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Comments and Replies.

Pro., Birmingham.—We are sorry to hear you are suffering so much from your feet. Many nurses do. From what you say we should think you are in danger of becoming flat-footed, and ought to have medical advice. You should report yourself to your Matron. A frequent change of stockings and shoes relieves ordinary tiredness a good deal.

Miss E. M. Manchester.—By all means avail yourself of an opportunity of living in France for a while, and take French lessons, and use every opportunity of conversing with people who speak good French while there. In these days of cosmopolitan nursing a knowledge of French is the utmost advantage to a nurse, especially if she intends to take up private nursing. Nurses frequently are unable to travel with patients, and to undertake appointments abroad, because they are unable to speak French.

Nurse P., London.—We should advise you to keep a note book, and jot down each day new facts you may come across. Items of interest regarding the cases under your care, and any details of ward management, or of practical

nursing which strike you as good. It is astonishing how much useful information is acquired when such a book is regularly kept.

Private Nurse.—It is not advisable as a private nurse to witness a patient's will, unless no one else can be found to do so. If there are legal proceedings subsequently, the witness to the will will probably be subpoenaed to appear and give evidence with regard to it. This is always unpleasant, and often occasions a good deal of inconvenience.

Lady Guardian.—We quite agree with you that the lying-in wards of workhouse infirmaries might be utilized with advantage for the training of certificated nurses in lying-in work. Two things are essential however. The co-operation of the General Hospitals and Workhouse Infirmaries, and, in every case, the charge of the lying-in wards being in the hands of a sister, who is a trained and certificated nurse, besides holding the L.O.S. diploma. The sister, of course, would be responsible to the superintendent of nurses for the due performance of her duties. If such a plan were carried out, it would be of mutual benefit to the General Hospitals, and to the Infirmaries.

Charge Nurse.—The plan of bathing patients on admission to hospitals, in a receiving room, provided with all the necessary requirements, is a good one, and probably will be ultimately adopted in all hospitals, except in very critical cases. The patient should, after the bath, be sent up to the ward in the clothes provided by the hospital, after which a list should be made of his own clothing, which should then be sent to the disinfecting oven in a covered metal box, and washed after disinfection. When it is remembered in what kind of surroundings the great proportion of hospital patients live, as a rule, it will be realized that there must be an element of danger to other patients in introducing them unwashed into a ward.

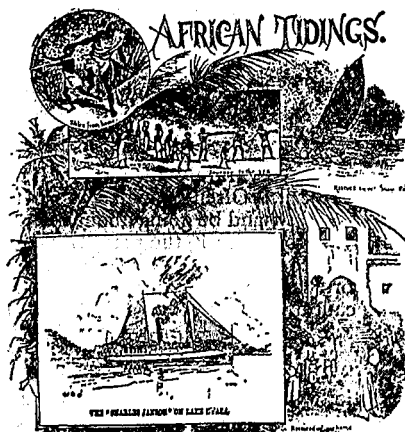
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