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THE PROS AND CONS OF INFECTIOUS NURSING.

NURSES who work in Fever Hospitals are necessarily subject to various restrictions, and it is well that they should weigh the pros and cons before accepting posts in infectious hospitals. First, the pros. The experience gained in a well-organized fever hospital is exceedingly valuable, and to a private nurse it is well nigh essential. More and more, and we believe rightly, infectious cases are being eliminated from our general hospitals. Time was when enteric fever, measles, chicken-pox, whooping cough, and even diphtheria and scarlet fever, were admitted for treatment into the wards of ordinary hospitals; but as medical science progressed it became widely recognised that it was little short of criminal to poison the air of hospital wards with dangerous germs, and to subject patients already debilitated by illness to the risk of contracting other diseases. In recent years, therefore, all infectious diseases, with the exception of enteric fever—with regard to which the same course will doubtless be adopted—and urgent cases of diphtheria which are admitted to special wards—have been

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