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N. A. C.—A purgative enema should not be given with a vaginal nozzle attached to a Higginson's syringe, because (1) it is no way adapted for this purpose. The object of a purgative enema is to inject as much as possible of the fluid used into the descending colon. But if you study the position of the holes in a vaginal syringe, you will see that they are not adapted to effect this end. There is no large hole at the top, as in a rectal tube, but various small ones at the sides, so that the rectum is irrigated with a considerable amount of force. (2) The nozzle of a syringe should never be inserted more than an inch inside the sphincter ani, unless special directions are given by the medical man that a rectal tube is to be used. There is always the danger of injuring, if not perforating, the wall of the intestine where it curves round the junction of the rectum with the sigmoid flexure.

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New Matron.—Promotion by payment is, happily, now almost obsolete. In our opinion, it is most unjust to promote over the heads of nurses who have had years of experience, lady-pupils of a year's training, simply because they have paid for that training, and such a system must inevitably be bad for the hospital. There can be no real discipline in a ward where the staff nurse knows much more than her ward sister, neither can a ward be efficiently superintended by a head who has had so little experience. The plan of promoting three years' certificated nurses to the vacant posts of ward sisters, is becoming more and more universal, and is undoubtedly the fairest. Promotion by seniority would not be altogether a success, because all certificated nurses would not make good sisters. Some who make excellent private nurses, cannot efficiently organise a ward; and again, many good nurses cannot impart what they know to others, yet all these points have to be taken into consideration in appointing a ward sister.

Probationer, Leeds.—It is best to administer oily doses in a china measure or spoon. Strong soda water may be used to wash the measure. An old-fashioned and efficacious plan is to put a little linseed meal into the measure, and let this absorb the oil before washing it.

Ward Sister.—Every ward should possess a supply of jaconette pillow slips, which are used under the ordinary linen ones, in cases where, from any reason, there is a likelihood of soiling the pillow. A plentiful supply of long bed mackintoshes should also be provided. It is penny-wise and pound-foolish to be parsimonious in this respect.

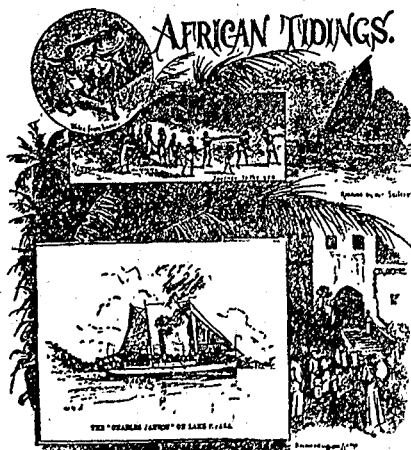
Staff Nurse, Birmingham.—The hospitals in Bombay are nursed by the All Saints' community. They are St. George's, which is the European Hospital, the Jamsetjee, the native hospital, which was founded by the liberality of a member of the Parsee community—Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and the Kama, which is a maternity and women's hospital.

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