

about it, but as far as the nursing was concerned, our training at home was more than sufficient to carry us through. We knew how to obey, and the lines for nursing were very simple and crude to our minds. There were two or three trained nurses who worked well on Plague duty for a short time (according to their training). They were rarely met with, as the big Hospitals "outsider" mentions, could not spare their nurses, as they were already short-handed.

"Outsider" remarks that the Indian trained nurse "does not strike when underpaid." Their constant cry was for more pay. (They received R 145 per month, and were not cut income tax.) The pay they received was often almost as much or more than their fathers and husbands got for the whole family. Besides which, they had no servants to keep, and their washing must have been a very small item, judging by their appearance. One nurse I worked with wore old evening blouses (second-hand may be), on night duty, and skirts that were not supposed to be washed (black cashmere or serge).

I am afraid this is a poor letter, but if you can make any use of the facts contained, and vindicate our use here in the eyes of the many readers of the NURSING RECORD, I shall be glad.

Yours faithfully,

AN ENGLISH TRAINED NURSE.

(I am thankful to be able to sign myself so.)
Bombay, July 16th.

P.S.—I could give innumerable other instances of the treatment (through ignorance), of patients before our arrival, but I am afraid to !!!

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Miss M. S., Bradford.—We not advise you to enter any institution for training when the Matron is not a trained nurse. Such a condition of things is an anomaly.

Probationer, London.—There are three thermometers which are commonly used, and you should make yourself familiar with them. They are Fahrenheit's thermometer, Centigrade, and Reaumur's. Fahrenheit's is the one invariably used in this country. In this boiling point is 212°, and freezing point 32°. The Centigrade thermometer (the thermometer of Celsius) is usually used in France. In this boiling point is 100° and freezing point 0. In Reaumur's thermometer freezing point is also 0, but boiling point is 80°.

Nurse T., London.—Poultices are so seldom used in London Hospitals at the present day, that we often hear nurses lament their want of practice in making them; but you should take care that you learn how to do this, or if you subsequently take up private nursing, you will find yourself in difficulties. It is by no means as easy as it appears to make a really good poultice, and few things are more disconcerting or annoying to a nurse than to remove one, and to find a considerable portion of it adhering to the patient.

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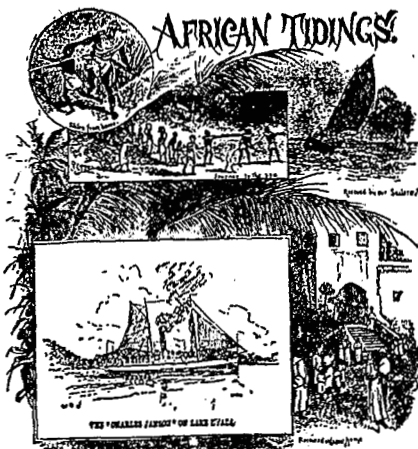
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