the opinion of a superior officer on a junior, it arose from the complaint of a junior of a superior against whom she had a grievance.

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The following extract from a letter from a lady engaged in nursing the small-pox patients at Gloucester will be interesting to our readers:—"I am sorry to say that Nurse Pipe has had a slight accident; the pony trap was upset yesterday, and she and another Nurse were thrown out. Nurse Pipe got a cut on her leg and was bruised I am sorry to say, but she is better to-day, and I hope that a few days' thorough rest will set her up again. The other Nurse was not hurt at all. The driver and pony were injured slightly. I don't think anyone was to blame for the accident, as part of the harness broke. I think the worst trouble to Nurse Pipe is having to leave her patients to others. There has not been any decrease as yet in our number of cases. We had 213 on our books last Saturday. There are now nineteen Nurses, and two or three more coming. It has been in many cases a most malignant form of small-pox, some patients dying within forty-eight hours, but we have had some really most encouraging cases of recovery when all hope seemed gone. I am also thankful to say that the Nurses on the whole are keeping well, and seem very much interested in their work."

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At the Anniversary Banquet of the Worcester General Infirmary, during the dinner a number of the Nursing staff in uniform occupied the gallery of the Shire Hall and looked down on the feast below. "I think they might have given us some ices," said one of them regretfully, eyeing the bounteous repast, which looked all the more tempting by contrast with Hospital fare.

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In answer to an expression of opinion by Dr. de Havilland Hall that "the drawbacks inseparable from the use of poultices are not compensated for by the amount of benefit that can reasonably be expected from them," and con-

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