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### Comments and Replies.

*Miss P. T., Bath.*—There is no doubt that as nursing becomes more organized there will be more and more affiliation between general and special hospitals. For instance, a post graduate course of nursing in such hospitals, in affiliation with her training school, would be most valuable to a nurse after receiving her certificate, whatever her subsequent work may be. Experience of maternity, and fever nursing, as well as massage, might be obtained in this way.

*Nurse Brown, Gloucester.*—Dysentery is a disease which is seldom seen in this country, and when seen is usually of a somewhat chronic type, the patient having contracted it in a tropical climate. The drug which is usually given in cases of dysentery is ipecacuanha; if a nurse is ordered to give this, she must bear in mind the tendency to vomiting, which frequently occurs after its administration. Opium is not usually prescribed in dysentery, and is even said to be harmful in this disease.

*Prolatiener, Bath.*—We must re-iterate our previously expressed opinion that it is very bad nursing to administer an enema through a vaginal tube. We are aware that some nurses adopt this method, but it is quite indefensible. A purgative enema should be administered with the patient lying on the left side. Owing to the anatomy of the large intestine, as you will readily see by studying an illustration, the fluid injected passes most easily into the descending

colon when the patient is in this position, and the best result is therefore obtained. The enema should be given at a temperature of about 96° Fahr. In giving nutrient enemata it is necessary to remember the importance of giving them at this temperature. If they are too hot, or too cold, they will act as irritants, and probably be immediately expelled. The amount given is also of importance. It is usually two, and never more than four, ounces; nutrient enemata are generally peptonized.

*Miss P., Leamington.*—You should obtain good advice before selecting a training school. The quality of the instruction given in the different schools varies very much, and if you select one at haphazard you may regret it in after years.

*Traveller.*—Quinine is frequently given in large doses in malaria, and indeed is considered by many a sheet anchor in this disease. Its administration, however, is subsequently attended, in many instances, with ill effects, some of the most common being nervous exhaustion, and intense irritability. The mischievous habit indulged in by some residents in malarious countries of taking habitually, self prescribed, doses of this drug, cannot be too severely condemned. Kreat halviva is now prescribed as an alternative, and it is claimed for this drug that its administration is not followed by the subsequent ill-effects produced by quinine.

*Miss G. Allen Norwich.*—Write to Miss Jones, Secretary, National Union of Women Workers, 59, Berners Street, London, W. This Society acts as the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, and is affiliated to the International Council of Women. The Annual Conference of the National Council will be held this year at Norwich on October 2nd. The great International Congress is to take place in London, in 1899. You should join the National Union of Women Workers. Every woman who takes an interest in the welfare of women can do much by subscribing to the funds. Money is greatly needed to carry on the work.

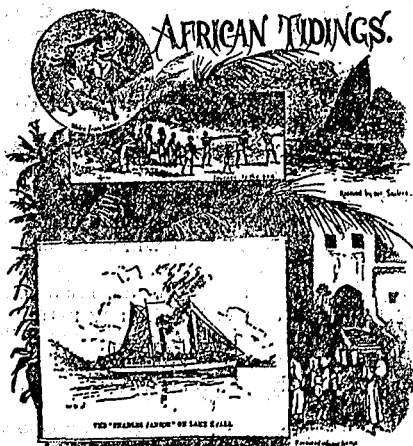
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