

five equal packets, one of which dissolved in a litre of water is to be used for disinfection of hands, vagina, and instruments; and carbolised and sublimated lint for plugging the vagina. She must keep her ordinary instruments (catheter, irrigation canula, scissors) in the antiseptic solution for at least ten minutes. With the sleeves of her dress rolled up above the elbow, she must wash her hands and forearms with soap, and clean her nails carefully with scissors, nail-file, and brush. She must then wash her hands and forearms again in the antiseptic solution. She must ascertain the presentation and other physiological conditions of the foetus by palpation and auscultation. She must next wash the patient's external genitals and neighbouring parts (perineum and upper part of thigh), first with boiled water and soap, then with the antiseptic solution. She then again washes her own hands, and proceeds to make a vaginal examination. The latter procedure must be repeated as seldom as possible. Any instruments that have been used must be carefully cleaned, and steeped first in boiled water, and afterwards in the antiseptic solution.

### Sketches.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following letter and sketches of hospital life:—

DEAR EDITOR,—Are the Pros. *always* in the wrong?

Here are four *not prehistoric* sketches.

Yours faithfully,

"AD LITTORA TENDIT."

#### 1.—DISCIPLINE.

Staff Nurse, going off duty, to Pro.:—"Mind, if Sister tells you to give beef tea to No. 9, you are *not* to do it."

#### 2.—ETIQUETTE.

*Rather* new Matron to Pro., who proffers a request in the ward:—"You must not speak to me, now, Nurse, ask Miss Underling when I will be in my office."

Pro.:—"Miss Underling, Matron told me to ask you, when she will be in her office."

"How can I tell?"

#### 3.—MANNERS.

Pro., humbly retreating to foot of stairs, for descent of *rather* new Matron:—"Good morning, Matron." No reply!!

#### 4.—THE MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS.

*Rather* new Matron, to suffering Pro.:—"Does the neuralgia proceed from a tooth, Nurse?"

"I don't know, it is all over me."

"Nurse, if you had paid proper attention to your lectures, you would be aware that the reflex action of a nerve in a tooth will affect even the great toe."

### The Victorian Order of Nurses.

THE headquarters of the Victorian Order of Nurses at 113, University Street, Montreal, looked their best on March 4th, when Lady Aberdeen, the President, paid her first visit to the branch. Her Excellency, accompanied by the lady superintendent, the district superintendent, and some members of the committee, inspected the premises, and expressed herself pleased with the house and its suitability for the work. Light refreshments were afterwards served, and a pleasant half hour spent in discussing the Order and its prospects. A circular has been issued to the physicians of the city, informing them that the services of three district nurses are now available. The charges for their visits have been fixed at from five to fifty cents, while in cases of real poverty all fees are remitted.

### The Passing Bell.

THE death, from yellow fever, of Miss Ellen Thompson, one of the nursing staff at the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, on the morning of the 4th ult., has caused profound sorrow and regret to all associated with her in her work.

On Monday, the 28th of February, beyond a slight feeling of fatigue, she was well and on duty. The next morning she felt ill, but thought it was nothing more than an attack of influenza. She was at once placed under the physician's care, who lost no time in beginning the usual treatment for yellow fever. On Wednesday the disease proved to be yellow fever of a serious type, and anuria immediately followed. The best medical talent was called in but without avail, and her death occurred on Friday morning. She was buried the same evening in Gambôa Cemetery, the burial being attended by a large number of friends.

Miss Thompson received her training at St. Thomas's Hospital in London, where she was charge nurse for some years. She then went to the Paddington Infirmary as sister, and was for some years matron of a Boys' Infirmary at Brighton College. In 1892 she became nurse of the medical wards of the British Hospital at Buenos Ayres, where she worked for three years, after which she joined the staff of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio Janeiro, going out to Brazil with Miss Jackson, the matron, in 1896. To be of value as a nurse in a foreign country is to prove that one is made of sterling stuff. Miss Thompson was devoted to her profession, and was universally beloved by her patients.

She was a gentle and careful nurse, and her long experience of sixteen years made her an invaluable attendant on the sick.

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