

BL19nur2 Add Mss 47760-67, 49623, correspondence on nursing,  
Part 2, 897 pages

Add Mss 47760, 142 folios, Adam Matthew reel 82, mixed vol,  
notes, records of St T

note, f1, pencil

**f1**

1858 {arch:} [Dec 1865]  
before Dec 17  
Charing + Railway served Hospital  
with a notice  
to bring Rail close to  
North wing

March 10 1859 Mr. B's interview with  
Albert

March 8 1860  
Mr Clough's first Interview  
with the Treasurer  
after the passing of Railway Bill  
in 1859

no part about the Hospital could  
be considered permanent

April 24 1860  
Sir J. Jebb & Dr Sutherland to see  
about the *temporary* accommodation of  
Probationers

f2 {blank}

ff2v-3, printed schedule, re: St. Thomas's Hospital Newington,  
Surrey, S, Medical and Surgical College session schedule 1867-  
1868, Prizes and Appointments 1867-1868

draft, f4-v, pencil, JS hand

**f4**

{arch:} [Aug? 67] [12:175]

The Committee of the Nightingale Fund educate nurses gratuitously. They pay the board of a certain number. But for all others the board must be paid. Any way the cost of training is paid by the Committee.

The Committee after having incurred these costs are desirous ~~illeg~~ of binding all women they train: -

1 To serve in a hospital ~~fr~~ or hospitals for 4 years-

2d. ~~Is~~ not to accept any situation in a hospital except such as the committee think them fit for (e.g. a woman fit only for a Nurse, not to accept the office of Sister- or of Matron)

But certain contingencies arise:

1<sup>st</sup> at present there are plenty of situations

2d. At some future time there may not be situations

Hence If a nurse passed her examination & were entered on the books at

**f4v**

Midday & should therefore ask for a situation & no situation were forth coming, she would apparently be liberated from her agreement & might take service in private life, & they nullify the benefit contemplated by the fund, which is improving hospital nursing  
Question What form of agreement would be best suited to merit these contingencies [end 12:175]

f5, ornate certificate, re: 13 May 1868, St Thomas's Hospl- and ceremony of laying the first stone by the Queen, requests Miss Nightingale's presence

note, f6, pen

**f6** {arch:} [1872]

Wards Closed

Florence

Christen

Clayton

George  
Alfred

draft, f7, pencil

**f7**

Please Duties of the Home Sister  
return to F.N. No 2

[12:255]

To take charge (under the Matron= Superintendt=)  
of the Probationers' Home  
of its servants, housekeeping, accounts &c  
To take general charges of the Probationers  
(under Matron): to see to their preparing  
Notes of Lectures, Case- books; Diaries, & to  
verify, & correct them previous to their being  
submitted to the Matron  
To give such classes, whether Religious  
or of General Improvement, as shall be  
from time to time arranged  
To read prayers in the Home -  
To preside at meals, to see to ~~hours~~ carrying  
out of rules, hours &c  
To undertake all ~~the~~ such correspondence  
concerning the Probrs=, as the Matron may desire  
To give such superintendence in the  
wards or in such wards as the Matron  
may from time to time appoint.

[end 12:255]

note, f8, pencil

**f8**

Nurse Probrs= {arch:} [March? 1873]

Mondays & Thursdays

11 ½ to 1. two mornings 6 in each class

3 ½ to 5 two afternoons

Lady Probrs= 6 not including

Tuesdays & Fridays afternoons Miss [illeg Repstone?]

3-5 p m

Saturdays- Bible Class

Wednesdays Singing practice ½ hour 3/4

Tonic Solfa 8 1/4 to 9 1/4 p.m. Saturday

not yet

draft, f9, pencil

f9 {arch:} [April 6? 1873]

1. Bandaging on Lay figures  
difference of Sisters
2. Examns= for Training Sisters as  
distinct from Nurses
3. Overwork {large '\'} for Ladies  
Stapylton- Machin- Williams  
/ shall come to it sooner or later  
the sooner if by that we can  
spare  
/ Treasurer the real impediment  
no Extra Nurse  
/ those not the least fit to be Sisters  
who have not physique to be Nurses
4. Pyaemia- Dr. Sutherland- Hospl= defects
5. Hospl= Reports for Sisters
6. give List of books & Extracts from  
books
  - a. for the ordinary Nurses  
preliminary course
  - b. for the more advanced Coursereferring them at each Lecture to these  
books  
we gave the book & a printed List of these

note, f10, pencil

**f10** {arch:} [April 1873]

Bandaging                   afternoons  
Infirmiers                   2 months' end  
I To examine Probrs=  
on how they are taught bandaging  
on lidless chambers  
emptying slops  
Miss Lees paper on St. T.'s\_



**f13**

*Recommended by Mr. Croft* [4]

[12:262-63]

/Lectures on the Principles & Practice of Physic  
by Sir T. Watson

in 2 Vol. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition:

1871 Longmans

£1.16

/Berkley Hill's Essentials of Bandaging

2<sup>nd</sup> Edit: 1869 3/6 Smith & Elder

**6 Copies**

/Handbook for Nurses for the Sick by Z. Veitch

**12 Copies**

1870 2/6 Churchill

— Manual for Hospital Nurses by [Domville?]

**12 Copies** 2/6 1872 Churchill

/ Human Osteology: by L. Holden

4<sup>th</sup> Edit: 1869 16/ Churchill

**2 Copies**

/Quain's Elements of Anatomy Longmans

in 2 Vols: 7<sup>th</sup> Edit. 1867 £1.11.6

/Moffitt's Manual of Instruction Griffin

1876

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*Dr. Parkes "Practical Hygiene"* - out of print- He  
has lost his wife- & new Edition not yet ready -  
I have lent the Probationers my copy - given me by Author

f13v

- /South's Household Surgery*  
4<sup>th</sup> Edit: 4/6 Murray 1859
- /South on the Bones* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edit: Sherwood 1837 3/6
- /Physiology of Common Life*  
G.H. Lewes 2 Vols 12/ Blackwood  
1860
- /Combe's Management of Infancy*  
10<sup>th</sup> Edit: 6/ Maclachlan  
1870  
Simpkin & Marshall
- /Combe's Principles of Physiology*  
15<sup>th</sup> Edit: 4/6 ditto  
1860
- /Combe's Digestion & Dietetias* 10<sup>th</sup> Edit: ditto 3/6 1860
- /Clarke's Manual of Surgery*  
7/ (Renshaw  
(1865
- /Mayne's Medical Vocabulary*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Edit 8/6 Churchill  
1868
- /Roscoe's Lessons in Elementary Chemistry*  
**2 copies** 4/6 MacMillan  
1873
- /Heath's Minor Surgery & Bandaging* - Churchill  
4<sup>th</sup> Edit: 5/ 1870

f14

- /Tanner's Practice of Medicine £1.11.6  
6<sup>th</sup> Edition in 2 Vols  
Renshaw
- /Tanner's Clinical Medicine 1869  
7/6 Renshaw's Manual  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 1869
- /Tanner's Index of Diseases 10/6  
**6 Copies** Renshaw's Manual  
1866
- /Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms  
9<sup>th</sup> Edition 12/6 Whittaker  
1868
- /Druitt's Surgeon's Vade Mecum  
10<sup>th</sup> Edition 12/6 Renshaw's Manual  
**4 Copies** 1870
- /Le Gros Clark's Outlines of Surgery 10/6  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edit: Churchill  
1872
- /Domville's Manual for Hospital Nurses  
Churchill 1872  
2/6

**f14v**

- /Murchison  
on Diseases of the Liver  
10/6 Longmans  
1868
- /Tilbury Fore  
3<sup>rd</sup> Edit: on Skin Diseases Renshaw  
18/ 1873
- /Marshall's Tarrant  
Description of the Human Body 1870  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
Vol I. Text  
Vol II. Physiological Diagrams  
(193 Plates)
- £1.1
- /Sir W. Jenner's Medicine of to-day H.K. Lewis  
1/6 1869

**f15**

/Humphrey

on the Human Skeleton  
£1.8 Macmillan  
1858

Gray's Anatomy

6<sup>th</sup> Edit Longman  
£1.8 1872

/Quain's Bones & Ligaments

Plates: *coloured*: Vol I.  
a large folio of Plates: Taylor & Walton  
£1.4 (out of print) 1842  
(for many years) (given up business)

/Huxley's Elementary Lessons in Physiology

**2 copies** 6<sup>th</sup> Edition 4/6 Macmillan  
1872

/Alcock's Questions on the above Macmillan

1/6 1868 **[end 12:264]**

draft, ff16-18, pencil

**f16** {this folio vert. on page} {arch:} [May? 1874]

The Matron instructs each Probationer on her **[12:294]**

entrance that she has placed the Home  
Sister in charge of the Rules  
& that she places the Probationer under the  
Home Sister's charge to carry out the  
Matron's Rules

it being the duty of the Home Sister to carry out  
the Matron's authority with each Probationer  
Each Probationer shall report herself to the Sister  
(beforehand if possible)

for any unavoidable deviations from any of these Rules

**[end 12:294]**

f17 {not F.N. hand}

Nursing

Notes by F.N.

f18

Red Book {arch:} [May? 1874] [12:295]  
that Mrs. Wardroper after  
interrogating each Sister on each  
Probr= (the Sisters' Reports are  
so useless only because she does  
not do this) should record  
her own opinion in pencil  
on the Sisters' Reports:  
& that Miss Machin should then  
make up the Red Book  
each month  
to save Mrs Wardroper writing

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th to ask how Mr. Whitfield  
made up the Columns which  
are purely Professional, such as  
Observation  
Operations  
whether Mr. Croft could not  
do it in the same way: seeing the  
Sister with Mrs. Wardroper once a {vert.:} month

[en 12:295]



**f20**

1. The 3 Lectures

- { - Respiration to Sisters
  - { - Heart Special P.s
  - { - Lungs Nurse P.s
- separately

very successful

{vert. in l marg:} All the P.s

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2. PRINTED Lectures

very well drilled into them

by Miss Machin

X

a running Examn= on these for Special P.s

Nurse P.s

separately

very desirable

{vert. in l marg:} All the P.s

" something fresh not the printed one also desirable

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4. Could Mr. Croft give a sort of *Reading= Examination*

Class to the *Special P.s,*

to whom we do give *special* Reading,

but without enabling them to understand what they read?

Mr. Croft say: "More advanced Probationers"- (see paper)

get up such & such chapters: & I will examine you:

sending in such questions beforehand, as they don't

understand when they are reading: **[end]**

{vert. in l. marg:} Special P.s

Or Mr Croft

ask them what they have been reading:

let them keep a little Memo= for Mr. Croft:

then Mr. Croft make an Examn= on their reading

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5. The *Special P.s* want a more thorough Examination X

would 3 in the year be enough?

2 Preliminary Examn= (written)

1 (written) at end of year

to put written Questions under Miss Machin's charge {to take

{2 or 3 hours

{to answer

{vert. in l. marg:} Special P.s

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if they are not fit for this, they are not fit  
to be Supts= or even Training Sisters

6. The 4 Lectures} 1 this year  
or *Bones*} for all the P.s

then an Examining Lecture on these:

Miss Machin to work them up for the Examn= -  
{vert. in l. marg:} All the P.s

7. Bandaging Lectures

{at bottom:} Dr. Bernays gave his Lectures in his Room  
- in Medical School: very nice

Could not Mr. Croft always give his in  
Sister's Office?

{up diag:} nothing

Clinical

f21 {blank}

**f21v** {vert. on page}

Thursday Constriction of Body Nurse P.s

18<sup>th</sup> Ladies Exam

bimonthly Monday

**f22**

The Sister, even if she does not show all these things herself to the Probr=, to question her & see if she has been shown them- & how she does them It does the Probr= good to put it into words- -As the Sister walks down he wards she might take Probr- with her & ask her how she has washed that helpless case: how she has bandaged or made bandages If the Nurse is a good one, the Sister might leave it to her to teach the Probr=, to e.g. wash a helpless case: but then the Sister shd= question the Probr= afterwards.

It is not for the P. to criticize the Nurse, or for the Sister to scold the P., but for the Sister to enquire what the P. has been taught-

The P. should take a little book & pencil, a 2d or 3d book, into the Ward (as in Miss Machin's time) & jot down at the time any special

**f22v** {vert. on page, seemingly in another hand, does not fit here:}

Sick Cookery as far as practicable -  
Necessary precautions to prevent  
Finger-poisoning, carrying of Infection.  
Art of ventilating -  
How to wash & prepare dead bodies for  
removal.

f23 {blank}

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thing she has learnt or done during the day  
(not when she is tired at night  
to have to think it all over then)  
-this in reference to 2a.

'I used to tell them if they heard  
a word from the Doctors (or any  
body) they did not know to jot it  
down at once: & ask the  
explanation of it afterwards'.

Miss Machin

To ask Miss Crossland if those little  
books are used now: I tied the  
pencils on. [end 12:301]

M M M

Sick Cookery: {overtop Sick Cookery} Miss C  
Clinical Lectures: Mr Croft

Dr Bristowe

{upside down:} Wyeth's (Philadelphia) iron, wine &  
beef juice 1 tablespoonful 3 times  
a day

draft, f24, pencil {vert. on page}

#### **f24**

pity we must omit the Secretary's Services {arch:} [1876?]  
hope that succeeded in making the Probationers more of pupils  
while not less  
but more of Assistant Nurses  
proposing thorough questions to the Probationers, e.g. how  
to manage  
with helpless ~~Patients~~ cases, how to use Disinfectants,  
correcting the answers, describing & explaining the cases  
much regretting  
her great/thorough ability for the discharge of such  
the right/invaluable person in the right place  
has continued vigorously under here exe  
The Home Sister gives religious & Bible instruction to the Nurse  
Probationers together with her own personal influence: & leads  
the Singing Classes

draft, ff25-28v, pencil

**f25**

Miss Lees {arch:} [bef 1877]  
/Yesterday to day & for Ever x  
/Cowper x Ballads \ x  
/Silas Marner x  
/Lays of Ancient Rome x  
/Villette x /Golden Line Granpery  
/Deerbrook x  
~~Dombey & Son~~ Bleak House \x  
Pendennis  
Miss Crossland  
/Words of Hope & Comfort x  
/Conybeare's: St Paul x  
/Longfellow  
Arnold's Scripture Portraits  
/Bible Dictionary x  
Lord's Supper  
/History of England x  
Miss Williams [?]  
~~Owner of the Mill~~ x  
/Golden Deeds  
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John Halifax  
Ballad Book Settlers' Marryat x  
/D. of Wellington x  
/Martin Chuzzlewit x  
/Manual of Diet x  
/Sea board Parish  
/ My Young Alcidds x

f26 {blank}

**f26v**

Miss Hill  
/Cary & Marshman  
Words old & new  
/Xtian Life in the Camp  
/Rivington's St Paul  
Words of Hope & Comfort  
/Lord's Supper

**f27**

No 2 Block

/Barnaby Rudge  
~~/Settlers Golden Deed Marry at~~ male  
     Oliver of the Mill           x  
 /Thomas à Kempis                x  
~~/Ballad Book~~ Book of Praise    x  
 /Noble Women                    female  
                                     x

Nurse Dany        Druitt                    x

No 3 Block

~~/Bleak House~~ Dombry & Son        x  
 /Heir of Radcliffe        female    x  
 /Xtian Year        (Dany)            x  
~~/Sea board Parish~~                ?  
 /Agnes Jones                x  
 /Our Lord's Passion                x

No 4 Block

David Lloyd's Last Will  
 /David Copperfield  
~~Deerbrook Seaboard Parish~~  
~~Book of Praise~~ /Thrown together \x  
 /Water Babies Ministering Children x  
                                     Froggy's little Brother  
~~/Our Father's Business~~                x  
 /Children's Garland                x  
 /Wonderful Life                    x

f28 {blank}

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No= 7 Block

/Nicholas Nickleby

~~Lord's Supper~~ Settlers Marry at  
David Lloyd's last Will

~~Water Babies~~

/Sir Henry Haviland x

/Tom Brown x

/B. Brown's Higher Life x

/Ministering children x

No 6 Block

/Oliver Twist x

/Robinson Crusoe x

/Taylor's Hog Living x

/Adams' Allegories x

~~Lord's Supper~~

~~Book of Ballads~~ Miss Lees

Hymns for Sick & Suffering x

Fosbery

{vert.:}

Oliver of the Mill

p. 303

Ministering Children

p. 420

Fosbery's Hymns for

Sick & Suffering

Rivingtons

St George & St. M.

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draft, f29, pencil {black-edged paper}

**f29** {arch:} [c Nov 1877]

*Wanted:* Deficiencies

no

singing in *parts*

no Diary or Case books doing

yet

no Classes by Lady P. of Nurses

10 a.m

2 p.m Sunday Service

they wd= like to go to the Abbey -  
from 1.30 to 2 the Probrs= have

draft, ff30-32, pen & pencil

[12:335-37]

**f30**

Note on the Medical Committee's Report:

12/1/78

Have they made any enquiry as to all hours? Have they been round between

6 & 9 a.m. or at 10 p.m. or at different hours of the night? Do they know that Probationers are sick sometimes & retch after the early hours - & the late hours?

Some important Minutiae appear omitted. also Casual Visitors?

N.B. I believe the Medical Commees stand alone in their belief that the "Ward atmospheres" are "always "fresh" & pure" qy by night? as well as by day? How is it

possible with ~~what~~ the amount of Erysipelas & Pyaemia they confess to? <

N.B. They do not report the Deaths, from Pyaemia or Erysipelas. Qy whether the cases themselves are not understated. There is reason to think so from the statements of Sisters themselves

"1874 Erysipelas 75" is nearest the truth

1. The dirty bandages at first soaked in Lavatory with Chlorinated Soda: then boiled all night over WARD KITCHEN fire!! then dirty boiler carried thro' the Ward & emptied in Slop Sink in the morning then bandages washed & very badly by Stairswoman. These dirty Bandages are often covered with pus: Only a very clever Sister insists on all bandages with discharge being burnt at once (in Ward fire) - fire is the right thing if a thing is so bad that it wants disinfectant - that is the best economy: to burn

2. In the ordinary Wards 'chambers' without lids are allowed to stand all day & all night under the beds: emptied & rinsed night & morning at bed-side.

Only a very clever Sister insists on only allowing chambers to stand under the bed at night but they are without lids:

Bedpans always brought to bedside & taken away at once

**f30v**

3. Great deficiency in clean towels:  
only a very clever Sister gets 3 towels,  
*Hands: Bedpans: Basins:* clean  
once a week: & keeps them to their purposes.

This is better than it was:  
but this is not enough.

4. Uncleaned state of Bed & Bedding:  
they often come back (from disinfection)  
dirtier than they went:

There is no question that Erysipelas & Pyaemia  
have been produced by this (& by the fracture pillows)  
if bedding so bad that it wants disinfectant,  
fire the right thing.

Medical Officers have noticed this: I say no  
more.

5. Washing of Bed Linen  
so bad that traces of pus or motions often  
seen on clean sheets: not properly dried:  
~~sometim~~ Tuesday's linen sometimes perfectly  
wet: has to be dried at Ward or Ward Kitchen fires:  
"At least we have *our own dirt back*" now.

6. There is no reason against using the *Foul  
Linen Shoots*, except that there is nothing  
at the bottom to receive the Linen

As Medl= Commee have animadverted on foul Linen  
being not taken away every day, I say no more.

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7. Mops different for rinsing down closets & urinals, & bedpans, & sluicing slop sinks- different for swing basins &c

should be seen to: to hang up over respective places  
Also: bottle brushes different for different purposes

8. Cooking often very bad:  
rotten potatoes sometimes sent to Patients:  
Not only ill cooked meat but bad meat  
often sent to Nurses: pork often very bad:  
boiled beef sometimes quite uneatable  
sometimes not enough meat.

Night Nurses have no hot meals at all to themselves!

9. Wards have often been very offensive x:  
*Ward Tables* often want planing & cleaning:  
If Sister does not take a pride in them,  
Nurses, Patients & Dressers will not -  
*W.C. pans* have had to be scrubbed with strong  
Nitric acid-  
*Urinals* all furred: all round inside grating:  
also Slop Sink

have had to be scraped with a knife  
A very clever Sister does the Urinals every morning  
herself: & allows nothing to get into this state

10. Supply of Bed-pans: so many in use: so many  
in store: should be kept up to each *Ward*

+ There is no Dining room for meals in common.  
x specially Alice: Charity: Victoria: Elizabeth:

Female Medical: Male Medical: Children's: Female  
Surgical ~~always~~ by night & by day also sometimes

Magdalen  
always

fresh  
Windows put up to do dressings & not pulled down again  
Edward &  
Leopold 10 p.m {line up to Elizabeth:}

children

fretful at

for want

good air

Night  
of

**f31v**

They are launched upon the most independent & difficult of all work & all

Nursing- Night Nursg & Ventn= with only the supervision of a woman

rejected as any Extra Nurses. (herself smelling)

a. *Night Supt*= most inefficient: Night Nurses are all or nearly all Probationers just out of their year: young

women, some almost just ~~just~~ out of ~~their illeg the Home:~~ the training in these very wards so far from fresh have no supervision either on or off duty x

b. Supply of *Extra Nurses* not kept up: there should be 1 Extra Nurse at least to every Surgical Ward: this was promised.

(she might go to Medical Wards: when wanted,

Extra Nurse Mrs. W. would take from an insubordinate Probr=. No classes for Ward Maids none for Night Nurses: none for

Staff Nurses: only prayers for Ward Maids by Miss Fisher: for Night Nurses by Sister

x N.B. E.g. It is quite impossible that a young woman, almost a girl only just out

of a year's training, can e.g keep the atmosphere of the Children's Ward at night pure without supervision

But it is known for a fact that it is not:

The great flaw of St. T.'s: Night Nursing superintendce= - F.N.

Dr. Bristowe does not like Nursing after watching the fluctuations for some days 12/1/78 quite incapable of giving a Medical opinion because you cease to be able to judge when the great wave comes

obliged to call in another opinion

Corridors: people bang all the windows open & then bang them all shut no judgment

not the organization by Ward Sisters-as formerly: always a drive: Sisters too busy

to train or teach: Mrs. Wardr= says so.

O if they would leave the Germs alone & see to the air.

Nurse Ball shows them different state of wounds.

All P.s like the easy-going Sister (Miss Mackenzie) not those who keep

them in order Shd= tell Mrs. Wardr=

Mme= Linicke - Warman's tempers:

Charity: aneurism small Ward: no bells

Miss Solly:

Ware: much better for super.e than any of the present Sisters

~~some~~ each P. always thinks something derogatory to her dignity} except these two

then she must have a very small dignity.

**[end 12:337]**



**f33**

F.N. [see 47719 f258 for draft  
Suggestions for new Agreement with Matron in [12:347-48]  
October 7/7/78

*Conditions*

- 1 a. A trained Lady Night Supt=
- b. A trained Lady Day Assistant Supt-  
with 1 (for us) to be always in training  
as Assistant for a year for superintendence  
either at St. Thomas' or at Edinburgh.
- c. Miss Crossland to be allowed in Wards  
not for superintendence but for intercourse (about Probrs=)  
with Ward

*Sisters*

2. a. Ward Sisters to be trained Ladies Sisters wd like it
  - b. Every new Probationer to be shown, once  
or twice by Ward Sister or Staff Nurse,  
how to do her work to Ward Sister's satisfaction:
    - (1) how to wash helpless Patients, especially men:
    - (2) how to wash the Swing basins &c &c & do Lavatory work
    - (3) how to dust in Ward & what her Ward work is  
besides of course the constant training in  
direct Nursing
  - c. Every Probationer to be taught Sick Cookery  
other than Beef Tea:  
& proper Cooking Utensils to be provided
  - d. Every Probationer to be taught by Ward Sister  
Observation of the Sick, including 'the reason why'  
of giving or altering such medicines, dressings  
&c  
If it's done  
then that's all I want
- 3 a. Every Probationer once a month to draw up  
(one Probr= each day of month according to her  
no= on List: & on last day of month all that are over)  
a sketch or horary of her day's work - not merely  
of her work as a Ward Assistant or Assistant Nurse  
but of her work as a Probationer *in training*:  
- what Ward Sister or Staff Nurse taught her &c  
in her special position of learning:  
see my scrap & List

{vert in l. marg beside point 2a-d:}

it would not be more than 3 new  
Probrs= a year to each Sister:  
Miss Hawthorn & Miss Notcutt used  
to prefer to have the new Probrs=

f34 {up diag:} Any Nurse P.  
distinguishes herself in Class  
to have access to a Lecture

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[2]

3 b. Every month a report of each Sister's work  
in training P.s: whom she has trained & how:  
- every year (see my paper to Hy B.C.) specifying  
under what Sister each Probr='s *first* Ward  
Check on Gratuities to Sisters: (gratuities to be noted  
separately

Name of each Sister who receives a gratuity  
to be given separately: & how she has done her  
work

4 a Printed Rules to be drawn up for Ward  
Sister, as to Tickets for Towels, in Lavatory,  
use or respective Towels, of respective mops &c &c  
provision of soap & disinfectants for Probrs= hands  
&c &c &c as to Probrs= using two basins &c

F.N. would draw these up, if desired: for Matron  
to criticize & issue

b. Precautions to be strictly inculcated on Probrs=  
against finger poisoning:

These are being drawn up

{up diag:} scissors

forceps

Stock

£13 or £20

Matron

'I won't have

you knocked

up Greatest

refreshment

no one is doing

it

Sunday

Friday

5 a Nurses to be allowed to join Home Sister's  
classes when off duty on Sundays &c &c

b Home Sister not to be cut off from  
all intercourse with Ward Sisters about  
Probrs=: but Hospital & Home to work  
into each other's hands. [end 12:348]

{up diag:} Dr. Ord

Dr. Murchison

[folio continues]

6. Obligation to be re-considered

{up diag:}some

regulation

of testing

after 3 months

to bring

Matron

to a point

about

dismissing

{folio continues w/out a

break}

{same folio cont.}

a Probr=

Mr Carter of every body

to ask

if -

to be kept

Nurse Dicks

Carlisle

S. Smith

draft, ff35-37, pen & pencil {very similar to ff33-34v}

### **f35**

Suggestions for new Agreement

*with Matron in October: 7/7/78*

*Conditions*

- 1 a. A trained Lady Night Supt=:
- b. A trained Lady Day Assistant Supt=  
with 1 (for us) to be always in training  
as Assistant for a year for superintendence  
either at St. Thomas' or at Edinburgh:
- c. Home Sister to be allowed in Wards  
(not for superintendence but say to take the  
Ward Sister's place on her night off occasionally  
to enforce the lessons on Probationer after consultation  
with Ward Sister - not for Ward management but  
for intercourse about Probrs= with Ward Sisters'.

[folio continues]

{vert in l. marg:} 1c Please write  
down your  
suggestions

- 2 a Ward Sisters to be trained gentlewomen  
b Every NEW Probationer to be shown at least  
once or twice by Ward Sister or Staff Nurse,  
how to do her work to Ward Sister's satisfaction  
(1) how to *wash helpless* Patients especially *men*  
(2) how to clean the Swing basins &c &c & do Lavatory work  
(3) how to dust in Ward & what her Ward work is  
besides of course the constant training in direct

Nursing:  
{vert in l. marg:} it would not be more  
than 3 Probrs- (*new*) a year  
to each Sister

- c. Every Probationer to be taught Sick Cookery  
other than Beef Tea:  
& proper Cooking Utensils to be provided {up diag:} Home  
Sister

Cooking

- d. Every Probationer to be taught by Ward Sister  
'Observation of the Sick,' including 'the reason why  
of giving or altering such & such medicines, dressings  
&c &c

f36 {blank}

**f36v**

[2]

3 a Every Probationer once a month to draw up a sketch or horary of her day's work - not merely of her work as a Ward Assistant or Assistant Nurse but of her work as a Probationer *in training* - -what the Ward Sister or Staff Nurse showed her &c in her *special* position of *learning*:

b. Add to Quarterly Gratuity List a short statement

as to *whom* each Sister has had under training & how this duty has been performed:

(specifying each Probationer's *first* Ward) the List giving each Sister's name who received a gratuity to be added to the Annual Report with remarks as to *how* she has done her work.

4 a Printed Rules to be drawn up for Ward Sisters as to use of respective Towels of respective mops, Tickets for Towels &c &c as to Probationers' using 2 basins in dressings, in Lavatory provision of soap & disinfectants for Probrs= hands &c &c &c

[F.N. will draw these up, if desired: for Matron to criticize & issue.]

b Precautions against finger- poisoning (printed) to be strictly inculcated on Probationers.

**f37**

[3]

5 a Nurses to be allowed to join Home  
Sister's classes when off duty on Sundays  
&c

b In order to enable the Hospital & Home  
to work into each other's hands, 1 c to be allowed  
and Matron to *fix times* x once a week

**[end 12:348]**

(3.3.3.4) for Examination of Sisters' Reports  
with Sister & Home Sister to be present:

'Observation of the Sick' Column to be filled  
up by Medical Instructor from Sisters' Reports  
& his own notes after consultation with Matron  
once a month

[x ? Home Sister might do it alone once  
a week: Matron once every 2 weeks.]

6. 'Obligation' to be re- considered

7. ~~Supt= in training at Edinburgh~~

Nurse Probationers not to attend Medical  
Lecturer's Classes: {Any Nurse Probr= who distinguishes  
herself in Class to have access to a Lecture] but  
Clinical Lectures by Medical Lecturer to be  
arranged.

note, f38, pencil

**f38**

To Mrs. Wardroper's Grand child

Whitsuntide 1879

Child Life in Japan

Baby's Opera

Young Pilgrim

do later

ff38v-39 {text fills both folios, cut in half for filming, in 2 hands & 1 by F.N.} {heading covers both sides, transcribed in f38v}

f38v

List of Books presented by Miss Nightingale  
for the use of the Nurses at St- Thos. Hosp.  
Easter 1877

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- No 2 Block*                      1878
1. 'Dr. Livingston', The Great Missionary Traveller
  2. 'Imogen' A Story of the Mission of Augustine
  3. Barnaby Rudge                      Little Dorrit 1878
  4. The Book of Praise                      Bunyan's Autobiography
  5. The imitation of Christ                      Jessica's First Prayer
  6. Noble deeds of Woman                      Uncle Tom's Cabin
  7. Oliver of the Mill                      Ballad Book
  8. The Story of Adam & Eve                      Life of Wellington
- 1879
- 9 Stanley's Scripture Portraits                      The Young Christian
  - 10 Jules Verne's ~~The Country~~ Dick Sands The Mother at Home:
  - 11 More about our Coffee room                      No 3. ~~lett~~
  12. Brave Men's footsteps
1. Worth a Threepenny Bit
  2. Dombey & Son                      Bleak House
  3. The Christian Year                      Pilgrim's Progress
  4. Memorials of Agnes Elizth- Jones                      Enoch Roden's Training
  5. The Heir of Redcliffe 1877}                      Wide wide world
  6. 'Routledges', Every Boys Annual}                      Macaulay's lays
  7. The last days of our Lord's Passion                      Life of Nelson
  8. Will there be work for me where I am going?
  9. Think of me as in the next room                      The Corner stone
  - 10 Traditions of Palestine                      Path of Peace
  - Waverley                      2 Vols                      Macaulay's Biographies
  - 11 Great Army: River- side Visitors
  - 12 ~~Jules Verne Dick Sands~~ Kingsley's Good News of God
- {vert. in l. marg between 8.-11} 1879
- {vert. in l. marg between 10.-12.} 1879

1878

- |    |  |                       |
|----|--|-----------------------|
|    | No. 4  | Golden Treasury       |
| 1. | The Wonderful Life                               | Golden Deeds          |
| 2. | The Children's Garland                           | Daisy Chain           |
| 3. | 'The Water Babies', A Fairy Tale for a Sand Baby |                       |
| 4. | David Copperfield                                | Martin Chuzzlewit     |
| 5. | Thrown Together                                  | Book of Worthies      |
| 6. | Froggy's Little Brother                          | Little Meg's Children |

1879

- |   |                                |                    |                |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 7 | The Cuckoo Clock               | The Way to do Good | Every Day Duty |
| 8 | Light House Ballantyne         |                    |                |
| 9 | Great Army: River side Visitor |                    |                |

No. 6

- |    |   |                  |                   |
|----|---|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Hymns & Poems for the Sick & Suffering                        |                  |                   |
| 2. | The Rule & Exercises of Holy Living. Life of Schimmelpenninck |                  |                   |
| 3. | Oliver Twist  | Pickwick Papers/ | Trial             |
| 4. | Robinson Crusoe   | Young Pilgrim /  | Smith Dictionary  |
|    |   | [illeg]          |                   |
| 5. | Sacred Allegories   | Pilgrim Street   |                   |
| 6  | Billow & Rock   | Way of Salvation | Wives & Daughters |
| 7  | Robert Falconer Macdonald                                     | Fireside         |                   |
| 8  | Kings of England Miss   | No. 7            |                   |

Yonge

- |    |                                |                           |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Nicholas Nickleby              | Old Curiosity Shop        |
| 2. | Ministering Children           | M. Ch sequel              |
| 3. | Tom Brown's School Days}       | Alone in London           |
| 4. | Memoir's of Sir Henry Havelock | <del>Burns</del> Waterloo |
|    |                                | Erckmann Chatrian         |
| 5  | The Higher Life                | 1879                      |
|    |                                | May Barton                |
| 6  | Floating Light: Ballantyne     | Stanley's Livingstone     |
|    |                                | McDonner                  |
| 7  | Our Coffee-room                | & Hoary head              |
|    |                                | & McDonner                |
| 8  | Guy Mannering                  | 2 Vols Boswell's Johnson  |
- {vert in l. marg at the end of books listed in No 4, No 6, and No 7:} 1879

draft, ff40-42, pencil, f40 draft, f41 clean

**f40**

*Lectures for Lady Probationers* [12:355-56]

A small book is given to each Probationer: containing

1. A Syllabus (given beforehand)  
of what the Lecture is to be upon -
2. ~~with~~ references to books ((pages named)  
which Probr= is to read up for it
3. ~~†~~ points ~~mentioned~~: which she is to study ~~up~~ for the  
Lecture

The Lecture then consists of questioning on  
& explaining these points

- questioning the Lady Probationers all round.

If the Probr= does not know what she is to study,  
if she has to find out what she is to study, her  
study hours, are wasted:

~~it is either a every difficult or a very lazy way~~  
of ~~taking~~ hearing the Lecture, unless you study up for it  
3 hours every afternoon

**f41**

*Lectures for Lady Probationers*

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1. Syllabus of what the Lecture is to be upon
2. references to books (pages given)  
which Probr= is to read up for it
3. points which she is to study for Lecture

Lecture then consists of questioning on  
& explaining these points

- questioning Lady Probrs- all round

If Probr- does not know what she is to study,  
if she has to find out what she is to study,  
her study hours are almost wasted

And it is a very lazy way of hearing the  
Lecture, unless they study up for it  
3 hours every afternoon

[end 12:356]

f42 {not F.N.:} Nursing F.N.  
1879

draft, ff43-44v, pencil

**f43**

1. Capt Galton: Dictionary - Dirty linen Herbert  
2 Charity Orgn- Socy= (Rules of Action) Allen Graham 1X [1879]  
{arch}

2 £10 a year from me: (Sending for Miss C.) Mrs W. will not  
tell H.B.C.

Matron went about telling Sisters Miss C. & I wanted Miss C. to  
be put over them

Forceps: is this from the F.N? spending my money

3 Mme Linickeys. help with Carlisle Night Leopold Milne Africa  
or S. Smith {up diag:} best of all  
Night Nurses  
May

X 10 excellence of Report  
4 obligation for 2 years Edinburgh has 4 Night Nurse Ladies  
X 1 going on  
{up diag:} see note these ladies will stay 1 ½ yrs on night  
duty

9 waiting for a Ward vacancy  
best preparation for charge of Wards  
- *necessity of continuing their classes during 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*year*

- you cannot judge of women till well on in their  
2<sup>nd</sup> year & that 2<sup>nd</sup> year must have responsibility  
- or must be a preparation for superintendence  
2<sup>nd</sup> year must *combine training with responsibility*  
Edinburgh - to open in August new Infy=

Miss Williams - one Assist- Supt- always in training (or at St.  
T.'s

Miss Pringle ? 6 Probrs= *will you write to Edinburgh?*  
*Miss Crossland's letter*

*House Commee*

to enquire into *Medl- Comm-*  
5 Bells to small Wards 5a Night Ventn= Night Superce\  
Chambers

without

lids  
6 Cooking & meals for Nurses, especially *Night Nurses* 9 Notes  
7 List of Duties not half taught X 8  
Time table: Night hours very long X 8  
dinner much hurried  
really only 35 min  
8 Midwives: Agnus Munro {up diag:}  
training  
on a more  
systematic

footing

consider it

fees to

Lecturers

assist in putting the

whole

the

training

on a better footing

f44 {blank}

**f44v**

9 Miss Crossland getting worn out under this  
not an Irishwoman //

10 *Savings* X have you considered my note? 5

11 Cd Duchess's letter Baden 6 pamphlets 6

12 Paper of Vienna 7

13

1 Bedsores Sisters Sister report to Surgeons see Memo= X 4  
4

2 New Probr- to be always with an old one in Ward - not 2 or 3  
{up diag:} new ones  
old Probr together  
often the see *Leopold & Edward*  
one to *December &*  
*February*  
show X 3  
the new  
one

{text up diag overlapping above line 'always with an old one:}  
[illeg 3 lines faint]  
*Miss Walker*  
a stupid new P.  
*no chance in*  
*Male Surgical*

3 *Gratuity to Nurses* who train P.s well  
~~books~~ NEW REPORT NOW BEING DONE

4 Dr Bristowe's questions wholly unsuitable X 2

14

Examine into cleanliness of Sisters' arrangements for training  
before giving Gratuity to Sisters  
~~in~~ some record under *Gratuities to Sisters* of what they do  
in  
train {goes off page}

{up diag thru text 'of what they do':} IN A REPORT NOW TO BE MADE  
even if only for ourselves examinations as to *Sick Cookery*  
&  
*Obs of Sick*

Would it be possible, any how, to have ~~an~~ some *Examn- of Sisters*  
as to what they do  
(under ~~the~~ each HEADING of *Sisters' records*)?  
Miss Irby X I always thought we ought  
to have  
some separate check

15 *My Mother's maid (Sibella) the only check is my private*  
*examination*  
*of Sisters & P.s -*

15 *Miss Helmsdorfer: Miss Lees' lectures on genital diseases*

16 ~~Miss McDonner~~ Miss Mc Murrough: Miss Crossland's letter:  
17 £200 more than income: how? /

lists, ff45-47, pencil

**f45**

- Leopold Ward  
July 1881
1. Thackeray's Adventures of Philip
  2. Edmund {line from Edmund up to Thackeray's}
  3. Storm Warriors
  4. Midshipman Easy
  5. Duty (Smiles
  6. Silas Marner
  7. Ballantyne's Lonely Island
  8. Romola
  9. Adam Bede
  10. Our Soldiers (Kingston  
Griffith & Farran
  11. David Copperfield
  12. True Words for Brave Men  
Kingsley
  13. Alton Locke
  14. Hereward the Wake Kingsley
  15. Nobody's Lad
  16. Provident Knowledge Papers  
Bartley

**f46**

Elizabeth Ward: July  
1881

Deerbrook  
The Water Gypsies

**f47**

Elizabeth Ward  
July 1881

Mary Barton  
North & South  
The Wonderful Life  
Provident Knowledge Papers  
No 10  
" 12  
The Water Gypsies  
Deerbrook

draft, ff48-49v, pencil

**f48**

Syllabus of Lessons [c. July-Aug. 1881] {arch}

Mrs. E. Clarke: Lady Supt=

Lesson I. *Soups & Beef Teas*

Beef Tea	Mutton & Veal Tea
Mutton Broth	Shin Beef Soup
Restorative Soup	
Chicken Broth	

Lesson II. *Fish*

Water Souchet	Stewed Eels
Boiled Sole: Melted Butter	Fried Sole
Broiled Whiting	Filletted Plaice

Lesson III *Jellies & Puddings*

Jelly from Cow heel	Vanilla Soufflé Pudding
Milk Jelly	Tapioca "
Isinglass Jelly	Fruit Pudding
Port Wine "	Invalid
Lemon "	Bread " steamed
Semolina "	

Lesson IV. *Roasting & Boiling*

Joint: roast	Boiled Mutton: Parsley Sauce
Boiled Fowl: Egg Sauce	Roast Sweet bread
Boiled Partridge: Bread Sauce	

Lesson V. *Stewing & Broiling*

Chop: Grilled	Stewed Calves' Feet
Steak "	Stewed Lentils
Stewed Oxtails	Poached Eggs
Stewed Oysters	

Lesson VI. *Sick Room Cookery*

Chicken Panada	Lemonade	Gruels	Blanc mange
Barley Cream	Apple Water	Iceland Moss	Custard
Savoury Custard	Rice Water	Corn flour	
Egg Flip	Arrowroot	Wine Whey	

f49 {blank}

**f49v**

*National Training School for Cookery*

Exhibition Road: South Kensington [12:370-71]

S.W

Proposed to teach Probationers the following  
in a 3 hours' lesson once a week  
for 6 weeks:

Lessons to be *practical*: & each Pupil would do  
as much of each lesson as could be done in the  
3 hours

Fee £1.1 each Pupil for the 6 lessons  
(including every thing, materials, instructions, fire,  
attendance of Kitchen maids)

Any alterations or suggestions *invited*

Edith Clarke

Lady supt=

[end 12:371]

draft, f50-v, pencil {on envelope}

**f50** {front of envelope}

1 Night Nurse left {overtop H} the b.p. to Probrs= to empty  
Do Sisters explain the motives?

2 Marylebone

Miss Hicks - all our work to prevent the  
Patients from pilfering - Mr. Lunn's Lectures

3

Paying block Young Women (Nurses) in  
charge of Patients under no Sister  
going round with Doctors themselves

Dr. & Sister did tell Matron about

Edmunds

Parsons

laughing on stairs

under Florence Ward

**f50v** {back of envelope}

Mrs. Wardroper

June 1 1882

Miss Crossland

" 3 "

draft, ff51-54v, pencil {vert. lines throughout text [12:372-73]}

**f51**

Vis Practical Dec 10/82 {'10' overtop 16}

*a want at St. Thomas'*  
*no practical Examination*  
only 3 theoretic Exam:s  
no Clinical Examination  
- Probrs= ought not to be  
allowed to ~~conclude~~ consider

their

year's training concluded  
without a practical Examn  
e.g. how to make a Hernia bed  
" " Ovariotomy "

All the Bandaging we  
learnt we learnt  
it up"  
from Home Sister

*in Bandaging - no examn=*  
Probrs= so often left to "pick

Dr Ord's Clinical  
Lectures

except twice Miss

splen  
did

Solly showed me  
{up diag:} wd not  
like

to give  
~~you~~  
up her  
help  
for the  
Lectures

Home Sister's Elementary

Classes should go all he looks at the Probrs=

thro; ladies & all Dr. Bristowe

--not taught in St. T.'s wards &

how to make a poultice: Dr. Bernays looks at

What shd= be its heat? deg. heat Matron & Home sister

? it is all over our heads

-told to make a poultice

nobody looked Probationer shd be properly trained

- too hot a poultice put on in Arthur Ward in these things

leeches

-fomentation same

enema  
s

-turpentine stupe Sister had

opium  
"

never given one when ordered

& Practical  
Examn= in them

went to ask another Sister

Otherwise she makes a rush at it & [illeg]

**f51v**

Importance of housemaid's work not pointed out  
 If it were, we should not complain of doing it  
 \_never understood it till read Notes on Nursing  
 - without housemaid's work things in Ward or Sick room permeated with organic matter - point this out  
 Have an Introduction Introductory Class for beginners  
 putting the importance of housemaid's work:  
 these things not told us Introductory Class  
 and  
 Final Practical Examn=

[Richd Barwell's Nursing book good]

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Sister's records no use  
 this actually happened  
 Enema "moderate"  
 Enema "moderate" {same line 2x}  
 that probationer never gave an enema

**f52**

Miss Solly gruff  
 but best teacher  
 splendid Ward management  
 everything done at night time  
 sees when you do well  
 does not do the work herself  
 Mrs. Fellowes  
 engrossed with her own work  
 not a good Sister  
 or trainer  
 does not see {overtop do} what you are  
 doing- scolds you when you are doing well  
 [Mrs. Fellowes & only  
 Sister Alexandra [Miss Stewart Sisters  
 very much improved who have pluck- who  
 will complain of a bad  
 set to teach me the moment -Night Nurse to Matron  
 she came back - -Miss Solly will complain  
 "cd have stamped out the of Probrs=, but not of a day  
 bottom of the cab for or Night Nurse she has  
 what she had told Miss N. to live with  
 did not like me the But Miss Stewart (Sister Arthur  
 better but set to teach not a good Sister  
 the Probrs- no ward management -  
 best nurse you have  
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**[end 12:373]**

**f52v**

No case in choosing the Night Nurses  
Probrs= can tell whether a Night Nurse is a good one

{up diag:}  
Mrs. Fellowes } in Ward  
Miss Solly } manag  
ement  
Miss Stewart }

-poultices like biscuit when they take them off.  
- Jenkins - very bad Night Nurse- would not give bed-pan to serious cases

?  
practical Examn=  
training=making you use the means you

Sister Charity Miss Hoff never found it out - or  
never complained to Matron Patients don't like to complain of Night Nurse

have in yourselves  
=drawing out what you know  
ourselves  
learn it thoroughly  
= storing it up in the brain  
& knowing where to find it  
=

**f53**

[2] in St Thomas' Probrs=  
should be  
3 mo. in Surgical  
3 mo. Medical Wards  
changing every month the Sister has not responsibility  
-she thinks the Sister before has taught or the Sister after will teach what she has not taught -

A Probr= may ~~go away~~ finish her year {large [ in l. marg down to 'in the']  
without knowing any thing -  
-never have done the thing at all A Sister may put her down 'moderate', 'moderate' - (& she has never done that thing at all)  
in the Sister's Records -

{vert. line down in l. marg to 'not show it'}

- whether there is Examn=  
in Bandaging -  
the Bandaging may be abominable -  
the Sister's Records will not show it

the Sisters hardly ever teach  
Bandaging except in their records.



my first was in Alexandra  
(very awkward but no one showed me

**f54v**

K.C.H. lockers for utensils  
with lead bottoms  
polished  
with legs  
no lockers for utensils at  
St. T.'s: very nasty

men don't poke them  
under the beds  
not such nice Sisters as

Univ C H -  
200 Nurses K.C.H  
Viz 80 in Hospl-  
120 private Nurses

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Univ. C.H. good as to  
Nursing  
nicer Sisters than K.C.H.  
K.C.H. = Deaconesses

spiritual pride  
not High Ch.  
low Ch. high in spiritual  
pride see K.C.H  
Univ: high but not in pride  
only 23 private Nurses

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London Hospl=  
very good now in teaching -  
Lessons & Lectures -  
16 by Miss Lucas (Matron)  
on practical Nursing for all: not so at St. T.'s

{up vert & diag:}  
Mr. B.C -  
Matron

Mr. Croft to be asked  
once a quarter end of que  
to hold a Practical Examn of  
the 12

Senior Probrs= bed making  
bandaging  
Subcutaneous  
injections  
cupping  
leeching  
enemas  
tapping

not above 100 temperature  
poultices  
Medical &  
Surgical

disappointing {diag upside  
down}

draft, f55, pen

**f55**

[1] [May 1883] {arch}

XII. *Quarterly* PRACTICAL Examination proposed  
of say the 12 Senior Probationers  
on what has been taught them by the Ward Sisters  
on bed-making {e.g. Hernia beds  
" Ovariotomy "  
" Accidents "

bandaging  
sub-cutaneous injections  
cupping  
leeching- internal do=  
enemas  
" opium

What to prepare  
for tapping  
how to make poultices: temperature of  
i.e. what should be poultice's heat

Medical  
Surgical  
fomentations: temperature of

what to prepare for aspiration  
taking temperatures  
" of Wards  
" Surgical  
" Medical  
" for Bronchitis

how to pass female Catheter  
Matron to ascertain " under the clothes e.g. in paralysis  
turpentine stupes  
treatment of bed sores  
how to wash an Accident  
" sponge e.g. Typhoid Fever case  
between blankets

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It seems that opportunities, e.g. of passing female Catheter  
not numerous: all the mor important to seize them

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It is understood that the *Sisters* are to go on teaching in these  
things as usual- The Practical *Examination* only to be  
by the Medical Instructor. May 23/83

f56

note, f56v, pencil

f56v

{not F.N..} Notes for  
Quarterly Examn  
of  
Probationers -  
May 89

draft, ff57-64, pen & pencil

**f57**

*Private* {up diag} [1] {arch:} [1884]

After looking over a map of Sisters' Records,  
Probrs- *Practical* & other Examn= papers, Case-books,  
Diaries, & having had the pleasure of many  
afternoons with Probrs= & ex-Probrs-  
there may indeed be found good cause  
for thankfulness that so much has  
been done & is being done for them.

Three or four ~~things~~, questions, as we are always trying  
to make progress, might be ~~insisted upon~~ asked:

1 Is not the teaching power least, the material  
to be taught greatest, in the heaviest Wards,  
viz. the Male Surgical, where the reverse  
ought to be the case?

The 'drive' in two, but especially in one of the  
3 M.S. Wards, the overcrowding, the heavy cases, are admitted  
on all hands to be such that it is with  
the greatest difficulty the work can be got  
thro' in time at all. There is often absolutely  
no possibility for Sister (or even Staff Nurse)

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to be teaching raw, useless or Junior Probrs=

One would think that here one would always find

one Probationer *at least*

in the Senior Ten

one ~~only~~ perhaps in the next ten

i.e. in the 'teens'

one only *at most*

in the most junior ten

i.e. in the 'twenties'

What does one find?

generally *all three* in the 'twenties'

at most one in the 'teens'

*never* one in the Senior Ten -

surely *one* in the Senior Ten

~~even~~ especially with *two* in the twenties

is absolutely necessary.

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There are other reasons for not putting the very

Junior Probrs= in a Male Surgical Ward at first \_

### **f58**

It has happened that a Special Probr=, a fortnight old, has been put by the Nurse, before the Sister came on duty, to wash one of those Male Surgical cases, running down with pus, which a young woman ought never to be put to at all, *without any instructions or help* from Sister, Staff Nurse or Senior Probationer, in the heaviest of all the Male Surgical Wards.

It happens more than once that a Sister writes in her Records: It was impossible for me with - beds in the Ward to teach the Junior Probrs= as I would wish or indeed at all. N.B. They were *all* Junior Probrs=.

f58v {all up diag:} Sent in  
to Mrs. W.

1 Surgical

Sisters what operations?

Obstetric Operns (1 Magdalen  
S illeg

S.S.S.?) - & there were none

2 Helpless Patients

were Probrs- taught?

3. Mali Surgical Wards

Probrs= from 10 days to 1 month old

4 No Children's Ward in any case

but Fenn as Sister

5 S.S.S.?) rained indiscriminate

& contradictory

6 Tempe- of Poultices & Hot Water Bottles  
& flannel covers

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2. Is it not desirable & would it not be possible  
to give the Probationers the benefit of being  
present at the Operations of the Obstetric Ward  
- perhaps the operations above all useful to Nurses?

~~Is it the case that~~ the Sister & Nurse being  
always present at these Operations, the Probationer  
is left behind to prepare the beds &c & keep  
the Ward? -

Is it necessary that this should be the case?  
It seems a reversal of the purposes for which  
Probationers are there, or for which a Training School  
exists.

~~It has been suggested that~~ A {overtop a} capable Ward-maid  
(was there or is there not one in Adelaide who was  
quite fit for this?) might do this for which the  
Probationers is now detained away from the Operations,  
subject of course to any emergency in which some  
Nurse must be left with a bad case, & or to the  
Ward maid summoning a Nurse: the Operations being  
close at hand

[In parts of the Continent where there are no  
Hospitals to compare with St. T.'s, & no systematized  
Training Schools at all, yet no one would ever dream  
of detaining *Nurses on probation* for ward work  
away from operations. And it has been found

f59v

one or more what?  
with surprise by Hospls= receiving Nurses trained  
at St. T.'s, that they were inexperienced in this  
peculiarly important branch of Nursing-]  
An enquiry might also be made as to whether  
Probrs= see the small operations in Magdalen Ward:  
but EVERY Probr= should be conversant with small  
*obstetric* operations: her training is deficient without.  
The same cannot be said about Magdalen -  
many young ~~women~~ Nurses & their parents would object to it  
The very rare training, as appears from the  
records, given to the Probationers in one of  
the most important Wards of the Hospl=,  
the Children's, is matter of great regret,  
& the still rarer given in the "Infections" Block.  
The Probationers have none of them, or hardly any,  
a training in those diseases which form so large  
a portion of the whole

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[3]

**State in What Hospitals**

{in another hand in

bold}

**tho' is the case**

3. The Regulations which appear to give immunity  
from Children's epidemics w so frequently  
causing Victoria Ward to be closed: seem to be  
1. children- Patients entirely dressed & washed  
for while in Hospital:

friends allowed to bring nothing in;; in  
some Hospitals, not even toys or sweeties  
2. no children Visitors allowed  
- one individual, & no more, allowed as  
Visitor to each child- Patient twice a week  
for one hour only - curtailed in epidemic  
times to half an hour

~~[It is be~~ Is this the case in St. Thomas'?)

3. child- Patient on the first appearance of any  
rash or "infections" symptom removed at once to Children's Fever  
Ward:

-no intercourse whatever allowed.

Where all these rules are observed, the disease  
appears rarely to have spread in the Ward  
from which child was removed

[It is fair however to say that Medical  
Surgical Wards  
Infections

were the rule: & infants under two years only exceptionally  
admitted. In one large Children's Hospital with no epidemics

years children were admitted however from one day old to 14

f60v

There are {overtop is} no sleeping  
rooms for Probationers

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3-a [4]

3. a. Infections Block at St. Thomas'
1. Are Patients (Children) when transferred there  
~~dressed~~ & washed for by Hospital while in  
Hospital? by Laundry man employed by Hospl=, having been  
disinfected (supposed) in Hospl= oven previous to this  
Is there a Children's Ward? No children place in general  
ward for that particular disease  
Are *all* Patients, adults as well as children,  
dressed & washed for while in Hospl= by  
Hospl=? when parents can supply clothes, encouraged to do so-  
If not, Hospl= does- for adults as well as children -  
little

attention

paid {it}

Is *nothing* allowed to be brought in by  
friends?

2. Are Visitors allowed? & under what  
conditions? & of what age? (i.e. not children  
To infections Fevers, one visitor only at a time- To Erysipelas  
not such restrictions
3. Is it the rule that the mothers of diphtheritic  
& Scarlet Fever children must leave their  
finery in the Sister's charge & put on washing  
Hospital dressing gowns during their visit?  
Nothing of the kind. Visitors supposed to be warned.
4. Has St. Thomas' a laundry detailed for the  
Infections block, with baking apparatus  
**no. There is one baking apparatus** {in another  
hand in bold}  
**for the Hospital** & disinfectants provided?
5. What are the rules by which it is sought to  
make the No= 8 Block safe for the  
necessary training of Probationers? **None at all**  
**because Probationers are not supposed to be trained**  
**there - The few who have gone are on the same footing as**  
Nurses: +  
{vert in l marg:} **they do not**  
**leave the Block**

**f62**

[5]

4. Does the Senior Probationer or the Special Probationer accompany as a rule the Sister when going her rounds ~~with~~ daily with House Surgeon or **no** House Physician?

(that is, unless she the Probationer, is engaged with urgent work about the Patients, or ~~with~~ attending or Dresses or Clinical Clerk -) So that the Probationer may become able to answer questions when by Sister's or Staff Nurse's being occupied elsewhere she is obliged to go round with House Surgeon?

And is this not a very improving not to say necessary part of a Special or indeed any Senior Probr='s training?

{up diag:} classes

Yes

**f63** {text x-out with a large X}

[6]

4.a. What steps does the Sister take to make the Senior Probationers acquaint themselves with how the Patients gave passed the night?

whether by directing the Probr='s attention to the Night Report- & by encouraging her to ask questions of the Night Nurse & of the Patients themselves.

Yes

**f64**

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5. It is a very difficult thing to ask a question about what must be a matter of personal kindness & conscience & ability & not of rule.

Senior Probrs=

My letter But are the Staff Nurses drawn to help in training the Probrs=, remembering how lately they have been Probrs= themselves?

Or is it expected that Probrs- are to ask questions of Staff Nurse & Sister- to ask to be taught for otherwise this can not to be helped, if Probrs= are to learn -

In that case, it would seem like reversing the positions

{up diag:} Staff Nurses  
are on equality  
with Sisters

[illeg]

somebody she's  
not pleased with  
used indiscreetly  
turns up their backs

notes, ff65-67v, pencil

**f65**

Discomforts of dormitories

Disorganizn= of Ward Maids

Dormitory Maid

sit in Sitting room

Extras nowhere to sit down {line up to Ward Maids in 2<sup>nd</sup> line from here}

{down diag:} under no one  
particular

Night Supt= can't report Sisters

Unworthiness of Sisters

Miss Solly feeble

{up diag:} Miss Aston

**f66**

Recovery Ward Operating Theatre at  
St. T.'s  
Store for Patients clothes  
for Nurses - no slop sink  
W.C.s 1 for Patients  
proportion 1 kept locked for nurses  
what defects in St. Thomas?  
? a place for cleaning soiled sheets  
{up diag:}  
slop sink  
2 W.C.s  
& 1 slop sink  
2 for 32  
W.C.s Patients  
Slop sink  
for majority  
Couch  
in each  
Sitting rooms  
6

f67 {blank}

**f67** {printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.  
{text vert. and diag. all over folio}

£60 to £70 Night Supt= Edin  
St. T.'s  
Miss Messum £40 Ass Supt-  
" Messum  
Asst Supt- £25  
Extra Nurses

ff68-76, draft in unfamiliar hand, re: Nursing at St Thomas'  
Hospital, needs 'to compete with St. Bartholomew's Guy's and the  
London who train for themselves and who give either two or three  
years' training before the end and do not give certificates',  
seem to have adopted a plan which does not work very well for  
Night Supt-, have 20 Extra Nurses and too many seem to be  
Specials, Lists Dormitory Offices with details

initialed note, f77, pencil {vert. on page}

**f77**

27/2/90 St. Thomas' -  
The Treasurer died very early yesterday morning  
after a night's illness- Higher considerations  
apart, this is a great blow to St. T.'s-  
To lose Treasurer & Matron at once, both so  
favourable- to us, & begin again with two new  
strangers -  
What a good thing, it is that God is never  
new, always the same! or rather always new in love.  
Besides the great things, many small ones which  
were pressing, before Miss Pringle leaves, will  
now be left undone - F.N. /

f78 {blank}

note, f78v, pencil {vert. on page}

**f78v**

27/2/90 {27 overtop 22}  
The Penitent Thief saw the Lord in the degraded  
dying criminal on the Cross -  
Do I see Him in our little crosses?  
Have I any of that thief's faith?  
Do I see Him in the Treasurer's death?  
He says: It is I.  
Treasurer=Viceroy, India - Matronship - no jobbery -  
greengrocer's

widow

great ignorance of  
Job - Great people  
Matron's duties

draft, ff79-80v, pencil

**f79** {arch:} [Oct. 1889 - Feb 1890]

[2]

Dormitories - end one - dormer window  
-others- tall narrow slit??

Nurses say: it s no use trying to make  
the dormitories comfortable -  
these larger however than Home rooms -  
but positions not to the top  
however the S. windows give sunlight  
to the N. rooms, which otherwise have  
none -

Ward maids: sit in the Dormitory  
Sitting-room- no business there -  
not strictly under any one -  
ought to sit in Ward- Kitchen

Extra 'Specials' have nowhere to sit-  
can't sit in their bed-rooms- no  
fire - can't sit in Ward Kitchen -  
nor in Dormitory Sitting- room -

Miss Glover, now Staff Nurse in  
Leopold, has the use of Miss Messum's  
room:

? Empty house for Specials

f80 {blank}

**f80v**

Miss Herbert, & Miss - - - - -  
Night Supts= can't report the Sisters  
- did not tell Miss Pringle what  
went wrong, but told their successor,  
Miss Ferguson - who understood her  
position better -

Raison de plus for having a  
Night Supt= not under the Sisters  
but in direct rapport with the  
Matron -

(as A.S.C. must be in direct  
rapport with reporting directly to  
S. of S.)

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Dormitories -  
Night Extra sleeping in day  
Day " can't go to her room at all

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Dormitories (Miss Pringle/sad state  
of confusion- Miss Solly thought she  
was over the servants only

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Miss C don't see what the Assistant  
can do for the Extras

ff81-83, printed schedules for St. Thomas's Hospital Dormitory  
Maids and Ward Maids March 1890, re: daily schedule, times off  
duty and details of Dormitory procedure i.e. windows to be  
opened, slops to be emptied, beds turned down, bath rooms,  
lavatories &c, required general conduct of Maids, Sisters  
required to keep Matron informed

note, f84-v, pencil

**f84**

- 1 *living with them* in the Wards  
being accessible meals  
Miss Elkington Botany  
Howes Music
- 2 - keep a Special Probr= 3 mo -  
as a daughter to the Matron  
Private Secy  
in addition to Matron's Assist=  
6. 6.30 in Dormitories
- 3 Ward maids 5.30 to 8.30  
p m p m  
bedrooms divided with a curtain

**f84v**

10

6 Life of our Lord  
 130 Nurses & Probrs all told  
 [ 86 Wardmaids & Domestics  
   (5 Blk 8           Dormitory maids  
     6 " No 2        Cooks  
                   Kitchen maids  
                   2 Miss P.'s maids  
                   3 in N. Home  
 16 Scrubbers   not sleeping

draft, ff85-86v, pen & pencil

**f85**

*For new Matron*   March 24/90

1.   *living with them* in the Wards  
   meals  
           being accessible  
           meals (Miss Elkington: Victoria  
                   talks - Botany - Music  
                   (Miss Howes-   Elizth  
 2    keep a Special Probr- 3 months  
   as a daughter to the Matron  
   Private Secy=  
   in addition to Matron's Assist=  
   leisure  
   {otherwise Matron to time to  
   {make progress                        {deputing  
   {draw conclusions                     { work  
   delicate  
   & firm  
   *Diary*  
   p.m.           p.m.  
 3.   Ward maids                        5.30   to   8.30  
   in Ward Kitchen  
   6           to 6.30 p.m.  
   in Dormitories  
 bedrooms divided with a curtain  
   to draw far back  
   doors                                for privacy  
 Over

f86 {blank}

**f86v**

F.N. Qy

on 6 or 3 3 mo- probation

3 mo: probation ~~for~~ Sisters ?

always on probation

"You don't know what it is"

3 mo. night duty for Probrs= ?

after their year - with Night Nurse

will save necessity of so many not *instead of*

~~Speci~~ Extra Nurses {up diag:} as work

As {overtop and} a rule

instead of a

custom

good for both specials & ordinary

{up diag:} Mornings

6 mo

Xmas to Jan

Luke

in the river

Lydia

not 35 to

40

in Block

8

What difficulties with Miss ?

Solly

{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

Sister 10.30 p m

Nurse 5.30 a m

draft, ff87-88v, pen & pencil

**f87**

March 24/90

THINGS TO BE DONE

1. polishing small Ward floors  
wax cloth in Lavatories  
doors Ward maids} Dormitories  
on stairs one on each side the
- 2 N. Home to be cleaned  
Dining Room Nurses I " "  
Kitchen " "  
-----?--- already granted  
? not all in one year
3. *Miss Gordon's* rooms to be  
cleaned ~~in~~ next holiday  
? to come to Miss Pringle first  
week in April - holiday for  
no interval a fortnight  
plans for cleaning) first  
plans for holidays) thing  
towards  
end of April  
ask sisters  
& do holidays begin  
end of May?  
{up diag:} Children's  
dirty noses  
leave rims of milk  
Specials don't  
see these things  
ask  
Miss Crossland

f88 {blank}

**f88v**

You do not like to ask Probrs- what the  
Sisters have taught them  
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

But does not the monthly  
Diary show in some  
measure? Miss Pringle  
Does not Mr. Croft's oral  
practical Examn=?  
& suggest a remedy?  
These things & the Sisters' Records  
are for the Matron more  
than any one -

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what, *greatest want* in St. T.'s  
? want of *family* feeling among them  
No

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Sisters to me  
"You don't know what it is"  
Night nurses

draft, f89, pen & pencil

**f89**

March 24/90  
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

for TREASURER

1. Young men do too much at night  
in little operations  
but S. Thomas' quieter than  
Edinburgh- so much tutorial work  
taking case  
quite late

2 ?

Steward- Samaritan Fund

notes, ff90-91v, pencil

**f90**

[c. 1890]

Dr Ord after 4 Tuesday  
Fresh Cod's Roe parboiled  
& fried

Fresh Game

Chicken

Sole

Purée but things to chew

Sausage when better

Rice Pudding

Macaroon savoury

for candles to carry about the rooms

always have a glass cylinder

wire shades/globes instead of glass globes  
to gas-

Electric light instead of gas  
to write by

f91 {blank}

**f91v**

[2]

Miss Gordon doing so well

" Crossland working together  
so well

Candles should not be carried  
about the Wards without class  
cylinders- Spray accumulates

in the Ward & is, dangerous - X

Miss Mills (Sister Clayton)

Staff Nurses of Charity - &

George

so ~~much~~ good

"spray much less used than it was  
~~used to be-~~ but as mist accumulates  
round trees making them  
burning bushes so spray  
accumulates round things in the  
ward.

ff92-99, printed pamphlet with annotations by F.N., 1891, re:  
"St. Thomas's Hospital Nursing Arrangements and Suggestions  
Connected Therewith by The Treasurer", discusses the complaint  
that the Nurses of the Hospital 'have not those comforts and  
conveniences with the arduous nature of their avocation deserves'  
and details accommodation and food of the Sisters and Staff  
Nurses, their schedule, salary, as well as Staff in No. 8 Block,  
lists Dormitory Accommodation for the Nurses in Blocks 3-7, Table  
of Present Use of Nurses Dining Room and Proposed Use of Upstairs  
Room

**f92** {top right F.N. hand:} F. Nightingale

**f94** {at top}

Do you think it will be an extra fatigue  
to the Nurses not sleeping in same block?

**f94v**

p.m. Time Table  
    {9.30  
    {p.m

**f96**

? Sister

**f98**

{F.N. at top of Dormitory Accommodation for Nurses:}

Will the Extra Nurses on night & on day duty  
    sleep in the same block?

{to Block 3 adds:} 2 slop sinks  
    Housemaids "

{to Block 4 adds:} Ward Maids  
    get up ½ hour  
    earlier

    Slop sinks  
{to Block 6 adds:} 14 day

**f99** {to Present Use of Nurse's Dining room adds:}

p 4 p.m.                   9.30?

8.45?                   9.45?

{to Proposed Use of Upstairs Room New re sisters adds:}           ?  
    what hours have they free in the evening?  
    they & the Nurses for recreation in new  
    Room

    p m breakfast  
    Night Nurses

ff100-01, blueprint by Henry Currey, Feb 1891, 37 Norfolk Street,  
Strand, W.C., re: present and proposed plan of ground story of  
St. Thomas's Hospital, Block No. 4, blueprint Plan of Dormitory

**f101** {F.N. hand:} Sisters Recreation

3-10.20 p.m

alternate weeks

Staff Nurses {4 lines x-out}

? South  
for whom

f102, blueprint by Henry Currey, Feb 1891, 37 Norfolk Street,  
{printed as Norfolk here & as Norfold in ff100-91}, Strand, W.C.,  
re: present and proposed plan of St. Thomas's Hospital Plan of  
Dormitory with several annotations by Nightingale in and out of  
blueprint lines

**f102**

          ?2          ?2  
          2          2  
20 rooms                  North  
which                  or South aspect  
are the                  Sun  
sitting-rooms?      does the window light  
(South)              both cubicles properly?  
do both enter at the  
                  same door?  
                  16 Night Nurses  
                  how? in 16 rooms  
                  20 Extra Nurses  
                  in 18 rooms  
                  will every body be obliged  
                  to pass Rooms A & B on  
                  their way to W.C.? including  
                                  Ward Maids  
                  Window too near WC  
  
          ?12  
          Night  
          Nurses  
Sitting room  
  ? A          ?B  
                  where 2 slop sinks?  
                  " housemaid's " ?  
                  all getting up at the  
                  same time except  
                  for 20 women  
                  except Ward Maids ^  
                  who breakfast at  
                  6.30 a.m x or 6.40 {overtop 6.30}  
          Is this  
          present Stairs?  
?no window {overtop same in pencil}  
                  in Male Ward  
                  what do they  
                  do  
  
          in Ward Kitchen  
          they will no longer be  
          for breakfast

draft, f103, pencil

**f103**

[1891]

{vert. on page:}

St. T.'s

Surely the Treasurer should wish to  
follow our method of training of 30  
years

& not that of Miss Gordon which is  
in every thing different- if only in the  
consequences of having no fund -

Surely Miss Crossland rather than  
Miss Gordon is the representative of  
our Training

note, f104, pencil {written vert. on front of an envelope}

**f104**

X

separate Medical attendance  
from Medl- instruction  
x married Physician near Hospl=

Dr. Mackenzie - Registrar  
to examine Medl- Referees'  
reports & attend £20

Dr Ord: Clinical Classes  
in lieu Dr. Bristowe

Dr. Bernays  
Miss Crossland's classes  
(Anatomy?)

alterations in Lectures?

note, ff105-06v, pencil

**f105** {arch:} [c. 16 Feb. 1872]

Medl= Attendant

ask Dr. Sharkey Charity  
or Dr. Hawkins & Georges  
Out Patient

neither lives near the Hospl-  
hold Practical Examns=  
& do Medl- Referees  
& Lecture on Anatomy {overtop Ato}  
as certain frost whether

Dr. Ord will give a  
Course of Lectures & what  
Lectures in lieu of Dr  
Bristowe

& then fill up with Dr S

or Dr. H

{vert. in r. marg:} Nursing Staff of our own

f106 {blank}

**f106v**

Dr. Cullingworth  
to lecture on Nursing  
to the Extra Nurses  
{up diag:} Miss Lennox  
Rural  
practical  
cooking  
{down vert. r. marg:} Mrs. Wardroper  
Clarendon House  
E. Grinstead

Job a lovely Ward  
every bit of sunshine  
8 beds

initialed draft, ff107-11, pen & pencil

**f107**

St. T.s  
Extra Nurses - have never been down to 6 -  
Nightingale E. Nurses have been down to  
6 & even to 3.  
We have now 14 - it should be 16 - & 24  
in holiday time  
of these 14 about half are Nightingales  
of the others most come from Addenbrooke's  
?  
Cambridge  
I think Miss Cureton considers St. T.'s a kind of  
X  
finishing training She sends as the most of our  
Extra Nurses. I like them - they are all ladies -  
Of their training I can't say much  
& what training is there of the Extra Nurses? F.N.  
Work of the Extra Nurses  
They are employed by day or by night, as Special  
Nurses or as Generals (Nurses) as required.  
If by any chance Probrs= run short, they fill  
the place of a Probr=  
In order not to move about the P.s, they  
take all general or special work.  
In order that the Doctors may not ask me  
for special Nurses, I tell the Sisters to tell  
me when an Extra Nurse is likely to be  
wanted.

**f108**

St. Thomas' Nursing [I]

Extra Nurses

never understood that Extra Nurses were  
only for one special case & chiefly by night  
[gone into these things with successive Matrons,  
Home Sister & Sisters]

That young Surgeons & physicians often ask for an Extra  
Nurse for one special case when not needed  
is certain. But it is equally certain that  
neither Surgeon nor Physician nor Matron nor Home Sister  
if the two latter have not done at least  
3 months' Night Staff Nursing themselves  
can judge what a {overtop A} Night Nurse acting singly  
especially in a Medical Ward has to do & can do- It is  
certain that no one ought to be appointed  
Sister of a Ward, especially of a Medical  
Ward who has not been Night Staff Nurse  
in a Medical Ward for at least 3 months.

In a heavy Medical Ward a Night Nurse  
may have as much to do singly & alone  
as Sister, Day Staff Nurse & Probr= de all  
together in the day- And without a Man  
Medical Staff at her back.

True, she has the Night Supt= & her Assistant,  
persons quite indispensable- But a Matron

**f109**

[II]

who has no personal experience of ~~this~~ Night Nursing may easily be misled to misunderstand what the Night Supt- can & cannot do

After she has made her round, she cannot be expected till her next round. This is a truism. An emergency arising, she may be 1/4 mile or 3/4 of mile off- & no possibility of summoning her- Delirious or heart or acute so brain cases do not wait to require extra help till she returns. [We are speaking particularly of *Medical Wards*.] Delirious, especially D.T. cases, are sometimes quite cunning enough not to break out till the Night Supt= has passed. Nay, more the Visiting Physician has been known to warn a Sister at his *day* visit: "Are you quite sure you know that Patient?" The Patient has remained perfectly quiet all day. The danger of appeared to be nothing. And the man has half murdered the woman at night- & would probably have done so quite, had it not been for a timely Patient. But there *may* be no Patient available in a heavy Medical Ward

2. But these things cannot be proved by anecdotes. Experienced Sisters, of whom {overtop a} we have none now,

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[III]

will tell you how the Night Nurses deteriorate from having always more to do than they can do. They also get hard: "You must wait for your drink till I can give it to you".

¶¶ 3. While it is impossible to exaggerate the necessity of Night Supts=, inexperienced Sisters we apt to say: "O I don't know my Night Nurse at all: I leave that to the Night Supts="

~~IV. 4 To White~~ It has been recommended by experienced persons that, if administration makes it possible, a Probationer should always do, at the end of her year's training, at least 3 months as assistant to an experienced Night Nurse -

I am told however by the Matron herself that an Extra Nurse *is* occasionally put on to a heavy Ward as general (not "special") Assistant to a Night Nurse.

But there is then the difficulty of perhaps putting on a Senior Nurse under a Junior- Alas! they are most often Juniors, & very Junior indeed now.

⊘ II I return now to *day* Extra Nursing. We have always been told that twenty Extra Nurses are actually necessary for the proper

**f111**

[IV]

Nursing of St. T.'s- which has far larger proportion of heavy cases than it had. And experienced hard-working Sisters have said that they could not do justice to the Probationers without an Extra Nurse when the ward was heavy. Also: it saves to a certain extent the perpetual moving about of Probationers.

This refers not to night Nursing but to day- not to special cases but to the general work of the Ward- not to any particular danger, as by night- but to the danger of Probationers not receiving proper Ward *training*, - of their being left to get on as they could with the heavy work\_

draft, ff112-13v, pencil {text vert.}

**f112**

"Chapter" X St. T.'s

1. the absolute severance of the N. Home  
from the Hospital - of the Home Sister  
from the Ward Sisters  
as if you were to have one Doctor to one hand  
& another Doctor to the other
2. the theory of extra Nursing
3. the little that is done, morally or even  
professionally, by the female Heads for the Ward Sisters, who  
are the key to the whole situation  
x spillikins

f113 {blank}

**f113v**

[2]

Differences made

1. Miss Gordon now inspects the Wards
- 2 Miss Bermingham gets on so much better
- 3 Acknowledges that Sisters have no moral  
training
- 4 begins to know Miss Bagh's
- 5 has every body alone - no Chapter  
{vert. in l. marg:} Miss Wedderburn

draft, ff114-20, pen & pencil

**f114**

St. T. [A1] March 20/92  
You cannot separate the Home from the  
Hospital- The Probationers are not one being  
in the Home & another in the Wards.  
Their clinical teaching cannot be carried  
on in the Home, nor (it is a fatal thing  
to consider that the good woman & the  
intelligent woman, & the healthy woman  
can be perfected in the Wards - heart,  
mind & body

The Home Sister should be in constant  
*touch* with the Ward Sisters- else there  
is half a woman in the Wards & half a  
woman in the Home - You can't put  
these two halves together by carpentry  
work.

2 It is ~~besides~~ also absurd to say that on  
Monday which completes the Probationer's  
training the Home Sister is to be in perfect  
confidence with the Probationer- and on  
Tuesday when the P. enters the Hospital,  
perhaps as Sister all intercourse between  
them is to cease. They are to cut each other  
except by a nod meeting in the Corridor - Yet

**f115**

A [A2]  
absurd as it is, so it is.

[It may perhaps be said that it is equally  
absurd in F.N.'s case]

3  
Matron - P.s to go to her without leave from  
Home Sister - Home S. loyal - gave it out  
at dinner

P.s sorry for H.S.  
Home Sister has NO ONE TO BACK HER

**f116**

St. T. [B1]

The system The Sisters are the key to the situation- They are the Matron's organs to influence thro' them the Staff Nurses, Probationers, Ward maids, (and even the Junior Medical Staff) and Patients

The tie between the Matron & the Sisters must be close & intimate - not only for the material comforts of the women, tho' this is a large part- not only for forming the good women into good Nurses, which is of course the object of the training - but for forming women into *good* women.

The Matron must be the personal friend of every one of the Ward Sisters -

It is even more necessary that she should be the personal friend of the Home Sister, who is her eldest daughter, & be her backer.

The first year of training in the Home is all important- for it is there that order & discipline & method (of which possibly the Probationers have had nothing as yet in their lives) must be first taught. Or they will not be amenable to Ward discipline -  
The Matron must further the union between

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[B2] ~~1a~~

Home sister & Ward Sisters - for as already said  
it is absurd to suppose that you can have  
half a woman in the Wards, & half in  
the Home of each Probationer

The absolute (~~to~~ in my view sad)  
severance between the 'N. Home' & the  
Hospital - between the 'Home' training & the  
Ward training of the Probationer - between the  
Home Sister & the Ward Sisters surely  
betrays a want of organization - It is as  
if you were to consider the train separately  
from the lungs. If you did, the "life"  
would be left out: Is not the "life" left  
out by this severance between the Home &  
the Hospital?

How little is done

3. ~~Nothing is~~ done now for moral or even professional progress of  
the Sisters (all  
young as they are) - except dancing x , material

& amusement x  
comfort for themselves & Nurses - And this  
is much\_ But to keep them up to the mark,  
to give them spiritual ~~helps~~, or even  
professional ~~progress~~ help, to lead them to a  
x x Amusements - going to the Theatre &c

Dancing. Matron proposes that the Night Nurses  
shall have a dance every morning before going to bed  
mistake: putting a piano in the new Room- disturbing.

**f118**

[3]

life of self- devotion & duty, /work for God to raise their aim, nothing is done.

The Chaplain is useless & worse than useless- The Matron draws every thing within her own net- & her net is neither spiritual nor even professional. The Treasurer is the same -

Every thing, like much of the work of the world now, tends to the outward - And the inner life is lost sight of.

From various reasons, by no means connected with the Matron, the tie with Miss N. is lost sight of - The Treasurer wants to revive it by making Miss N. 'throne' it at the Annual Meeting as Pss Xtian &c do. Even were it possible, he does not in the least see that this would lead to nothing- nothing of ~~to~~ the effect, so much wanted for a higher tone among the Sisters, of personal intercourse with those who think something of a higher inner life.

**f119**

[4]

Unfortunate but unavoidable circumstances wholly unconnected with either Matron or Treasurer, during the last two years, have led to no such intercourse taking place as before subsisted in a measure -

Other circumstances have led to the almost total isolation of the Home Sister.

**f120**

St. T.'s {arch:} [after June 1892]  
 12 Nurses married in the last year -  
 but all but one, Pape were old friends - not belonging  
 to Hospl= Of one the man wanted to  
 be off- but I thought it best for the Nurse  
 to persevere in marrying him.  
 3 Sisters left in 4 months Masson  
 Messum  
 Hampson  
 Solly

1 shortly after  
 1 Miss Glover - not married yet- the only one whose  
 engagement made in Hospl=  
 x was this Matrimonial flight occasioned by any  
 laxity of discipline? were they Night or Day Nurses?  
 were the husbands countrymen or Londoners?  
 are their names put down in Red Book?

5 Nurses x have joined the Co-ops,  
 only one, Beatty, from No= 2 Block, left (she  
 had only £26) expressly to join them  
 - of these 5, two twor lodge together- Some say  
 that they do not touch more money than they  
 did before - such are the deductions & Commissions  
 only 6 or 7 beds in Home  
 Nurses go there for Patients - Doctors for Nurses  
 x are these recorded in Register?

draft, ff121-24v, pencil

**f121**

[2] [bef Aug. 1892]  
 In other Hospitals  
 all the Probationers think {long '[' in l. marg down to  
 above F.N.}  
 of to do as little work  
 as they can to get  
 over the work as quick  
 as they can - & then  
 to get as much pleasure  
 as they can

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F.N. A Register= a way of  
 recording what a Nurse  
 is without a character

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Every Sister has a  
 different capability-  
 very few have all- the  
 thing is to find out what

S Xtian (Hamilton) good to Patients but {up vert.:} temper

**f122**

N. Probrs= Record 1891 - 2  
nothing but a monthly Record of  
G.s & M.s. useless to any one  
but ourselves

No remarks at all  
"GENERAL Remarks" Column!!  
filled up with name of Sister  
of Ward!!

**f123**

Vie {arch:} [c. 1891-1892]  
4 Probr- Day  
1 " Night {vert: shut}  
1 Ward maid  
The Night one will be an Extra  
Nurse  
4 Day ones Probrs- in their  
last months  
changing (for 2 months)  
No- 4 Block  
2 rooms opposite each other  
large  
separated by screens  
not compartmts-  
2 day Probrs- in each  
all steady - months old Probrs-  
no new ones  
Nurse Ward excellent 28  
necessary for S. Victoria  
but Womont [?] wants to go into  
District Nursing

f124 {blank}

**f124v**

These Probrs- will have  
nothing to do that is not  
Nursing proper  
feeding & working babies  
Nurse maids did dressings  
but were not taught -  
went round with students &  
doctors

light behaviour  
Nurse Rowden - we could not  
have had Probrs= under her

2 Probrs- there now -  
1 Night Extra  
will sleep in Extra Dormy-  
1 Extra Adelaide  
sleeps there

because only 1 Probr-  
                  {up diag:} McKellar  
{upside down:}  
    ask Dean Fremantle  
    what they want  
    Medl-  
    Surg  
    Obst

f125, list by hand not F.N., re: statistics of St. Thomas' Hospl  
Operations in Theatres list Oct 1894-1895

note, f125v, pencil

**f125v** {arch:} [wrongly docketed-should be 1894-5]  
{not F.N. hand:} St. Thomas'  
    Operations  
    in Theatres  
    Oct /84  
to Sept/ 85  
    1946 {overtop 1986}

draft, f126, pencil

**f126** {printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET, [12:510]  
PARK LANE. W.

Since opening of School in  
June 1860 to end of Year 1895

1321 Candidates admitted  
773 completed year's  
training

entered as N. Nurses & received  
appointments in Public Hospl or  
Infy= or District Nursing Instn-

draft, ff127-28v, pencil

**f127**

*Please return Probationers*  
*Grounding of Nurses* 22/12/96

- 1 Absolute Cleanliness
  - Diets
  - Lotions
  - Weights & Measures
  - Temperatures
  - Catheters
  - Enemas
  - Blisters
  - Leeching
  - Poultices
  - Fomentations
  - Baths
- 2 *Ventilation*
  - hypodermics
  - how to prepare patients for  
examination
  - to set the bath-room for  
plaster or operation
  - to fill water-pillows

**f127v**

[2]

what to set for tapping or  
aspirating  
*dressings*  
*padding of splints*  
*bed sores*  
rigors  
peptonizing milk  
*feeding of helpless Patients*  
bones & different organs  
of the body  
fractures  
hernias  
concussions  
*typhoids*  
*fits &c*  
all from Nursing point  
of view

f128 {blank}

**f128v** {black-edged paper}

*Little things in our work*  
*so important*

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-why the dusting is such an  
important part - & *how*  
to do it  
- how to make a bed not  
mechanically but to suit  
the exigencies of each  
case- why & where to put  
in a hernia pillow &c  
when to put a blanket  
next the Patient & so on)  
-the rudiments of feeding &  
nursing & clothing the  
children:  
-fresh air  
-washing patients  
& such things as fall entirely  
to Nurses: e.g  
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.  
vapour baths }  
wet pack &c } & their uses

note, f129, pencil

**f129**

~~Sat~~ Wednesday Dec 29/97

Sent to

Adelaide Ward	St. Thomas'	
Soup	Jelly	6 Eggs
Elizabeth Ward	"	
Soup	Jelly	6 Eggs
Matron		
3 Eggs	Coffee	
	Home Sister	
3 Eggs		
Flossy	Soup yesterday	
	4 eggs	Jelly
Nelly's Niece		
Soup	4 Eggs	Jelly

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Saturdays

Adelaide

	Soup	Potted Meat	6? Eggs	
Miss N.	Elizabeth	"	"	Soup
4 Eggs				

note, f130, pencil

**f130** {sketched lines, assume to be Hospl ward, not duplicated here

{vert text:} being of course the resident in the Home  
accompg to Mrs. W.'s discretion  
& as may be required

draft, f131, pencil

**f131**

These are the Horaries of Ward  
Assist= & Nurses:  
not of Probationers

We do not plan from them  
in the least what they are  
doing in their special position  
of learning: nor what is being  
done to them in the way of  
teaching

Sister is scarcely mentioned  
at all: in most she has  
no existence: in none as  
a teacher or trainer.

And ~~our Miss C~~ seems judging & approving the Sister  
No It seems as if all had  
taken a Study day: & not  
a Doctor's day: Pity not  
more variety  
Miss W:s like a child

ff132-35, list of 85 books for No- 8 Block

note, f136, pencil

**f136** {printed up diag:}

Telegraph  
Steeple Claydon, Bucks-  
{printed address:} Claydon House,  
Winslow,  
Bucks.

*St. Thomas'* "Nurses struggle to do  
the will of God for the sake of man  
P.V.

note, f137-v, pencil

**f137** {on front of envelope:}

Dickens Elizabeth  
Mrs. Gaskell  
Miss Mackeray  
{upside down:} Druitt  
Spence's Surgery

**f137v** {on back of envelope}

bell from Sister's room  
"                      Small Ward  
" into Dining room  
Telephone: Manchester  
only bells    House Surgeons

draft, ff138-42, pencil

**f138**

[4]

Matron has done a great deal  
to regularize Extra Nurses'  
work - not to hang about the  
wards

plenty of good engravings  
New rooms= supper room for Sisters  
they, don't sit in it: they sit  
in their own rooms- Nurses sit  
in it & play & sing -

Night Nurses sit in their  
Dormitory Sitting- room- &  
Night Supts= have a Sitting room  
there too

**f139**

Sandford Edin In  
St T's  
NIGHT NURSING  
{up diag:}  
best Hospls=  
Copenhagen                      more  
                                    Nurses marry  
                                    than any other  
                                    women

Telephone  
from every Ward  
to Med: Off's room  
night  
§ Telephone when men come  
off work (in Police Office) to telephone  
a question to Corporation Hospl= Ward (Fever)  
how is so & so?  
Sewing maid is Telephone Maid

**f140**

Sisters' Records should be  
gone over by her with the  
H.S- & then I should  
like to see them  
From these the Book is  
compiled which the Commee is to see monthly  
Miss Gordon should make  
a practice that the H S  
should see the Records  
& discuss them with  
the Matron at stated  
times - the only way  
to train her in characters

f141 {blank}

**f141v**

[2]  
like to have the List  
sent me once a month  
    ?with remarks  
to discuss whether H.S  
could be make responsible  
for the health of the Probrs  
4  
3 Book would show  
whether the Probr- had  
been at another Hospl-  
4 Sisters Records &  
    Books

**f142**

[2]  
6 Dr. Sharkey's  
    9 mo: examn=  
Does Miss Crossland  
attend?  
instil into Miss Gordon  
that it is desirable  
to associate the H.S.  
into all Lectures,  
Records & Examns=  
Water dance [?] upon Lectures  
    upon Examns=

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notes from an interview with Sydney Waterlow, ff1-11, pen & pencil

**f1**

Sir Sydney Waterlow: March 11/78 [13:64-68]

PRIVATE {up diag} 5-7.15 p.m.

he will have a Supt= of Nurses for

*St. Bartholomew's:*

in 12 months, 6 months or even sooner:

the 'Sisters' will dislike it, the Medical Staff will dislike it: they like each Ward to be a little Hospital in itself: the Sister to be independent of every one but her Doctors: each Ward its own linen, things & inventory

he, Sir S.W., must have time to bring about the changes: but he is working at it: as at other changes:

will *pension off the present Matron*

who would not, if she could,

accept to superintend the Nursing

- she is merely a female Steward

Sir S.W. asks me, F.N., to look out confidentially for a Matron=Sup of Nurses for him & communicate confidentially with him or send her to him:

She must be discreet, & not in a hurry to make sweeping

**f1v**

changes: & he will support her:

she must remember that St. B.'s

is old, & not begin suddenly de novo:

[F.N. undertook ~~the~~ to "look out" -

thought of *Miss Vincent* &

Miss Williams:

did not mention any one:

ask *Hy B.C.* how best to

proceed.

*It must not be talked of.]*

2. 'Sisters'

there are 26 wards: 26 Sisters

& 2 Supernumeraries:

wards 10 or 12 beds in each back

& front compt=

Of these Sisters, only 2 are trained

i.e. only one at present:

Miss Irving: but another is

coming.

The 24 untrained Sisters are

all or mostly of 10 or 12 years' standing,

some of 15 or 20 years:

entirely unused to female

authority

**f2**

But several will have to be  
pensioned off soon:

2a

All *board* themselves: & it takes  
pretty much the Ward Maid's  
time to clean, cook & buy  
their food for them.

They like the system.

Miss Irving alone boards in

Home. Sir S. W. wishes to

board all the Sisters in the Home: but it  
must be a work of time.

The old Sisters would not  
hear of it.

3. ~~These~~ No "*Probationary Sisters*"  
have they as yet.

4. *Probationers*:

They have about 20:

of these about 10 are educated  
women:

they have not nearly so many  
applications as they would  
wish:

they reject about one in two:  
[this is after a preliminary

**f2v**

sifting by Matron who rejects  
a vast number]

they would like to reject ~~one~~ five  
in 6.

'they': is the Chapter- of Sir S. W.,  
2 Doctors, Matron &c who  
sit (after preliminary sifting by  
Matron) to sift.

" Home: the Home Supt=  
Miss Hubbard does all the  
housekeeping: all board in  
'Home' except Sisters:

all Probationers sleep in Home, & in a  
room; indeed all sleep in Home except 'Sisters', & one  
Nurse in each of the old  
rooms off the Wards:

no Classes or other care given  
to Probationers by Miss Hubbard  
who has quite enough to do:

5a 2 lectures a week, one Medical  
one Surgical, given to Probrs=  
by Dr Duckworth & another Dr  
who examine their notes:

**f3**

[2]

no *Clinical Lectures*:  
Sister supposed to do "all that":  
no test or supervision to see  
whether she does it or not:  
she is supposed to do it  
because she "wants the work  
done" & because she is  
"upon honour" : no records -  
Matron takes the word of the  
Sisters as to proficiency of Probrs=  
when she moves them from  
ward to ward.  
Sir S.W. quite admitted a probable result of this  
want of system, organization, supervision or control  
" Sir S.W. scarcely disputed  
one of the things I stated  
about *indecenty*  
*neglect of Patients*  
*feeing & bribing*:  
admitted that no "specific  
charges" ~~were~~ came or were likely  
to come to him:  
has ordered 150 new Screens:  
says his only chance is to  
"raise the tone of the Nurses",

**f3v**

& when I ended with  
(tremblingly) reading him  
the American lady's letter  
scarcely disputed that either:  
& asked me to read it to him again  
*nor* that the Sisters would not  
report themselves: x x  
*nor* that the Resident Staff  
or Sisters did not *wish*  
for well-trained Nurses or  
Probationers -  
6a *Treasurer* enquires into & engages  
*Sisters* himself:  
dismisses & "reprimands" them:  
who reports them? x x  
quite admits that this ought  
to be done by *Matron= Supt-* -  
subject only to formal  
notification to him.

**f4**

" (some smaller things:)  
Certificate: St. Bart's certifies  
at the end of one year:  
I said that I thought one year  
no test at all: the Probationer  
is on parade as it were:  
the next year is the test  
when she starts on her own  
responsibility in the work:  
some turn out so much worse  
some better than we expected

7b

*One year's engagement* (the Training year)  
I said this ~~St. B.'s Hospl~~ was having  
a Training School for those  
Hospitals which have none:

**f4v**

7 c There seems no attempt to  
form A LIFE for the Probationer  
Sir S.W. said several  
times what he was doing  
was only "tentative".

He is quite open to conviction  
[One of the Probrs=, who has 2  
married Sisters who "keep  
their carriages", is already  
engaged to be married, he  
says, to an Assistant Steward,  
whom she never sees in the  
course of her duties.]

He admits that the publicity  
of the wards is the only  
protection against immorality  
I hinted at my personal experience in this  
particular where there was no other protect{ion}  
I dwelt much on the necessity of a home [in  
pencil]

& a life where no good Mother of any class  
could properly object to placing her daughter  
& that without this he could not "*raise the tone*  
He admitted it: & said he had not been at  
it a year: & what was done was only tentative

f5

[3]

" Sir S.W. asks F.N. to  
give or make him a book  
of Rules for Ward Nursing:  
& says he will put it in  
force: with a New Supt= -  
Would Miss Lees' Hospital Sisters  
Hand book  
be of any use?  
& my "Suggestions"?  
ask Hy B.C.

" What Sir S.W. proposes  
with regard to the Training  
offers he made at District  
Nurses' Meeting (Miss Lees')  
is this:

[he had a List of 5000  
London Hospital beds in his  
pocket:  
& seemed to feel as if he  
could not inspire himself to  
do it unless he did it on a  
large scale:

**f5v**

he was to write to *Miss Lees*,  
& ask her to go over St. Bart's  
with him *this week*.]

I hope Miss Lees will not  
run a much more, or  
be aggressive & theoretic.]

I am to see her, Miss Lees afterwards, he stipulated.

*What he proposes is:*  
that the District Assn= should  
undertake the *finding* & sifting  
of Probationers (Candidates=)  
he admits that St. Bart's has  
failed in this: that they get  
neither the sort nor the  
number of Candidates he  
wished:  
that the Hospital should  
take them *at its own expence*,  
train, pay & have them for  
2 years: (paying them nothing for the  
first 6 mo. [a bad plan F.N.]  
that *at the end of 2 years*  
they the nurses should be  
free to have the choice of  
appointments *in* the Hospital,  
of going out as *private* Nurses

**f6**

or of rejoining *Miss Lees*:  
that, in return, the District  
Nurses' Assn= should have  
the privilege of  
stipulating (1) for the *comforts &*  
*life* necessary for keeping  
the material (Probationers)  
they supplied in good order  
(2) for the proper manufacture  
i.e. *training* of the material  
He said St. Bart's would *never*  
agree either to farming out  
its Nursing: or to giving up  
2 wards to Miss Lees, (as she  
it seems, had proposed):  
or to having any foreign  
authority in the Hospital:  
but were quite willing to *pay entirely* for  
Probationers *for 2 years*.  
I did not run my head against  
the brick wall of this plan:  
but simply gave as a sort of  
narration the conditions we thought

**f6v**

best to take

Probationers upon: ~~or thru~~

[He protested that he was quite  
open to conviction or a better plan.]

10 He says that ~~the~~ he is  
'training' the Sisters by the  
*Night Supts*= to *endure* a

Supt= of Nurses:

that the Sisters made war  
against the *Night Supts*= &  
said they the Sisters were not ~~to~~ going  
to be under them or under any body.

He had to decide the 'row'-  
He decided that the Instructions  
left by the Sisters when they  
went to bed were to be attended  
to if no fresh emergency:

If any, then the Night Supt= was  
to act

Each Night Supt= has 13 Wards-

[I own it appeared to me  
that their *Night Supry*=  
was incomparably better  
than ours: but I did not  
say so.]

f7

[4]

11 He was sensible enough about the *Probationers' work* - They were not to scrub, not to cook, nor do the fires, not to empty:

but everything about the Patients' persons, however dirty, they were to do.

I thought a little *Sick Cookery* would be good for the Probrs=: [but we don't give it: tho' we profess to give it & actually have it *in our Records*]

12 He is making great *improvements*: which are to be finished by end of year: attaching *Ward Offices* to each Ward:  
*hair* Mattress to each bed:  
*flock* only to be used when Medical Staff or Sisters wish:?

He hopes to get the present Christ's Hospital ground: & build a regular Probationers' Home with Class: rooms &c & dining rooms for Sisters & Nurses: determined that

f7

all new Sisters shall board in Home &c &c  
He is building new Medical School:

is very comfortable with Staff who wish "to please" him: & would submit to having Supt=of Nurses "to please" him:

13. But *Supt= of Nurses* must not be a person of strong sectarian opinions (I believe he meant High Church) & must be good to Dissenting Patients. !!!! & not convert: Their 2 Chaplains are low Church: to humour Dissenting Patients & they admit R.C. priest.

**f8**

13 a He admits ~~the~~ their difficulty of  
keeping things out of the Wards  
brought in by friends *improper food*  
spirits &c

b. He quite admits the *fee-ing*:  
& said it was so everywhere -  
how could he help it?

I said 'No'. that I believed  
our women wd= as soon take [end]  
fees & bribes as I should -

3. He spoke *very highly* of Miss Hill. [6:473]  
- deplored present state of *Highgate*  
but did not appear to intend to do  
anything

I said nothing  
I asked him to tell me anything he  
had heard against our system.

Said I *always did so*.  
But he gave nothing but praise:  
tho' he seemed to me to know  
literally nothing about it. [end 6:473]

**f8v**

d. He said he had been thinking  
of making *Miss Irving*  
*Supt= of Nurses* at St. Bartw-'s  
But she would not do -

**f9**

[5]

*Sir S. Waterlow's "Improved Dwellings"*

lateral ventilation thro' from  
back to front

no fire can spread:

no Epidemic:

have had small pox: it did  
not go beyond its own room:

each story has its open terrace

or passage: stair case of  
one story terminates there:

you do not find yourself at  
the foot of another staircase  
you go along terrace & come  
to next stair case:

3 rooms to each dwelling

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it is the draught up a  
central stair case which  
carries fire &  
infection

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Hospital stair cases carry Pyaemia

**f9v**

& Erysipelas

at St. Bartholomew's lateral  
ventilation thro' & thro'  
stair-cases

**f10**

*St. Bartholomew's*

Surgical Staff first rate

Obstetric " ditto

Matthews Duncan from  
Edinburgh

Medical " not so good

Medical School has doubled  
from 77 to 150

- in Sir S. Waterlow's 4 years  
Treasurership:

[end 13:68]

**f11**

*Sir Sydney Waterlow:*  
3 note sheets  
Please return to  
F.N.

15/5/78

**on the whole very** {HyBC in bold}  
**satisfactory**  
**17/5 HyBC**

initialed draft, ff12-17v, pen & pencil [13:70-73]

**f12**

*Sir Sydney Waterlow:* May 14/78  
would give his views about *new Matron*  
she must be responsible to Treasurer  
& Almoners 'in Council': meet them weekly:  
all the female servants, Nurses  
Sisters, Probationers to be responsible to her: all the  
Nursing under her control to carry  
out orders of Medical Staff.  
She must fill up all vacancies  
in Nursing Staff, either by  
advertisement or private enquiry,  
till Probationers sufficient to fill  
the vacancies.

Hitherto *Treasurer* has appointed  
Sisters: new Matron will have  
appointment & control of *all* women  
subject to formal notice to Treasurer  
'in Council'.

What he proposes to do in appointment  
of Matron (new) is this:

*when* he has heard of a suitable  
person, *to sound the Almoners*  
what they would do as to pensioning  
off old Matron then to see the  
person; *then to appoint her as*  
NIGHT SUPT= *for say 2 months: to see*  
*the working of the Hospital:* this  
could be done without taking any  
one into his confidence:  
then to re-open the question with  
{up diag. to left of the above to lines:} 4 Sisters  
at end of  
year

**f12v**

her of being *Matron*:

F.N. begins: tells him of the possibilities that have occurred to us of finding suitable candidates

Miss Vincent cursorily (to make acquaintance for *him* (& further enquiry

*Miss Machin* her history & character  
Montreal: her reasons for leaving:

I dwell rather on the promises broken of building a new Hospital: unhealthy old structure; 4 of our women had Typhoid: one died: in 2 years:

He said: then they have broken their contract with her:

He asked: has she ever been

*Matron of a Hospital in England?*

[At the close of our interview (which was a long one), I said: It may be, if you do not appoint till the *end of the year*, we might have a lady who *has been Matron of a London Hospital* to present to you]

He took up with the idea of *Miss Machin* apparently much: he said:

*I will in the course of a week or ten days:* [this week

**f13**

we are very busy with the choice  
of a *Chaplain*: 57 candidates]  
*sound the Almoners (as to*  
*pensioning off the Matron &c &c)*  
I will also *consider* whether I  
could *think of any day post*  
*to try the new Matron (not Night Supt=)*  
[I had said that we ourselves  
had thought of offering Miss  
Vincent as *Sister* on trial for  
Matron: that we liked  
much the idea of "*trial*" &  
becoming gradually *acquainted*  
with Hospital *before Matronship*  
- but that I was not quite sure  
whether NIGHT Supcy- would do  
for Miss Machin:  
nor I thought in my heart, for others]  
He said: I will let you know  
as soon as I have done the  
above & *ask you to write*  
*to Miss Machin whether*  
*she could think of such an*  
*offer with previous trial.*  
(as above said)  
asked me about *salary*  
said they meant to give  
*higher salary* than  
to present old  
Matron {last 4 lines up diag}

**f13v**

He said: that she (any new Matron) would have up hill work with the *Sisters*: that they loved their independence - & do did the Visiting *Medical Officers* - that he had always consulted the *Visiting Medical Officers of Wards in the appointment of Sisters* of their Wards: that the Visiting Medical Officers used such expressions as these: "I like to mould my own Sister" - [I thought of the utter lawlessness of Matron at St. Thomas' in regard to Medical Officers in appointment & retaining of *Sisters*: the Obstetric Head Surgeon has begged for *removal of Nurse Sister And, we were Sister Alice* was retained *in spite of Medical Officers* (till they told Treasurer: either she must go or they: (stealing Patients' stimulants under plea of pleasing Medical Officers: - *Nurse Warman* now - &c &c &c *that no two Wards were nursed alike:* that a new *Matron* must be

**f14**

[2]

most patient & cautious  
both with Sisters & Medical  
Officers

& not expect to make  
sweeping changes in 2 months  
- or say in 2 months, I can't  
reform, I must give it up.

He added, with real kindness -  
"I should not like to be the  
new Matron."

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She was to have the entire control  
of *all Nursing arrangements,*  
Linen &c *with an Assistant*  
Each Ward has its own Linen store  
- Matron makes requisitions &c  
on him, Treasurer, & Almoners  
'in Council'-

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*A Matron's Assistant:* yes,  
certainly: to come in at the  
*same time as new Matron:*  
[he said something about the *present*  
*Matron* being made *Assistant:*  
I hardly think he means this: -  
- he also said that the present  
Matron had "Assistance", as if

**f14v**

he meant that that would do  
for the new Matron:  
but he afterwards distinctly said  
that the *new Matron's duties*  
would be so entirely different  
from the old one's  
that an entirely different *Assistant*  
would be wanted:  
& he did not at all discourage  
an idea that Miss Vincent,  
after going to Lincoln, ~~might~~  
(no names were mentioned)  
might be induced ultimately to  
become Miss Machin's *Assistant*  
He said, very sensibly, *when new Matron first*  
*comes in, she will want Assistant most.*

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*3 or 4 Wards with new Sisters*  
*& Nurses to facilitate the new*  
*appointment of Matron?*

*No vacancy at present:*

*At the end of the year 4 Wards*  
*now empty (in order to have*  
*new Lavatories & offices built)*  
*will be finished & new Sisters*  
*& Nurses will of course have*  
*to be appointed*

*Possibly the new Matron's*

**f15**

*appointment* might be put off  
till then (*end of year*) in order to be  
simultaneous *with these new appointments*

No *more* reason to make the  
*appointment 3 months hence*  
than now: & no *less* -

I never throw away, the dirty water till  
I can get clean. But I am only  
waiting to hear of a *good candidate*  
for Matron

'I particularly wish to keep the  
whole thing *private*: Else  
a party will be formed against  
me & the *new Matron* -  
particularly amongst *the Medical*  
*Officers*. They are very anxious  
to keep the Sisters *under no*  
*authority but their own*.

Mr. Callender, our Chief Surgeon,  
lately declined a new trained  
Sister I offered him, because he  
could not, he thought, 'mould her  
to his ways'. I yielded.

This was the Sister, I thought, might  
ultimately have done as Matron.

But I am convinced now she  
will not.

**f15v**

~~The~~ one new Sister I have: she wanted me to get rid of a "Descent from the Cross presented to the Ward by a Dr. 40 years, ago because it was too 'nude'. I won't-

'We can't do with these new-fangled women'.

*New Matron* must have great discretion: remember that St. B.'s is ?centuries old.

Sisters must *not* know more than Medic{al} Officers about Medical treatment

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3 Night Supts=

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1 a Sister: only 2 on duty at a time

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Taken 2 *new houses* since I saw you: *Ward Maids* sleep in one Gives more room to *Probationers* in their house: mean to give them more still.

**f16**

[3]

Probationers: our year just completed: *half* have left us

have a much better lot this time:

out of 18, candidates, 15 admitted:

but *no Probationer stays* with us,

unless compelled by her pecuniary

circumstances: & none will

take Night duty, unless so

compelled:

1 out of 2 of all Lady Probationers

leaves us:

we shall have 26 Probationers now

- only *1 Pr to each Ward of 30* -

Staff of each Ward of 30 -

1 Sister

1 Day Nurse

1 Night

1 Probationer

1 Ward Maid

[Our ~~Night~~ Nurses serve ~~at~~ on Night

only for 2 months: then on day

alternately:

quite astonished to hear that St.

Thomas' Nurses have to take

Night duty for a year]

Probationers' hours very long:

work very hard:

can't be spared out of the wards.

**f16v**

on duty from 7. 30 a.m.  
to 9. 30 p.m.  
only exercise twice a week  
& a 'long afternoon' out  
on one of these occasions -  
meals of course out of the Wards  
Miss Hubbard very good  
Home Sister: gives *no* lessons:  
Probrs= have *no* time:  
Medical Officers, Dr. Duckworth  
& another, do all that  
[I did not tell him that Sir  
Wyatt told me the Probrs=  
came back from their lessons  
not knowing Tempe= from pulse]  
*No drilling at all* -  
Asked me closely as to our  
arrangements as to *hours*,  
exercise, classes & the like:  
said all St. B.'s arrangements  
made by himself for Probrs=  
Hospital paid for every thing,  
uniforms & every thing -  
£12 to Probationers for their year

**f17**

Thanked me quite affectionately  
for my "sympathy".  
Sir S. Waterlow {name up diag}  
said we, N.F., *paid* the Hospital  
& *did the work*:  
asked me what difference we  
made between Lady & Nurse P.s-  
[I said I was sure our P.s worked  
harder than our Nurses]  
he said they could not get their  
P.'s to work hard: nor the ladies  
- [I doubt this] -  
could not get them to take night  
duty -  
said they would be obliged to make  
a 2 years engagement with them  
None at present: only the year's training

**f17v**

*Edinburgh Infirmary?*  
did not know it:  
have Doctors from there at St. B.'s  
[I fancied, may be quite mistaken  
from the tone of his voice, that  
he had heard something from these  
against the Nursing.]  
*Miss Lees?* he said nothing about  
the plan - *nor anything at all*  
about going over St. B.'s with her  
or training Nurses for her  
Miss Lees comes to me to- day           **[end 13:73]**  
  F.N.  
  15/5/78

note, f18, pen & pencil

**f18**

Sir S. Waterlow  
Hospl= women require more helps & receive less  
Who is to keep the Sisters up to the mark?  
Home Sister  
Matron  
Miss Rankin's letter =  
picking up =  
we recommend P.s to you =  
yours keeps a Training Sch for those who  
have none  
Who is to report to you? Sisters won't  
report themselves:  
a female head necessary  
& a male head  
{vert. in r. marg:}  
immorality  
indecent (screens  
neglect of Patients  
take fees  
thefts  
dirt

**f19**

[1] I was taken by surprise  
by an unexpected visit from

Mr. Ram: May 24/78

*Highgate Infirmary*

he says *Mrs. Suckling* is the most  
*incompetent* person (with many  
likeable qualities) that he ever saw  
in Office in all his life:

"and she knows it":

she has consulted him whether  
she ought not to *resign*:

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*Sir S. Waterlow* has resigned the  
Chairmanship & anything to do with  
it.

*Mr. Smith*, Chairman

*Mr. Ross*, Deputy

& *Mr. Akehurst*, Chaplain,  
entirely rule the place.

All they care about is not to be  
troubled: & if *Mrs. Suckling* does  
not trouble them, they will think  
her all right.

She is the best of them: & she  
knows she is all wrong

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She is afraid of *Mr. Akehurst* to  
that degree that she dare do nothing.

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"*Probationers*"? are all of the  
*low class* of domestic servants:  
(one was so in *Miss Hills'* time).

**f19v**

*are trained to nothing: know  
nothing: can do nothing -*

To say there is any *Nursing*  
at all done in the place is  
a mere joke: either by  
Nurses or Probationers, (except  
by the few N. Nurses who are left)

And yet this place is still  
held up as the *model*, the  
*show place* of ~~Highgate~~ Workhouse  
Infirmary Nursing -

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The disorder, the irregularity,  
the utter failure of the Infirmary  
in its present state is patent  
to Mr. Ram's own knowledge -

One man, a man of notorious  
*bad character*, has been appointed  
in it *in daily communication* with  
the *Nurses*.

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*Mrs. Suckling* is the most timid  
of creatures.

She used to lean upon Miss Hincks \_\_\_  
now she asks Hendry [Steward] &  
Appleton (Clerk) about every thing  
*in her own Dept=!* connected with *the Nurses!*

**f20**

She often comes to Mr. Ram:  
she asked him (tremblingly) to let  
the Probrs= come to *him*: said it  
was their own wish:

"As for the NURSES," she said, " I  
do not consider myself responsible  
for them at all" -

This is a Matron!

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Mr. Ram always finds her lying  
on the sofa when he goes: she is  
wrapped in family care: an insane  
husband, a clever son, an Invalid  
daughter: for whom she "wants  
*something*" - & even about these  
she is as vague & indefinite as  
she is about the Matron=duties.

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*Dr. McCann* as good a temper  
as *Dr. Dowse* was a bad one:  
but much beneath *Dr. Dowse*  
in professional abilities

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Mr. Ram does not think that  
*while Mr. Akehurst*, (who is  
always on the brink of brain fever)  
*is there*: they will come to us (N.F.)  
for a Matron & Staff- *if Mrs.*  
*Suckling* resigns.

But a *Mr. Seaton* on the Board  
is very strongly in favour of going

**f20v**

to N.F. for a Matron, & tho'  
Mr. Smith, the Chairman, is  
against the N.F., Mr. Ram  
thinks that, were Mr. Akehurst  
gone, an application would  
be made to N.F.

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Mr. Akehurst called poor Miss Hill  
a "silly, flighty girl"!!

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Dr. Strugnall, of Small-pox,  
very excellent men indeed-  
Miss Hill was the making of him  
Quite a mother to him -  
So also Dr. Benton, now in private  
practice in London:  
Dr. S. is now in Ireland studying for  
an Medl= Examn=: staying with  
Miss Hincks' father & mother.

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Dr. Brydges never comes to  
Highgate.  
Lace in utter confusion -  
Mrs. Suckling frequently comes to  
Mr. Ram: is quite broken  
down: is now in Warwickshire  
for rest & has written to him  
that she means to consult him  
on her return as to giving up:

draft, ff21-22v, pencil

[13:512-13]

**f21**

Dr. Toner

Aug 8/81

One third coloured

Washington 160000 30 miles

Washington Training School from Baltimore

no Home - no Hospl=

only Lectures in a hired room & course of training in two

Hospls= part of the year - 2 years (part of

Nurses live at their own Homes -

only 3 graduates this year

1 last

they are quite free - do PRIVATE Nursing  
exclusively

drink - not nice in their persons -

talk loud - no reverence

10 thousand trained private Nurses

needed in America -

(nurses have been all servile)

After that the overflow may take to

~~private~~ Hospl= or District Nursing

[Loan Exhibition- manufactured plates

not for Nurses but for sale

Miss Dicks] We are to build a Hospl= (150 beds)

to have a Home - to have the Nursing of &

training in the Hospl=

bent of our democracy *against* Assocns=

but to train Nurses & let them

accept the

most lucrative engagement

- those will never be Hospital ones

only private Nursing -

only check on our Nurses - they engage

**f21v**

themselves to us for 5 years  
every year they bring us back their Certificates we write on  
their

Certificates their moral character\_  
-their employers report to us -  
Doctors were all against us  
- said we were making women Drs -  
all have come round  
1 trained Nurse only in our  
Washington Hospls= (from  
N. York) not a nice woman -  
- does not take to us  
- the Hospl= Nurses keep ours  
whom they profess to train  
at a distance  
- Hospl= Nurses very low

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2 of our 3 graduates ~~women~~ widows with  
children 10 of these a seamstress  
nursing (an order of Religious)  
Sisters from Paris come to Washington  
to Nurses the rich

**f22**

Sisters of Charity hitherto have been  
kind & gentle but not trained

**f22v**

50 years ago - it was not so -  
but, now, that your neighbour  
has a right to expect something of  
you, the humanity principle, is the  
direct tone of the English speaking people  
& of their tone at this Congress -  
in the hands of the English speaking  
races is the progress & civilization  
of the world - for good or for evil -  
- not of {overtop if} the Latin or Tentor  
You can see in this Congress - all the papers  
the direct questions of fact  
the questions of the hour  
of the humanity questions  
(not the scientific, the general,)  
were all of the English speaking people  
And not so much of the papers but  
the bringing people together, has been  
the good of this Congress  
a great part of Xt's life has been left  
out till the last 50 years [end]  
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

note, f25-v, pencil {vert. on front of envelope}

**f23**

Mr MacKellar                      Aug 20/80  
Netley chronic invalids Convalescent  
St. T.'s Nurses do 3 out of the  
4 dressings Daily  
compressing haemorrhage  
extemporising splints  
antiseptic Rupin  
English behind every other country  
Westmr  
nurses not so good as St. Mary's  
King's, Charing x - better than St  
George's, Guy's  
nurses more to keep the Wards men  
there to attend to personal care of  
Patients

**f23v** {vert. back of envelope}

Miss Aston

Hull

Solly

Goodman

Warmen the weakest

not up to St T.'s standard

{upside down:}

Dressings

6-8 a.m. Nurses

9-12 Dressers

afternoon Nurses

evening Nurses

when dressed

4 times a day

Netley Nurses expect Orderly to do

every thing

have no power of observation

{text in 'flap':}

Deeble & Co. not

well trained

Stafford Ho Nurse better

Edith King

note, f24, pencil

**f24**

Dr. Webb - Nov 23/81

Obst Socy- ~~concerns~~ asks only for Examn  
& not training

I shd think the number of labours, the Examn,  
sufficient, if only there were this condition  
the woman must have had 2 years' training -

She can get up for the Examn

but they can know nothing of her practical work  
College of Surgeons - London Univy- splendid Examn=  
man is obliged to operate on the dead body before  
them

"I am a

pure Surgeon" - book learning- "never saw a medicine"

these women are "pure" Midwives- May know nothing of  
the practical work, tho' it may be that a fully  
qualified woman may come before them & pass  
the Examn=

{up diag:} scrawming [?]

f25 {blank}



**f27v**

always rinse your mouth  
with Condy  
wash your hands with it  
wash instruments with warm  
Condy before & after using  
no cold steel

**f28**

most kind *Dr. Acland*  
Military must govern  
by flogging  
Naval Captain -  
God spared us yesterday  
I spare you to day  
Gladstone's indignation  
change in civilized world  
to human view  
from Military  
We say to Irish if you don't  
want us we must cut your  
heads off  
They say: we don't want you.  
Landlords are Englishmen - they must go -  
Now Gladstone takes  
the human view -  
Military: the flogging view  
Bengal: same

**f29**

Professor Weinbrenner  
a very distinguished Professor  
at our Polytechnic School -  
(Carlsruhe) a very well known  
Architect  
undertaken our new Clinique  
coming in very first days of June  
to study Hospl= building  
inside & out  
name any of those Hospls=  
most valuable for Weinbrenner  
to see  
Burdett  
Institutions, Schools &  
specialities of Hospl= buildings English Gothic Style

draft, ff30-39v, pencil

**f30**

Dr. Norman Moore [1] Feb 24/88 {24 overtop 22} [12:522-24]

II

2. (3) *Register of Nurses*

III. 5

How to certify the Training Schools?

by the Executive Committee  
appointing ?Matrons No! *Medical*  
*men* of the Committee to inspect & certify the  
Training- Schools- first probably requiring  
a full report - then inspecting  
& *keeping up* a *current* inspection  
- reporting to their Executive  
Committee

III. 3. 3a III a 1

How to certify or recommend the

Nurse for a place on the Register?  
Matron to be primarily responsible  
for certificate? for the conduct &  
efficiency of her Nurses

"No: Medical Instructor is the person  
responsible - Matron hardly knows  
anything of Probationers How can she?

**f30v**

Dr. Moore

"It is not she who instructs  
them- There is no Mistress of  
Probationers- The Medical &  
Surgical Instructors instruct  
them - & as these {overtop they} have also  
Wards, they can judge of the  
Probationers *in their* Wards &  
ask the other Doctors in charge  
of Wards- Matrons give marks for  
*conduct* -

"Who but Medical Instructors  
cd= give the certificate or  
recommendation?

"Besides, Matrons will give  
preference to favourite  
Probationers.

"We have the misfortune to have  
a prize given by one of the City.

**f31**

"Companies - a considerable sum  
of money - to the best Nurse -  
"The late Matron (Mrs. Fenwick)  
waited till she had seen the  
numbers of marks the Medical  
Instructors gave to each Nurse & then filled  
them up so as to give *her*  
favourite Nurse (by her marks  
for *conduct*) the undoubted  
majority of marks- The case was  
so flagrant we were obliged to ask  
the City Co. for another equal prize"  
[F.N. Perhaps ~~the~~ a *Matron* wd= be ~~was~~  
right. Miss Lock told me  
that somehow or other if she  
did wrong or any woman did  
wrong in the whole Hospital  
Mrs. Fenwick was sure to know  
it before the next morning! All  
"satisfactory evidence" is: that, Mrs. F. was  
"unscrupulous"- but generally right:

**f31v**

[F.N. It is a "national"  
misfortune if this is to be a  
"national Register" that the  
movement has begun in  
*St. Bartholomew's* -  
(Mrs. Fenwick: Savory: Norman Moore)  
Miss Isla Stewart:  
You see they judge everything  
by *their own Hospital*  
*Medical* element both in  
certifying Nurses &  
certifying Training - Schools  
to be if not the only one  
as nearly preponderant as possible  
Matron's  
to be shorn as much as possible  
And the Matrons are all  
ko too-ing to the Doctors {up diag:} Deeble  
\_\_\_\_\_ To admit her & help [?]

Bye Laws IX

object

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. N. Moore - "As if Provincial  
Scotch & Irish Matrons would come up  
to the Executive Commee in London

**f32**

Bye Laws IV [2]

- "trained Midwives" as members  
That was put in by "Dr. Matthews  
"Duncan" -

And what are "trained Midwives"?

Those who are examined &  
certificated by the "Obstetrical  
"Society" !!!

[N.B. Cases of women certificated  
as *Midwives* after 6 or even 3  
*weeks'* attendance at a Lying-in

Hospl=] Dr. N Moore is familiar  
with himself.

F.N. I told him what I knew of  
the PRACTICAL result of the  
Obstetrical Socy= certificate  
- all theoretical - authorizing use of  
instruments in a mere ~~tyre~~ beginner  
no practical Madagascar  
-ive 25 deliveries - what abnormal [end 12:523]

**f32v**

*See Draft Bye Laws*

*Private Nurses* IV

N. Moore "Yes: no difficulty [12:523-24]  
about certificating or  
recommending Private Nurses  
to Register- The Medical  
man who attends the private  
cases can judge *after two*  
*or three cases* not only  
whether she is a good Nurse  
but whether she makes herself  
agreeable to the Patient"

!!!

Dr. Moore admitted however the  
danger, that if a Doctor  
(~~afterwards~~ Registration) disapproved a  
Nurse, he would be answered:  
"She is on the Register". This danger  
will of course be much more universal  
{cont. in f33:} than he thinks, on acct- of ignorance of Public  
III He admits that the Register  
must be carefully *dated* - I.3  
4.Name of Training- School affixed -  
&c &c &c - that the Public does not  
take ordinary precautions - - - I. 4.  
But still - - - he wishes to have it - [end reg]



**f35v**

I. 3                      II 2  
Dr. Moore saw the danger  
of not having the interval filled up  
between the 3 years' service  
at any time        & the  
registration - I. 3     III. 1  
    acceded to our precautions  
[But *will* the Public? F.N.]

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F.N. the Public does not take  
its Doctors from the Register  
No, said Dr Moore, & I would  
not take my Medical attendant  
from any recommendation  
But the Public will take its  
Nurses- F.N -

**f36**

*Printed Letter* [4]  
    *Sirs* as Vice Presidents -  
The looked down the Medical  
Register & took all the 'Sirs'  
But most of these tho' they give their names have  
already declined doing anything  
*at all*. And more have  
declined having any thing to  
do with Executive Commee=,  
or with inspecting Training  
Schools - [*That* Medical  
Inspection of our Training  
Schools seems to me the  
most dangerous part- F.N.]  
And to have excellent Dr  
Moore inspecting *us!!!*  
It will level all Training  
Schools to the "theoretical" test.

**f36v**

*St Bartholomew's*

With regard to their own method of certificating their Nurses & recommending them their own Medical & Surgical Staff are bound among themselves never to give 'testimonials' to the Nurses,-- only to ~~give~~ write/give a letter, if asked, dated, of recommendation for a particular post, (not for {overtop w} to the Nurse but) to some Officer of the Institution in which the desired post is.

This is right.

But Matron seems to reckon absolutely for nothing - - - - -

**f37**

Medical & Surgical Instructor (Dr N. Moore is the Medical Instructor) for every thing Nurse on leaving *St. B.'s* (dismissed

"we can't take their "certificate from them" - "but" (F.N. put a suppositions case like Christie's) "such a Nurse would have "nothing to show" to get her a place -

[I can't see this: she has her "certificates" F]

**f37v**

*St. Bartholomew's*  
"We take pay Probationers  
at any age- without  
any enquiry but that they  
are respectable, provided  
they can pay- for 3,  
6 months. And it answers  
very well"!!  
"We have very few real  
ladies among our regular  
Probationers" - (or, I believe,  
among the Sisters- F.N.)

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Matron of St. B.'s in no sense  
head of the Nursing - Each Ward  
is, as he explained, a complete  
little kingdom in itself- subject  
only to the Doctors

**f38**

Draft Bye Laws [5] B.C. 2 - II 1  
*Metropolitan*, not National,  
Registry- to begin with -  
Yes: N. M-  
But *will* they? F.N.

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Rule IV. ~~Copied~~

"Satisfactory evidence"  
copied from 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Act  
of ? 1820 -  
[It is quite true, F.N., that  
they are aping Medical Profession  
in every thing they can]

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Don't *begin* with General Register  
or General Associations or Charter  
- Acceded to II. 1 B.C. 1, 2

**f38v**

IX Bye Laws ~~illeg~~

The reason they made  
the ~~circuit~~ extent so extensive for  
the Executive Commee & ~~Me~~  
(~~"United Kingdom" &c~~)  
was that they wanted to have  
~~in~~ the "heads of Army & Navy  
Nursing" in  
poor Mrs. Deeble!!  
And Dr Moore & Co.  
(? rightly) despise her

f39 {blank}

**f39v**

Dr. N. Moore I 3  
Certainly the Register will be  
unable to keep up "in times  
subsequent to admission" a  
correct character of the Nurse they  
registered  
But they *think* they *can*  
& are prepared to do it  
with only too much candour  
Dr Moore said that he  
had not considered ~~any~~ many of our  
questions -  
that is not promising

notes, ff40-45, pencil {vert. on page}

**f40**

*Gordon Boys' Home*

Matron (not to be a lady) Genl- Higginson  
no accommodation for a lady - May 15/88

to live on Hospital  
ground floor Matron's bed room & kitchen  
no sitting-room

over- 1 ward for 6 boys

1 " " 4 " {up diag:} ? & little  
Surgery or  
1 " " 1 infections case Dispensary

at end of passage between the  
two - with a ~~quasi~~ not a borrowed

no window to light- but still taken off the passage  
passage to be 'slavey's' bed-room

Matron at £30 to £40 [And is she to keep order?]

{one word up diag:} ?groceries  
with rations= 17d a day

'Slavery' at £10 to £12  
ditto rations

**f41**

*Matron & 'Slavery'*

- a. to nurse the Hospital  
cook for themselves and sick  
with boys to assist in the hard work  
& to wait on the sick boys  
to be taught by Matron -  
[and is 'slavery' to be left alone with  
the boys, when Matron is to be  
about her other avocations?] & at night?  
(boys of from 14 to 18)  
- 130 to be immediately raised to  
160

{vert in l marg:}

'Slavery' is to summon Matron  
at night, if anything wanted!!  
Matron is to sleep underneath!

N.B. "We {overtop they} have no legal power over the  
boys

And the boys know it.  
"We must not put the boys to do  
anything they very much dislike-  
Or they would run away" 'They must  
be humoured , not drew'.

Rations for the sick & for themselves to be drawn  
by Matron- & delivered to her in Hospital  
She may order chicken or anything necessary  
for sick.

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Doctor some way off- "We went to her to be in {vert. line  
down r. marg.}

charge of the well boys' physique - to know what  
medicine to give them, when out of sorts - what  
to do with their cut fingers- to prevent sickness  
or maiming- not to have the Doctor in for every  
thing - to know what good to give them when ailing but not in  
Hospl=

**f41v**

Matron

- 1.b. to supervise General Kitchen for 130 boys  
which is under a solider -cook only  
to devise healthy varieties- altering the  
bill of fare which he blindly follows  
without variety  
to show him how to suit food to seasons  
how to about waste &c  
1.a. to utilize fat &c (which boys won't  
touch  
3. to complain if meat really too fat  
4. to order in say 200 lettuce - & have  
cold meat & salad  
healthy variety stewed fruit &c  
{vert. in l marg:}  
boys *always ill at first*: they  
like pies of fish &c highly  
seasoned -  
stunted

**f42**

Matron

[2] [This is the best part  
F.N.]

3. to undertake new arrivals  
we should put them & their Dormitory  
under her - *boys always ill at first*.  
to be in charge of *the health* of the boys  
as well as of their sickness {4 long vert lines  
in r marg}  
[she may ask boys to tea]  
[F.N. She ought to have a room where boys  
can always get at her- Is she to receive all the  
boys in the Kitchen? Nowhere to sit but in Kitchen  
or Surgery?

**f43**

Matron

4- to supervise *Laundry*  
& teach 130 boys to wash all their  
bed-linen, blankets, & under clothing &c &c  
Laundress to be dispensed with altogether

Matron & 'Slavery' to do it all -  
to do it all "by tact" -

[F.N. Matron should be able to get each boy by  
himself sometimes] -

*There will be no under-clothing to mend*

And who is to mend & turn the sheets? The Tailor?

Genl= *Higginson*

*Boys make everything* except their caps-

- make their shirts under Tailor

allowed to choose their favourite trade

& one other - *all* must wash - & bake.

"All are to garden - i.e. to do some agricultural work

But they were too feeble to turn up the unreclaimed  
ground - this we had done by contract - We are to  
raise all our own vegetables - & perhaps raise  
fruit for sale -

"We can't *compel* them - They would not like to  
mend their underclothing. It is cheaper to buy new  
stockings, new boots, new shirts, when they are soldiers,  
than to mend them.

**f43v**

Genl- *Higginson*

boys never shy - will go to *her* Matron fast enough -  
- they go to Commandant! & complain!

-up to all sorts of tricks - *VERY plausible*. He never  
knows which to believe, which to doubt.

Hospital will be ready in a fortnight  
doubtful whether she should give Scripture classes

Chaplain does that [Does he get a boy alone  
occasionally? No -

doubtful whether she may go into a Dormitory last thing

Orderly will say: Then *I* need not.  
must talk it over with Commandant.

Subordinate always trying to shake off Commandant's authority

**f44**

Private [3]

Genl= Higginson

Genl= Tyndall takes it for £250 a year -  
excellent man  
but lax

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Steam Bakery - *boys learn to bake* -  
very good bread

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School- all have schooling -  
Many boys who have been to Board Schools -  
cannot read but only ~~to~~ write  
- told to write A - they *draw* it on the slate.

**f45**

All are taught to put their kits like  
soldiers- when taken into the Army, they  
have not to learn this -  
Also: they can go into the Army  
not only as music- boys- but at 17 or 18 as tailors,  
shoe makers, carpenters.

Parents sometimes keep them back, when  
on leave - & send back their clothes -  
Serjt= Major (sick) & wife  
No Serjt= Instructors' wives do anything -

note, f46, pencil

**f46**

Religious Instruction

School Visitors

{in other hand:} choice of a new school -  
master for Lea & Holloway



**f47v**

has been married 9 years

4

~~2 or 3~~ children to  
under 9 - baby

Mrs. Burton 9 years at

also *Cornish* Linton Schools -

also about 35 large Church Infant

200 infants 200 School- separate -

(including 1<sup>st</sup> Standard) about 3/4 mile off -

she: Infant School: mistress

Assistant Mistress .

pupil teachers

is Examiner of {large '?' on top of 'f' in of} needlework:  
girls

at her husband's school

teaches her own 1<sup>st</sup> Standard before at Kirby {overtop  
Kirkley}

& her pupil teachers, work-pupil teaches highly  
successful mistress praised

looks like a very child - prettily &  
nicely dressed - nice

spectacles - some fun - face

no much "Go"- not much force

eminently in her for

fond of children } PARENTS

& school keeping -}

really her heart ~~would she do~~ needlework?

in it - & her pupil teachers very good

Miss Barker leaving at Christmas

Mr. Wildgoose wishes for Mrs. Burton

as school mistress.

But what will she with her children?

**f48**

At Linton a Sister takes care of  
them, but could not come  
& ~~probably~~ with her to Lea  
~~keeps house~~ with a servant -  
?

*who will cook, keep house &  
take care of the children?  
mend, make for them - keep  
cleanliness?* said first that  
she had determined never to leave  
the children "with a stranger" at Linton  
- then that the 3 elder children  
could go to Lea School - she "must  
"get somebody" to keep house & baby  
& she could "pop in every hour".

To this she adhered: would be  
evidently quite disappointed not to  
have Lea School (Infants)

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She is obviously intensely interested in  
Infant School keeping- has an hour's  
Kinder garten every day - tells them stories  
while Kinder Garten- ing- has a School room  
(want of floor-space - can't march more than  
80) & a class room - good Assistant & pupil teachers

See P.

**f48v**

Colliery troubles: Colliery now under  
liquidation- ruin  
series of strikes to place  
police protection necessary for those who worked  
rude rough people  
migratory  
very difficult circumstances  
has method &  
orderliness  
difficulty of Schools  
new managers (Colliers)  
they have worried him  
has taken root in the village  
knew all the parents - all are  
'in touch' with him about the children - not  
afraid of them - speaks out - dress: jewellery: rings  
*would he consider Institute*  
*part of his business?*  
Yes: but they have nothing at all of the  
kind at Linton.  
{up diag:} dead opposition  
well he to Temperance from  
deteriorate brewers (Beard: Chairman  
or improve & Vicar!! Vicar says  
when in it is "inconsistent"!!  
authority?  
{text vert. starting near top of pg., from the end of 'rude rough  
people':}  
his boys  
learn  
foul  
language  
- cruelty  
to horses, in the pit -  
Under= managers good  
men: his friends - but so  
much goes on without their  
knowledge: pit a most immoral place

**f49**

[2]

Mr. Burton

A.H.C.

Work outside the School good  
keeps up his old boys & married girls -  
A.H.C. liked him only a little less  
than the Sheffielder Halliwall  
who was so 'gentlemanly' -  
moderate Churchman x  
*presides at Nonconformist*

*Meetings*

always in request by nonconformists

A.H.C. thinks

suitablest for Lea:       squints  
proved man

would get on with the people

x would teach in the Nonconformist  
Sunday School

*But I think Wildgoose* should know  
*does not brag* he (& his wife still  
more) are Church -

has the merit grant

a little nervous - particularly to the  
point in conversation - not wandering off or {up diag:}  
diffuse

**f49v**

Vicar

clergyman not popular  
no help in the village - curates  
4 in 5 years - last good but not supported  
- present one useless - let every thing fall thro'  
has he supplied the place X -

-----  
of the unpopular clergyman  
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he says this is impossible - too much opposition  
from Brewer & clerical interest  
whether he has enough love

-----  
for his unfortunate fellows?  
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Yes: I think he has: but there was no room at  
Linton for helping the black sheep  
Inspector thought him a good lay  
clergyman

he is in the *public man* in the village  
- always called upon to organize entertainments  
A.H.C. in District - cricket matches - meetings  
feels sure ~~the~~ he will do

nice ness  
discretion  
energy  
capacity of making himself  
agreeable

*has done a great deal for the*  
*people* ~~what?~~ in kind & easy intercourse -  
{text 'boxed in' starting to right of 'nice ness':}  
X I think he thought clergy's  
business too much to get them  
to church - He, Burton, has  
himself addressed them at Lay Meeting  
Scripture Reader's

**f50**

3                   at Linton  
7 years in a disgraceful iron  
  building  
37   "    in a beautiful new Board School  
A.H.C.  
does not feel sure that he would  
  look after the black sheep  
*has he ever done it of his own*  
  *accord?* It was out of his power - see farther on  
has a great deal of tact  
  people come to him for advice  
had experience among the people  
  tried & found successful  
  inspires confidence  
teaching not quite so good  
  as others  
character better  
  of more value to village  
*would he like the Lea &*  
*Holloway people?* Yes: I think  
                  he would

f50v

25 p.c. more  
has ~~he~~ girls in his School?  
than boys  
wife - girls' needlework -  
darn? cut out? make shirts?  
(Or buy *cheap things* & throw  
them away? thinks *not*.) Holloway  
Has a certificated stockings thrown  
mistress (now married) away  
for needlework in his school: thinks all  
these good things are done. Collier's children came  
ragged & dirty - makes them wash in school  
much improved- Wife knew a Board  
School master (in notts) where stockings were  
not even *washed* (much less mended) & thrown away  
*do parents give them a good*  
*domestic education?* Mostly very  
bad - Colliers ba{d}  
or let *boys & girls run about*  
*at night together?* *Not much of this*  
No Mills ?  
any *cooking* classes? regulations?  
no carried out  
do they *wash* at home? {2 vert. lines up between above lines}  
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do children have *home* lessons  
some: parents wish it - not enforced  
-----  
cannot say that girls are useful at home  
- generally go to service

**f51**

[3] ~~illeg~~

Burton

is he an example to the

children of *what he wishes*

them to be? Yes. I do think so -

But they are not "polite" to one another  
tidy in dress. he is always "polite" to them  
gentle & they to him. And they are  
truthful

it is in what we are, not what we

say that lies our influence

In 9 or 10 - years has School *told*

Lying

in *temperance* for the men? Yes

in *chasteness* of manners &

suitable dress - women ?

in *thrift*? - ~~Smoking?~~

Linton {up diag:} some save

Colliers even

{up diag:} *Savings Bank*

*in School*

Yes in *Sunday* -

School

Co-

operative

do they drink? The old ? ~~smoke?~~

Colliers furiously -

what is done *to compete with*

*public houses*? do they dress fine?

Nothing at all small tradespeople do

is *Burton a Temperance* man?

No: impossible

See further

**f51v**

Holloway

boys of 14:

what becomes of them?

dangerous age

Linton: *nothing* comes of them - Colliery

boys ruined - But all my old boys, not  
in Colliery, come back to me - some emigrate  
- never come near Linton without coming to  
see me - some, cricketers - some, learn violin  
- best families emigrate

black sheep ?

has he ever done it  
of his own accord ?

not much that way

the great thing is: to  
reform workmen to  
reform other workmen

It keeps the reformers straight -

Only they can do it

Yes: we must teach them *that* in School -

*Institutes* the reverse of reformers

{cont. at bottom of f52:} they & Savings Banks only  
get those who would read  
& save *without them*

{text vert. to right of text above 'has he ever done it':}

He has  
had no help  
but only hindrance  
in these things from  
Vicar, Board, Brewers,  
every body

**f52**

Holloway people

independent  
secretive

years of kindness & tact  
to induce them to ask advise

is Burton 'IN TOUCH' with  
the parents about their  
children? Yes: all know me - friendly  
with all -

Sunday School girls' flimsy  
cheap finery - afraid of  
offending parents about girls' finery?

If I offend the parents with speaking  
to their children, I make it up again -  
count 1/4 hour well spent in doing that -  
& we shake hands & part

better friends than ever - Linton  
{3 lines of text from here transcribed in f51v}

**f52v**

Holloway

x

drinking - go to drink at  
Crich

Crich School master: Temperance apostle  
Institute does not compete with  
public house: no refreshments:  
no reforming power among members  
if each member of Institute would  
reclaim one: & bring one member  
yes: they must do that

Mill men appropriate too much  
Institute: a few selfish ones - making  
themselves comfortable: & wishing to  
keep it to themselves, instead of  
helping others

{text up diag:} Linton See farther on  
Holloway  
quarries  
butties  
fortnight  
pay  
Whatstandwell refreshment  
Coffee /ro{om}

x Adam Prince: gone back to his drink  
after Water-cure !!!

Amatt no one to give them the  
helping hand workmen ca{me}

*alone give to one another*  
Our Coffee - room: *no reforming manege*

**f53**

Burton [4]  
*Botany: Trees: Margt- Verney*  
*Birds* names of {object  
 {Lessons  
*Mill: Machinery: names of*  
*Agriculture: classes: girls*  
 what they see every day  
 x x x x x x  
 Yes: we do do something of this  
 in our Object Lessons -  
 don't know any books of the kind

f54 {blank}

**f54v**

Hygiene

**f55**

Burton [5] Linton  
 Trades Unions?  
 do they combine for violence? Yes  
 do they support one another?  
 funds come to an  
 end  
*do they enter into courteous*  
*negotiations with masters?*  
 [N. Yorkshire] furious or sullen  
 men's own fault  
 bitterness of feeling  
 -----  
 - hopeless - could not  
 interfere - no softening agency  
 anywhere  
 do people come to him  
 -----  
 for advice? Yes: (see back  
 paper)  
 Nobody visits School -  
 {2 lines circled:} Mr. Marsh?  
 know Lea & Holloway?  
 have only known 2 Colliers save  
*Colliers' earnings:* have been as much  
 as £12 or £14 a week - in my time  
 £1 a day: all spent in drink & worse  
 women as bad as the men: no one saved  
 - wretched homes: women no managers

f56 {blank}

**f56v**

Dissenters?           Linton  
                          Holloway  
class- leaders?   Yes, all that; but  
  (death beds) don't know much about  
                          them  
local preachers?   every other man  
Wesleyans?       chiefly Linton  
~~Primitive~~  
~~non. primitive~~ —   Methodists?  
& Baptists?   Dissenters do nothing {line between Baptists and  
Dissenters}  
                  for the people - nothing for  
the *black* sheep - no Coffee-rooms: nothin  
Scripture Examn=: Diocesan: Trust fund  
  lessons of *morality*?  
real meaning of Scripture?  
  not to be like a *Geography*  
Examn=  
  but to inspire our *lives*  
not Lord Lord     today's Gospel  
but fruit, fruit       "       "  
                          see back page

**f57**

Burton     [6]  
  Scripture: Instruction -  
Strict rule of the Board's that  
  Bible is to be read without  
any explanation at all -  
  Burton deeply regrets it -  
Also: Board will have nothing  
  he proposes that does not  
*tell* for the Examination.  
                  -----  
Nevertheless (in his Time-Table)  
  he does many things - Object  
Lessons - stories out of Scripture  
with the moral lessons deduced  
all viva voce without book  
- that do not tell for the  
Examination (I *think* he said  
3 times a week)- And he  
very wisely says that he finds

**f57v**

even in the "Grant" point  
of view - his ample reward -

The children answer so  
much better for having  
their moral wits brisked  
in other (*not cramming*)  
directions -

[I understood there was  
a "syllabus" for Scripture  
Is that diocesan?]

**f58**

He has indeed had a  
difficult post

The opposition I will  
not call it - the *dead set*,  
clerical & lay % educational,  
against Temperance & all  
sort of Village agencies for  
good is almost unknown  
in these days, I should think

Two Curates turned off  
for *wi* speaking for such!!

Beard, the principal  
man & farmer, Chairman  
of the Board - an excellent  
man - a Churchman - a  
brewer!! beer comes first - And

{flows backwards into previous folio f57v:}

Vicar will have nothing to do with temperance, because Beard  
would

with draw his support from the Church-

**f58v**

Hygiene

he has a certificate  
for

Board would not have it  
taught, because it does  
not tell in Examns=

**f59**

Burton [7]

Night School: often 60 young  
men & married them too -  
in the School Room: 3 times a week  
- one a Collier who did not know  
his letters, father of a family - he  
was shame faced, but I said:  
Tom, I'd put you in a corner  
& nobody shall see you - And  
he got to come quite regular -  
& got on so nicely

f60 {blank}

**f60v**

Mrs. Burton

Oh the infants come quite regular  
There are some no weather will keep  
away. There was one little fellow  
wouldn't come after

**f61**

Mrs B [7a]

from being at her School  
only during School hours  
appeared to know nothing of  
parents or work out  
of the School  
Vicar Mr. Kilbee=Stuart  
writes of  
them as good Church- people  
& he B reads Lessons in  
Church

f62 {text all over the page, transcribed in groups:} [7 b]

infants dresser

to go home

Newsholme

Hygiene Handbook of

Dr Carpenter's

School Hygiene

Health Lectures

Manchester

out of his

power to do

the back

sheep

Mrs. B.'s instruction

all viva voce

religious

without texts

Gay

School told

in 10 years?

if parents

offended gives

1/4 hour to

bring them round

Coffee room broke down

Lady Hope Vicar

incontinent [?]

- shake hands-

go away friends

kindness-truth

teach boys in School the spirit

which makes workhouses care for

black sheep

2 playgrounds

if hustle girls

make boys ashamed of

themselves- mixed sch: good

for morality

Scriptural

Instruction

Infants

keen

opposition to Temperance: 2 brave Curates

Bible to be read without explanation {vert line thru this

& next 4

but he gives moral lessons - times a week

lines}

syllabus

& object lessons - don't tell in Exam s

but tell in general sharpness

appropriate

remarks

**f63**

Burton [7c]  
Curates Dearder cashiered on  
account of temperance  
~~Spriggs Smith~~ promoted to a  
living of £30  
passing rich on £30 a year near  
Ashbourne eked out by farming  
Spriggs Smith has also a  
similar living

draft, f64, pencil

**f64**

3/9/88 For Lea School & Holloway  
Institute

Suggest

To Burton by & bye

the children to make a {up diag:} (Yeomans  
collection of the flowers, plants,  
seeds, leaves of the district  
- of the birds, insects, birds' eggs &c  
- of the minerals, fossils &c &c  
& make a little Museum in

( Will

the Institute [I would pay for  
stuffing the birds

Only I am so afraid of setting  
the boys on the butterflies, birds &  
eggs-Boys can be so cruel; & there  
are so few birds at Lea Hurst

Botany & Birds Object Lessons by & bye -  
no botany or bird book worth having

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Burton may be able to infuse  
some new life into the Institute {Cotton's  
{Report

note, ff65-66v, pencil

**f65**

F.N London Dr. Payne  
Hygiene Nov 19/88 {19 overtop '20'} [13:53-54]

UNIV. COLL: best Corfield 4 students  
Hygiene - courses of Lectures & small  
laboratory (analysis of air, water & food)  
[Professors of Pathology & Surgery do

^

the bacteriological] at his own expence  
*King's Coll:* Dr. Chaumont [?]  
Prof: of Hygiene - Kelley-not under him  
under Prof: Crookshank - bacteriological  
? Anatomy laboratory & instruction  
only place in London where a man  
by paying a fee can get bacteria instruction

*Hygiene*

St Bartholomew's: one lecture a week  
Dr. Thorne during summer

Thorne & G.B.

St. Thomas' ditto ditto  
(Dr. Seaton)

{4 words circled:} 2 Physiological  
mustard 1 Bacteriological  
without the beef

Laboratories for practical  
instruction

? Oxford

**f65v**

F.N. Hygiene  
London Hospl- none  
Guy's "Turner a Medl- Officer of Health  
for a combined district of Hertfordshire  
lectures twice a week in summer  
Charing X - lecturer not a Doctor  
Middlesex- *Dr. Finlay*/mixed up with Jurisprudence  
Westminster *Dr. Hall* " Forensic  
St. Mary's lectures - *Mr Shilley Murphy*  
St Pancras  
St George's Hygiene in Medicine  
- no endowed chair  
- not compulsory subject for  
any qualifying examn-  
no thorough course combining lectures &  
laboratory work to be had  
*all very busy men in other ways*  
Sir this is the point no Professor  
D.G- The men who go to Corfield,  
Prof. of Hygiene at Univ: Coll,  
are not Medl= students- They are  
Medl- Officers of Health -

**f66**

x *Dr. Payne*: says in Civil Medical School  
F.N. *Where do Medical*  
*Officers of Health get their*  
*instruction?* x  
complacency of London Medl-  
Schools  
Dr. Payne But there are Examinations  
F.N. Yes: of Inspectors of  
Nuisances, surveyors, & such like - most  
useful - at the Sanitary Institute  
{up diag:} Dr. Payne  
a Kings' College  
man

**f66v**

Netley  
proper accommodation  
adequate endowment  
Parkes  
combination  
of great knowledge of disease  
& " chemical talent -

In Civil practice Medl= Officer of Health  
for  
has county {overtop country} or boro' analyst  
chemical questions -  
In Military " no such thing  
Army surgeon must do water-supply  
X  
for camps &c &c -  
& all requiring chemical knowledge  
*Netley alone gave this knowledge*  
don't learn it anywhere else,  
you see

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x  
Dr Payne can't do it in the field  
F.N. *How is it really about not  
being able to analyze water- supply  
in the fields?* [end 13:54]

draft, ff67-68v, pencil

**f67**

Dr Payne Dec 12/12/88 [yes, odd]  
*Estimate*  
Efficient superinte= ----- without it,  
Deprive plan of half its benefits  
& run risk of failure -  
Old story 1. want of money  
2. military men  
persisting in dispensing with  
female supe- & being Matrons  
or Supts= themselves  
Distances so great  
Meerut & Lucknow may be no  
worse than Madras Divn=  
Probably Supts= ought to be multiplied  
in all - more Deputies  
hold out for a separate Supt- for  
Lucknow -

f68 {blank}

**f68v**

Sister hoods  
Did Dr. Payne not ascertain  
about Warminster (Sir E. Phillips)  
whether they had any London  
Hosppl= training?  
not known to be Hospital trained  
(educational)  
Wantage  
Were the Officers really ill?

draft, f69, pencil {vert. on page}

**f69**

Dr. Bedford Fenwick July 1/89  
a mere Register to be renewed & published every year  
+ + x  
giving the name of Nurse - her address- her certificate from her  
Training School - date of Certificate - name of School -  
name to be taken off for drunkenness - theft - gross inefficiency  
-  
[Yes but then you must pray that your inefficient Nurse may  
get drunk- or commit some gross fact wh can be laid  
hold of  
confidential

x ? up to date  
x sift Testimonials

addresses of members of B.N.A. constantly changing  
Register will make them more dependent on their Hosppl= [Can't see  
x

This is the day of salvation- Isaiah LXI Sir H.V. Isaiah XLIII  
He shall  
never fail  
nor be  
discouraged

**f69v**

At present there is a Sub Committee  
to test the testimonials  
" more unreliable than  
certificates  
of the candidates to be members of the B.N.A.  
Miss Wood very vigorous  
when she sees 3 years at first place  
then tailing off to 1 year  
½ "  
She knows there is something wrong

**f70**

If the public knew what the value of a certificate is

what the value of a 3 months' training it would be all very well -

But in what respect will the Register teach them this?

It will rather confirm the erroneous ideas of the public?

**f70v**

St. Thomas'- only one who sends out Staffs

these Staffs continue ~~their~~ Training Schools on same system

x can the Register be up to date?

or receive confidential information from Matrons?

All the stock stories about inefficient, drunken Nurses

Pss Xtian ---- bleeding to death

but in showing how the Register is to p work the miracle of preventing it

380 Nurses

Bond St

[You can't defend the public against itself] If they will not take the trouble to see whether the Certe= is up to date, or to write to the Matron direct, how will the Register make them do it? x  
{upside down up diag:}

July 2/89

Miss Pringle

And who will look thro' Register till they find one disengaged?

draft, ff71-72v, pencil {vert. on page}

**f71**

Sir James Paget delay - postpone July 13/89

not getting on but largest nursing interests to oppose R. Charter

Taking off Register - ? possible lay hold of facts, showing  
inefficiency

Matrons will Matrons give confidential  
information?

can't do it in

"their own Hospls= - can Register be made up to date?

carry as to reliability

how is Register to increase ~~reliable~~ security ^ of public against  
incompetent  
of competent Nurses  
against

incompetent

On the contrary

Public Register confirms erroneous ideas of value of Certificate?  
or testimonial?

R. Charter makes Nurses legal professional body? No

not with legal rights

then they will call in legal defence against the Register

real & permanent

street "row" with Royalties engaged interests of Nurses

f72

Sir J.P. I can only speak by  
comparison with men=bodies- C. Service  
M. Service

Registration *will* come for Nurses  
because when they are more educated  
they must have legal rights against the  
uneducated

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hereditary - O if we had such information as  
we have from/about Genealogies "about the combination  
of hereditary things that brings about Arthritis [?]  
&c - how much we should know -

Examn= of Hindoos did nothing after a  
brilliant examn

Pasteur {down diag:} Japan  
168 Deaths the most perfect  
would have Sanitary legislation  
been 1000 -the dirtiest of  
Rabies Countries

A Medical man must be trustworthy - the  
quantity of secrets that come under his notice -  
sobriety\_ honest\_ prudence -

how many Medical men have made fortunes  
by gossip?

Calf Vaccination - St Petersberg  
Foundlings  
Calf [illeg]  
to each Baby  
no danger  
Bath  
Baptism  
Vaccination

Confirmation

**f72v**

Do ~~not masters~~ of  
Managers of B.N.A. know legal  
know? the professional  
social  
financial ~~aspects~~ of Registration  
difficulties Scheme

Yes Yes  
delay postpone  
delay postpone  
30 or 40 years hence I will not by  
when there is more education partisan  
how to delay Mansion Ho: Meeting on Wednesday  
what steps can Sir H. Acland now take  
as to general question  
don't you think they will break up of themselves?  
{down vert.:}  
General Practitioners quite different  
from Nurses - you don't require the  
same security as  
to conduct  
things fatal against Nurses  
not against  
G Ps

draft, ff73-74v, pencil & pen {vert. on page} [12:532-33]

**f73**

Sir Jas Paget B.N.A. July 13/89  
A Vice President it is understood is a man who does nothing  
At a Const Ball or a crowded party a good natured  
man goes round & asks for your name for some  
society. And you give it. That is the history of the  
names of the ~~V.~~ B.N.A. & of mine on the B.N.A.

[O the unspeakable harm these men do - thus - O the  
number of times it has been thrown at my head - &  
I have thrown at my own head that Sir Jas Paget,  
Sir H. Acland, Sir R. Alcock are on the B.N.A.  
O God, stop them]

Sir Jas Paget I have read the Draft of the R. Charter  
There is nothing in it to give legal power of exclusion or of  
[end]

**f74**

Jas Paget says ~~to ha~~ all the Register shows - is that these Nurses once were trained, & *once were* respectable is X

\_\_\_\_\_ The taking them off the Register is a difficulty amounting to an impossibility x

The B.N.A. knows neither the legal, professional social or financial difficulties

\_\_\_\_\_ It will break up  
Back {:in semi-circle}

x The Charter must give express powers for this

Ample time will be given for county plans

Use this time

No Charter can be passed in a hurry

x The public will have to make enquiry just as much as before

[Then not only does the Register do no good but it confirms the unthinking public in an error] People don't take Attorneys *because* they are on the Register. But they make enquiries. Only if the Attorney is *not* on the Register, they don't take her {upside down:} getting the Nurses off the Register.

**f74v**

Let them both have a Register

B.N.A. & Hospitals Assocn=

But the Privy Council will not give

a Charter to both {up diag:} what  
Hospitals  
& Training  
Schools  
signed  
Memorial  
already

The Queen, cannot grant a Charter except after the most ample time given for counter pleas & examination Over {:boxed in}

Each Doctor has 8 or 10 Nurses on his List

for whom he is responsible - But he knows nothing about them - [What a confession

at the end of all this fashion about training in]

Truly, as Miss Crossland says: all the Doctors think of is to have a Register from which to take private Nurses - or as Sir



**f77v** {black-edged paper}

Dr. Sharkey [1] Anatomy  
& Physiology

" " to take *Quarterly Practical  
Examinations*

Senior Nurse Probrs- {long '\{' from Senior down to  
2 sets and mixed 'Exam  
inati  
on'}

Lectures Specials, half & half  
(not specials alone)  
Can't leave the Wards together  
*Examination* together  
(instead of Clinical Lectures)  
*Senior N.P.* quite as equal as  
Specials to Lectures

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3 Courses of Lectures  
12 in each

Dr. Bristowe Medicine

" Bernays

Mr. Croft Anatomy & Physiology  
two sets Clinical in  
Sitting-room!!

{x-out printed address upside down:} Claydon House,  
Winslow,  
Bucks.

**f78**

Dr. Bristowe

made them sound hearts  
they did not know normal sounds  
or what sounds to listen for  
George Charity  
men women sulky  
liked it after students  
did not like 99  
not much the better

Dr. Ord

Miss Haig Brown - Mr. Clutton  
helps her

Dr. Cullingworth

to lecture to Staff & extra  
Nurses

Case- books

tracing Typhoid & Diphtheria to  
dwellings

f79 {blank}

**f79v** {black-edged paper}

[2]

*Dr. Sharkey*

not so many bones  
not a bone a day  
recapitulation  
& then Miss Crossland x to do it  
d. to clothe the bones  
e. will take up what  
Dr. Ord leaves  
& arrange his times accordingly  
f. 4 days a week  
(2 with students)  
x Miss Crossland having new  
men to prepare for  
{x-out upside down printed address:} Claydon House,  
Winslow,  
Bucks.

**f80**

Dr. W. Ord  
2 years training - ~~illeg~~ Victoria- then ½ year with  
adults at a Provincial Hospl- York or

f81 {blank}

**f81v**

Sam 9/8/93 {8 overtop 9}  
At Bartholomew's Private Nurses  
Lectures  
Improvement in  
Sisters

notes on meeting, ff82-83v, pencil

**f82**

Dr. Worcester 9/5/95 [13:518]

Materia Medica for Nurses

Books a

- Physiology teaching

he especially before Ward do

London Hospl= Wards

- Scrimmages 3 authorities

Public opinion /Matron of Nursing

/Doctors

/Secular authority

not Medl=

all except Medicine

x Executive Officer

Under Board

- Cardinal sin of Nurses:

taking presents

now never seen {up diag:} New York

- St. Helens - Workmen's Herald

x building, lodging, dieting

supplier, furniture under him

f83 {blank}

**f83v**

American ways [2]

so different

Differences in America not home - y

all Nurses becoming Private Nurses

not necessarily under Doctors

great distances

less of a *calling*

Do you want

First-rate Nurses or

or Third-rate Medl= Practitioners

American BOOKS

/Trained Sisters- key- stone

over one *Ward* - *that* Ward her home

x Bloomsbury: Nursing the Sick at home

/Weekly Committee

with Doctors on it

Doctors want to practise

not to count the coals

x Health at Home

Cottage Hospital

1 Matron - no resident Doctor

? Steward

Can human nonsense any

farther go?



draft, ff87-88v, pencil

**f87**

Mr. Lunn            9    Dec/95  
    new Lying- in Ward  
                    Kensington Infy  
Theatre Hygiene - Lying in Hygiene  
                            up to date x  
Book for Miss Mills  
Regn- for Matron of Infy  
                            & Lying in  
                            Wards  
Isleworth - Medl- Supt-?  
    200 beds    Lying in Wards  
x York Road  
Beds in St M. Infy=} Steward  
                    740        }  
Bill & Case            Book  
Milk  
Penny dreadfuls

f88 [blank}

**f88v**

Nurses for out-door  
    Lyings-in -    St Thomas  
    2000 odd hundreds  
    lyings-in

draft, ff89-90, pencil

**f89**

Treasurer    April 28/96  
Matron says she told him  
    she could not have ~~the~~  
the Staff (people) come into  
her house nor his {overtop her}  
family.  
The consequence is that  
when her holiday begins she  
does not see him at all  
She leaves word that she is  
to be sent for into ~~the~~ her Office  
    He can't wait- or he thinks  
it's troubling her- And so he  
settles the matter for himself  
    He talks as if he had the  
disposal of every thing: "I  
can't give you a Sister  
or an Assistant Matron"

**f89v**

He thinks Miss Crossland  
severe! he has not an  
idea of discipline  
himself

Sisters say: she was very  
severe but it did one good

Private Nurse from a  
S. Devon Hospl=: 6 months  
training: undertakes all the  
severest Surgical & Medical  
cases!!

Treasurer however thinks himself  
the arbiter of all Nursing!!!

**f90**

*Teacher*

Matron wants a "high  
"intellectual! Teaching!!!  
for the Probationers in  
Miss Haig Brown!!  
So afraid of jealousy  
that he does not see the  
necessity of selection

draft, f90v, pencil  
[2]

Miss Crossland May 1/96

Ekblom {name corrected here in block letters}

Miss Ekblom x - Helsingfors

Miss Haig Brown not

{up diag:} sympathetic

Treasurer XI

ditto the dead one very

sympathetic- easy going

under Cameron the Nurse - then

Glover

x Matron flies into a Ward to  
speak to a Patient without  
noticing the Sister

Miss Ferguson

Miss Dunn

" Gertrude" ?

Dane ?

XI How could this happen?

draft, f91-97, pencil

**f91**

Treasurer            April 28/96  
Home Sister        her duties  
                      what Sisters say  
To keep the whole Staffs together  
  Medical Staff - Monthly  
                              or weekly  
                              Clutton  
  Chapter - {Miss Young  
                              {Sisters - Books for 6  
                              Edinburgh  
  Residents- Matron  
Pecuniary:    Empty Wards?    Guy's  
6 more 10/6 Tickets        must get  
                      Dr. Toller        £7000  
Miss Elkington                a year  
                                      Subn

f92 {blank}

**f92v**

Doctors will say nothing  
  but no Sir  
Mackellar  
Ord {line from Ord down to line 'I should'}  
shall the Staff nominate  
  ~~her~~ its own representations  
I should like to call in  
Sharkey & Hawkins  
Female Surgical    Beatrice S. Easton  
Male Medical        Florence  
                              S. Allardyce  
Old Nurse (Aunty) St.  
  Thomas' Home-" keeps  
"us in such order: if we  
"carry a glass of water  
"across the room & spill a  
"drop - - - - -

**f93**

[2]

Miss Haig Brown was  
 Probationer under Miss Crossland  
 / / year  
 Staff Nurses Miss Elkington  
 3 months Victoria Ward  
 who taught her much  
 Sister pro tem Victoria Ward  
 6 months  
 Brompton Hosp Night Sup  
 1 year Miss Davidson  
 Matron  
 taught her something  
 St. Marylebone Infy- Home Sister  
 wished for a Ward Jan 1 '96 {overtop 66}  
 but Miss Gordon told  
 her she must take it {line up to 'Home'}  
 "Up to date" Mr. Lunn Aseptik  
 operations  
 Dr. Sharkey - Mr. Clutton - Dunstan  
 lose words Chemistry  
 Dr. Ord's Clinical Lectures knew nothing  
 Miss Escreet - Sister George  
 walking to & fro

**f93v**

promotion from Night Sister to  
 Ward Sister quite wrong  
 Night Sister must be a higher  
 post - only experience the teacher  
 No one instructs the Night Sister's

**f94**

Feeble-minded children at  
 Maryle Infy- a great many

**f95**

[3]

early training

Home Sister

Night Supt= who teaches  
her?Matron- It's *impossible* to  
keep the Medical Wards  
& especially Children's Ward  
sweet at night -What instruction have the  
Night Nurses & Night  
Supts- in this?(Miss Herbert: Miss Howes  
&cLouisa  
books**f96**

[1]

We have one Probr- with  
ulcerated intestines  
allowed nothing but  
milk & ?rusks  
no eggs-Dr Sharkey gives in his  
lectures on Surgical treatment  
exact & homely hints as to  
making the Patient  
comfortable.No- of Probrs= dismissed  
having concealed ailments  
"pain in back" arising  
from them

**f96v**

[2]

Miss Crossland May 1/96  
Staff Nurses & Probationers  
get changed about so fast  
that they make the Classes  
well nigh impossible.  
There may be 2 Senior  
Probrs- all of a sudden in one  
Ward. Well, you can't have  
them both.  
I have 2? Classes a week for Senior  
Probrs-  
3? " for Junior -  
But I really think it makes  
them careless at the Lectures.  
They say: we shall have it all  
at the Class- We needn't take  
notes "I always get up the  
Lecture in order to have my Class  
upon it"  
Sister & Staff Nurse do not even  
get now a week or a day when  
the new pro tem: comes in to  
{vert in r marg:} insense her as to what is to be done

**f97**

Miss McMaster Leopold  
untidy  
talking  
Miss Easter Beatrice  
careful teacher  
Dr. Sharkey pin him down  
{up diag:} Dunston

note, f98-v, pencil

**f98**

Dr Sharkey Nov 16/96

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.

new Home Sister - book

Here comes another Victoria

washing stone-cloths-Diary

Miss Tilt {up diag:} Mercurial

Disinfectants

Nurse Harvey- Scarlet Fever

Books for Home Sister's use

Mr. Clutton- Dr. Sharkey

{upside down:}

present Home Sister was  
dogmatic over- ruling to the  
other Probationers even when  
she was a Probr-

to-day she was so keen  
about the books

**f98v**

Night

Ventilation better than in  
any Hospital I know - there  
is not even the bed- room  
smell- Victoria MAY have  
it sometimes

I always speak about it

when I find it

All the Sisters that I know  
are good But it's the  
Staff Nurses that are  
super excellent



notes, ff101-04, pencil

**f101**

Treasurer July 20/97

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}  
PARK LANE. W.

The Night Supt= *has* the  
rest- *has* the meal- *has*  
ditto the Assistant the room {line above Assistant, cont. under  
the room}

It would be the *reverse*  
of rest or relief to have  
a meal talking together in a room  
The Night Supt- has quite  
other things to do than to  
watch the signal- Her  
*whole night* is occupied  
& *intensely*- She is the  
real mistress of the Hospl-  
from midnight -  
Assistant do- except this last  
& going first for an hour  
to the Surgical Ward whose  
week it is

f102 {blank}

**f102v**

Beef Tea

Take a piece of Beef  
without {this and above 2 lines x-out with 3  
diag lines}

[2]

All we want is to have  
the simplest, readiest  
means for the Ward Sister  
or Night Nurse to get  
help. We leave it to  
the Chief of the Executive  
to carry it out-

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more vastness - Birmingham  
More urgencies - St. Thomas

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length of our Wards  
Monthly Committees  
Unpopularity

**f103**

Mr. W.

St T- & London combination  
of Register

**f104**

Mr. Power

ask about the Ophthalmic  
teaching at St. Bartholomew's  
now - bandaging of eye

draft, ff105-06v, pen

**f105**

Miss Perssè                      May 10/77 [13:756-57]  
Miss Lees      Training Mistress without compare  
so energetic:              never foiled:  
always takes the dirtiest work for herself:  
so much resource:              thinks & thinks &  
thinks till she finds a plan: so she  
gets Patients from Doctors & clergy: she  
will have them:              or relief for Patients  
she knows how to appropriate things she finds in the houses  
for Nursing which one never would have thought of:

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I don't mind a little opposition:  
more creditable:  
to look back to see what one has gone thro'

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E. London.              I think it best to do  
the whole thing at once to show them:  
not to seem timid: that invites opposition  
- send down a whole staff at once:  
Miss Lees' inspecting does no good:

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can do so much good morally as well  
as physically in District Nursing:  
yes, decidedly ladies:  
they don't like us to see them drunk:  
or dirty:              or things in pawn:  
we never have to do a room twice:  
woman with a baby 3 days old got up  
& scrubbed her room:  
then a few words, going *with* them &  
not *against* them:  
e.g. if a husband does not go to work &  
worries his wife, you can encourage him  
to go to work & her to be patient:  
a few words or verse of a hymn      not said

**f105**

formally but as you are making  
their beds: Catholics like as well  
as Protestants  
never knew a case where they did not  
like ~~you~~ us to come *early*  
never ask them their religion: have  
never been asked mine  
I like my Patients: so much sense &  
wisdom in them, particularly the  
children:  
5 little scalded things  
Miss Heathcote best nurse  
Topping most acceptable to people  
Patients all tradespeople at Holloway:  
no poverty: great distances  
good cases:  
Miss F. Hunter most promising of  
those going to Miss Lees:  
yes I hope Mrs. Carroll will be true to her  
& steady  
She explained to Clergy & Medical men  
at Holloway: did great good: said  
she was disappointed in Miss Girling:  
but oh she *did* stick to her=  
Where she gives her affections she does give  
them  
Mme= de Lüttichan so discontented at St. T.'s [end 13:757]

**f106**

Sister Arthur} best of all the [12:316-17]

Miss Vincent } Sisters

thoroughly knew her work

kept her ward in perfect order

yet very kind to her Patients:

taught us thoroughly:

Nurse Ward & ~~wou~~ taught

Nurse Rutherford me most

\I would have stayed

if they would have

given her an opening

Miss Airy's such good cases &

she will teach you if you ask her

What Mrs. Wardroper tells you

you *must* do: & then you are

glad of it afterward

Mr. Croft's Lectures very good: he

explains very well: shows you

dissected hearts & monkeys with

intestines: beautiful arrangement:

rambling at first at St. T.'s:

not afterwards:

Heyward's the best Lectures at

Bloomsbury: then Croft's:

2 hours to read in the morning: 11 to 1.

**f106v**

be congratulated on what they've done  
very attentive: not only moral women b{ut}  
religiously impressed very nice-  
interest in their work

3 times a week: ~~then~~ course of reading  
laid down by the Lecturers, Croft,  
Cheadle, Heywood: then questioned &  
examined by Lecturer: this could  
not be done at St. T.'s: not time:  
Clinical Lectures at St. T.'s the best:  
Dr. Bernays very good:

you can learn at St. T.'s: Sisters &  
Nurses *will* help you if you like:  
and you *can't* stop with Mrs. Ward.  
she *makes* you go on:

Miss Crossland's teaching both to ladies  
& nurses very good

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Nurses not always clean at St. T.s  
~~you~~ carry Erysipelas: Students also:  
stairswoman cleaning small wards with  
Ovariectomy very objectionable: she clean{s}  
Theatre, stairs, small wards: I & Miss Rye  
did it with Ovariectomy case in Alexandra  
(Mr Croft's) which did well:

No I don't think Surgical cases can do  
well at home: one can't keep them  
clean or airy

**[end 12:317]**

draft, ff107-10, pen

**f107**

Lady Anna Gore Langton: June 21/77

Madras: General Hospl=

Miss Marter Matron

" Pierrepont Head Nurse

nurses have their meals brought to them

by their relations: *no meals* ~~in~~ provided by *hospl=*:

always going out: ~~if~~ Nurses starve

if relations die

Doctors would call Nurses up without

notice at 5 a.m. for Examination

*No enlisting of Doctors* by making

them teach Nurses - or interesting them

in passing of Nurses, even to giving them Nurses prizes.

Doctors' permission has to be

asked for appointing of each

Nurse: No Nurse can be

appointed *unless passed by Dr.*

[If permanent Chairman of

standing Board, not so

bad. For it Matron worth

her place, he would be

guided by her, & if not

a good thing for her to have

to report. F.N.]

All Military Drs: Civilians can't

consult one except according to his

rank,

*Miss Cunningham* would have an influence

of rank:

**f107v**

Rules impossible:  
training & superintende given to  
the ladies: yet entirely subject  
to Drs. who can stop pay &  
punish Nurses.  
Mr. Ellis will not help: he thinks  
all women infants.  
All Patients were not under  
ladies' charge:  
brain fever case locked up in room  
by ~~itself~~ himself (a gentleman)  
without attendance  
both ladies would insist on  
being absent on their holiday  
together  
2 months' holiday quite necessary  
Matron lodged in Hospital  
*much immorality* between  
Nurses (all Eurasians) &  
*students* owing to their  
being under discipline of men  
Nurses in other Hospl- under the  
Drs entirely, who taught them  
no Matron

**f108**

~~unde~~ on Dr. Balfour's book:  
& passed them: *would not 'pass'*  
*Miss Marter's*:  
Miss Pierrepont, now Matron,  
only trainer:  
5 wards with 12 Patients each:  
Military & Civilians: Men:  
Women's Hospital not under  
them:  
but Fever & Smallpox come  
in, placed in huts, without  
covered wag:  
or 100 Railway Accident men  
& women sent in & placed  
in huts:  
then these placed under  
Matron  
both ladies often absent  
nursing private Patients  
Eurasian Nurses often  
place themselves out in  
Hospitals ~~under~~ in country  
always entirely under Drs:  
no Matron

**f108v**

nominally  
a year's training, I believe  
but Nurses always having  
any obligation?  
Linen given to Matron but without  
Linen Nurse or lock to door:  
linen always being lost:  
A Coolie can't be put in without  
reference to M.O. Yet *no*  
*training given to Coolies*:  
*Coolies under no man= Supt=*  
here to day & gone to morrow =  
no discipline, no organization,  
not authority.  
Hindoos not trustworthy:  
Miss Carpenter's boys would  
play with fire:  
Eurasian women have the making  
of good Nurse in them, IF  
they were under discipline  
& organization:

**f109**

King's Coll: Hospl=

Probation 3 years

1<sup>st</sup> as Probrs

(3 first months do all the drudgery  
& scrubbing except if floors:

like our Ward: Maids:

very tired: don't care to learn)

2<sup>nd</sup> as Night Nurses

3<sup>rd</sup> " Day Staff "

or often sent to private Nursing

*Sister changed ~~to~~ in Wards*

*any day without notice.*

Staff of 2 Wards            13 beds each

1 Sister

2 Day Nurses

2 Night "

2 Lady Pupils

2 Probationers

*Lady Pupils do quite a different*

*class of work from Nurse Probationers*

*- wear a different dress .*

*have Lectures:*

*& a weekly class (very good)*

*from Sister Aimée*

*Nurse Probrs- have no teaching*

*at all:        any system*

*of training?*

**f109v**

Sisters good Nurses but rigid  
don't say a kind word to Patient  
wards very quiet

Night system:

every *night* in the week  
assigned to cleaning something

-Prison Closet

Crockery

&c &c

this makes a noise

other Nurse takes charge of

this Nurse's night duties

?26 Patients

Night Supt- (Sister) comes round  
every hour:

copies into her book if anything

what Night Nurse has written

writes her Report for Sister Aimée

*Ward Sister* has both Day Nurses &

both Night Nurses into her little

room at 8.30 a.m. ?

goes over with them *all the orders,*

[she has the night before given

written orders to each Night Nurse]

& hears what the Patients say.

It trains the Nurses in expressing  
themselves:

The Night Nurses have to write into a

**f110**

book everything which occurs of  
importance: & they know that  
the Night Supt- copies it.  
Nurses of inferior education to  
St. T.'s:  
ladies about equal  
Miss Empson: a good one:  
wished she had been at St. T.'s.  
Night Nurses  
a good hot meat meal  
at 9.15 a.m & 9 p.m.  
prayers at 7 Sisters most irregular  
Service 10 am  
prayers 9 30 &  
10 p.m.  
Sister Aimée good Supt-  
but her individuality sinks all  
the others'-  
180 Patients  
small place  
they have scrubbers

draft, ff111-12v, pencil

**f111**

Miss Persè {arch:} [Liverpool] Feb 28/78 [13:761]  
Wanted

1. a convenient Home with boiler, W.C.,  
Office, more Nurses' accommodation,  
&c a room for disinfection &c  
- all Nurses under her to live IN Home
- 2 better class (better stamp) of Nurses  
not under 30 years of age  
capable by higher tone & better education  
of carrying influence & more weight  
with Patients  
cd train them myself -  
not trained my present Nurses  
can't use Catheter - don't know  
what to do  
talky
3. to take infection cases  
in most important of all to nurse

**f111v**

[3]

And yet these are the same flesh &  
blood as we are -

1. Improved Dwellings Octavia Hill

2 Co operative Stores

3 Coffee house with decent  
lodgings for single men  
Coffee- room for women

4 Miss Persèe does Work in Brighton  
herself:

these women ~~not~~ closed to Scripture  
readers, closed to Bible women

not closed to us alone closed to clergy

Patient

"looking 3 ways for Sunday"-

{up diag:} instead of

the pawn broker's

the cooperative

store

instead of the gin

palace the coffee

room

instead of the fitting

indecent room the

O.H. lodging

not illiterate

language elegant

~~And~~ this town is in England

And this is Civilization

What are we to

say of the

"Hindoos"

who never begs & who never has Parish

Relief

[end]

**f112**

[2]

Patients 10/a day  
squandering of wages: as much per day  
as we expect per week squandered in  
drink by women as by men  
(She thought no more of her money then  
of a "flea in a church yard")  
found all ages boys, men & girls lying  
naked in same bed or on same straw  
clothes over them  
they will buy clothes- give 1/ a week  
for them - paying 20/ for 10/- to  
pawn before hand  
son kills his father or mother  
girl with baby- did not wish to be married  
a woman dying of consumption  
no fire - nothing in the house  
came back unexpectedly at night  
every thing beautiful: lamp & all  
people at 10/ a day beg  
absolutely bare  
Dr. O don't wash 'em: feed 'em up  
you can wash 'em when they're dead  
Doctors don't agree with Nurses at  
Infy=: don't agree with District Nurses  
when they meet them in Districts  
but they never do meet them **[end 13:761]**

**f112v**

Nurse Wilson: Montreal -  
God has not promised always to make  
is comfortable, but He *has* promised  
always to do the real best for us,  
if we do not think that we know  
better than He does what this is.

Pray for me, for I think I am  
often tempted to wish that I could  
do better than God does: do some  
-thing wh. I impertinently think better  
than what God does- especially  
for our Nurses & Matrons  
Miss Machin

I can say nothing -  
your feelings are my feelings  
-my interests & wishes are  
yours  
whatever you do I feel will be  
right & guided by our Father  
in heaven. I wish I could  
always feel as sure of what  
I do

your I mean our {line from left of 'your' to left of  
'for'}  
for I am you our notice  
{vert. text to the right:} 35 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
Wednesday Feb 27/78

Dear Sir Louis Mallet {this and following line overtop horiz.  
text}

I cannot thank you

draft, f113-v, pen & pencil, on envelope

**f113** [vert. on front of envelope]

Sister Bertha: Ap 11/81  
Spitalfields people, so proud  
will not wash up at Ascot (as  
Guy's Hospl- Patients do)- will not  
go into service: say they don't marry  
from service: 'young men don't  
take them: wd rather earn 14 ½  
a day at slop work: then they marry  
-quarrel & fight Young men & young  
women together from their childhood  
up, marry, part, come together again

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little boy of 2 years old only attendant  
on his mother in her confinement=  
made fire, fetched milk, tried to wash

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instead of the old Spitalfields weavers  
& their descendants- all Jews now -

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servants from Abbeymere penitents get  
good places - because  
they can work  
much better than  
clergyman's families  
can get now-a-days -

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does not answer making  
them Magdalens

{3 lines upside down:} Julie Henderson 23  
Gathering in breast  
Consumption

printresses: a dozen: Holy Road: Oxford.  
{on flap:} Magdalens from Clewer come to see  
us at Ascot, & children see the  
difference between them &  
"our Sisters".

**f113v**

{vert. on back of envelope}

25 Devonport Sisters.

{upside down:}

several female printers'  
establishments in London  
besides Miss Faithfull's  
18/ a week they can earn  
but men printers won't  
admit women: they  
wd leave: women let  
the types much  
quicker & lighter.  
shd begin as early  
as 12 years old-  
but men must  
do the heavy work-

notes, ff114-15v, pencil

[6:477-78]

**f114**

Lady Lothian 24/6/81  
Whitechapel Workhouse  
Mr. Vallance: Clerk of Guardians  
every pauper in it employed -  
mat- making  
carpenter's shop  
shoemaking  
under heads of workshops  
they more than pay their own  
maintenance  
not a young woman there -  
only one  
the youngest 45  
Mrs Barnett, wife of clergyman  
of St. Jude's - gets out the young  
women to Refuges & to service  
Mr. Barnett, one of the Guardians  
even the paralytic were picking  
bits for beds  
or grinding coffee for shops  
which pays

**f114v**

no paupers employed as  
scrubbers- respectable charwomen  
(widows) from without  
no paupers employed in Kitchen  
all servants  
paupers employed in Laundry  
not one person unoccupied  
all as busy as bees  
all employed under some  
efficient head  
the only Workhouse I ever saw  
that did not make me  
miserable

**f115**

no beer allowed at all,  
except for sickness - measured  
as a dose: spirits measured  
in a drop glass  
19 gallons a week -  
650 gallons a week St  
Pancras: 2000 inmates -  
no discipline at St. Pancras'  
murder last week -  
people crowding in to diner  
one man struck another  
no one to superintend them  
dreadful drunkenness among  
pauper Nurses - two  
~~case~~ dismissed last week

**f115v**

Holborn at Highgate  
magnificent building cost  
£200 000  
all the (so called) trained Nurses  
obtained by Advt= looked like bad  
women- all those under  
them like incurable drunkards

notes, ff116-19, pencil

**f116**

Miss Formby {arch:} [1885]

How is she to gain practised  
Sanitary knowledge ~~homes~~ for cottages  
children  
drainage  
earth, air, & water  
cleanliness

Bloomsbury?

Mr. Arnold White - Can he recommend  
any book?

where is she going for her Midwifery  
training?

?Obstetrical Socy=

?instruments

25 deliveries

{up diag:} Q Charlotte's?

formerly the most  
unsanitary place

Mrs

Royal Maternity

City

Mrs. Craven

affords any means for  
instruction or whether  
under the circumstances she  
should go to B. Sq. or to a Maternity Hospl-

finish later

f117 {blank}

**f117v**

General supervision

trained Nurse

& a lady

look over the general  
condition of the cottagers

as a lady would -

general moral influence

position as a trained nurse



notes, f120-v, pencil

**f120**

India & the Colonies

Brief History of the Indian people

by W.W. Hunter

Trubner

England's Work in India

ditto ditto

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Elementary Politics by Raleigh

*The House* a truly delightful little book

Mrs. Buckton's Our Dwellings

very valuable Longmans

Mrs. Greenup's Homely Hints on Health

Domestic Economy & Marcus Ward

Household Science by Revd- J.P. Faunthorpe

a good little book - but Stanford

the list of wards beginning each Chap -

makes it look like a school-book

Domestic Economy by Dr. Mann

" " " Tegelmeier

Knowledge of life by Dr Mann

Health Lectures ~~for that~~ First Series

Edinburgh Health Socy

Personal Care of Health by Dr. Parks

S.P.C.K. 1/

**f120v**

Laws of Health by Corfield

Longmans

(London Science Class Books)

stilted but ~~valuable~~ good

Habitation in relation to Health 1/

by De Chaumont

Longman

Health & Occupation: Dr. Richardson

- many of the Ladies Sany= Assocn

tracts are good

but look insignificant

Do you like The British Citizen?

I will put down one or two

by & bye

Fowle's Poor Law is one

but I don't expect it tells

much more than that we are to

make the Workhouses uncomforta{ble}

draft, ff121-26v, pencil

**f121**

Miss Peter            May 23/92  
thinks Midwives only think of the  
number of deliveries they can  
drag in-            not at all of the  
after monthly Nursing -  
    feeding  
    washing            the infant  
    clothing  
least of all of teaching the mother  
// They, ~~the~~ Miss Peter's Nurses  
    who all do monthly-nursing  
called in too late generally -  
- Gastritis - infant in the last  
extremity- fed on cows' milk  
without ~~wa~~ dilution died  
//Septicaemia- from sheer  
Lectures

**f121v**

uncleanliness - called in to  
mother - too late - she died  
Cleanliness - not antiseptics  
    wanted.  
\*Yet she approves Midwives'  
    Institute - & wishes for  
Registration  
*Does not know* of any place  
    where Monthly Nursing is taught  
She herself teaches it to her  
Nurses - was    - years  
Matron of Children's Hospl=  
Edinburgh - they often had  
infants a few days old -  
that taught her -

**f122**

but the teaching at Sir J  
Simpson's Maternity Hospl-  
was wretched - She was then  
1  
Knows of no Lying- in Hospl-  
& no Midwife who can  
teach Monthly Nursing -  
Yet ~~does~~ thinks Registration  
not training wanting -  
*The training is enough,*  
*because it is not -*  
Miss Paget - Knows of no  
Lying in Hospl- which  
teaches Monthly Nursing for  
the poor. *The training is enough*  
*because it is not*

**f122v**

F.N. Alice-Lady Doctors  
We must put Monthly  
Nursing under  
"Health at Home".

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Miss Peter  
We don't take Deliveries -  
because they so often happen  
at night- And we can't  
take night cases.  
We are all Probationers but  
3 at the Central Home -  
26 Stations in Scotland  
3/4ths of them single Nurses  
5 miles Radius- no  
carriage - sometimes Commees=  
hires conveyances - Sometimes  
Nurse sleeps at Patient's Home  
- sometimes she has not enough

**f123**

[2]

No Midwife - no neighbour  
any use- not to touch the  
poor woman, with water, is  
all they think if -  
We douche the poor woman  
3 times a day with what  
is ordered. or twice -  
no one else does it.  
Uncleanliness the mother  
of septicaemia & puerperal  
fever- blood poisoning.  
Condy &  
Sanitas not much use -  
Condy for ordinary cases -  
yes-  
Corrosive Sublimate we are  
ordered to use.

f124 {blank}

**f124v**

[4]

Q.V. Institute has dragged  
our Nurses very much down  
Fashion & money-they don't  
come to do good  
low salary £25 to £30  
attracts only the tower  
class of women- not  
gentlewomen  
10/ board ample when  
there are several Nurses  
In septicaemia we lend a  
Nurse for the whole day-  
In ordinary monthly cases,  
first thing in the morning -  
then we go to Bronchitis or  
Chronic Cases- then disinfect  
at home - then first thing in  
the evening before other cases

**f125**

[4 a]

we never go from a  
septicaemia case to another  
lying-in case -  
septicaemia = bloodpoisoning  
take a jug or dish for the  
douching - make any thing  
do-  
cleanliness  
cleanliness  
cleanliness  
septicaemia 106  
dragged her through  
but not Midwife, no Doctor  
of any use

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Miss MacDonald U  
Lady Doctors Euston Road

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baby suffers from made foods

f126 {blank}

**f126v**

[4 b]

Miss Wade succeeds Miss  
Peter -

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Mrs Craven taught me  
Mansel  
-only turning the baby once  
-binding  
-all the rest of it

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Miss R. Paget  
impulsive  
thinks so much of being  
a Midwife

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St. Katherine  
house where Miss Peter  
will live - Mr. Peile does  
not live there - knows  
nothing about it.

notes, ff127-28v, pencil

**f127**

Miss Peter            May 23/92        [13:867]

Miss Peter- where received her  
monthly training?

feeding

clothing

washing    infants

feather beds    mother

how do your Probationers

learn Monthly & Sanitary

Nursing? {up diag:} Miss Webster

Miss Paget

Antiseptics    what?

permanganate

best little book of Rules {vert in r marg:} Mrs. Craven's book

Miss Spencer & c Chapter

Simpson Institute    Edinbro'

f128 {blank}

**f128v**

Barnhill Workho: Infy=

near Glasgow

600 beds

Maternity Hospl-

Glasgow

no monthly Nurse training

Corrosive Sublimate

once or twice

Condy Ordy                    [end]

Samtas yes/no

{vert in r marg:} 6 months under

Miss Pater [Peter?]

Handbook for Midwives

Dr. Barnes Midwifery        4/6

for Nurses

Ferguson's & Haultaine

Midwy= for Nurses

{up diag:}            Miss James

Miss Maud Mansel

Lucknow

Mily Hospl-

£69 to £70 to £100

District Nurse                    {up diag:} 10/ a week

board & laundry &

10/        2/2/6

£35 salary (Sisters)

about £90        £25 to £30

Q.V.



**f131**

[2]

to do - Ladies don't like  
these single Nurse places  
because they are not  
interesting

I inspect them twice {overtop an} a  
year [Miss Mansel is not to  
inspect these out lying places]  
They report to me once a  
month. They are only anxious  
to over do themselves- not  
for their own comforts.

We have Scotch now  
more - as we wish- not  
so many English

We began with 3 Nurses  
at Central - We have now  
14.

[end 13:826]

**f131v**

Miss Peter looks 20 years  
younger than when I saw  
her last & quite pretty

[13:867]

[end 13:867]

draft, ff132-34v, pencil {vert. on page}  
[13:514]

**f132**

Miss Hampton Johns Hopkins Training School 8/7/94  
alumnae (Nursing) Associations -  
after 2 years' training - almost all the Americans  
become Private Nurses - they don't like the responsibility  
of being Matrons or "Sisters" - they become  
Private Nurses - & the Graduates are immediately  
seized on - they earn all of them 20 dollars  
or £4 a week -  
Rule of Ethics\_ not to force up prices  
financial position of proposed Home - one week's  
earnings given to the Home -  
they are to exercise control over their own members

**f132v**

as they already do - 74 Nurses thought one  
indiscreet - wrote her a letter - she continued  
had to resign  
it's all put in their own hands-  
National Assn= proposed  
Assocn- of Supts= came from all parts  
to New York - very enthusiastic- 47  
does much good [end]

**f133**

Miss Oldham  
17 Stanhope Terrace  
Regents Park  
Miss Barff  
too little trained Miss O.'s  
too young Nurses  
1 year's Hospital training  
quite too little  
& 3 months in the Lying-in Hospl-  
these young things  
attending confinements  
in the country -  
no one to refer to  
the neighbour is a great  
deal better than the  
trained Midwife

f134 {blank}

**f134v**

Miss Barff  
has taken her name off  
the Register - or rather  
does not pay her Subn=  
& they won't take her  
name off - X  
Miss J. Stewart  
Oh we won't have the  
Queen's Jubilee Nurses -  
not enough trained  
X the Register's no use  
they keep off on it the  
people with no character  
Mr. Benjamin? Armitage  
supports a Home in  
Manchester himself  
4 Homes - 10 Nurse Miss Barff  
5 in lodgings

notes, ff135-40v, pencil

**f135**

Mrs. Leiter                    20/1/95  
Bacilli -        soap & water  
          convulsive attacks of bacteriotomy  
Hierarchy-        Sisters -  
          Training? lectures? beds?  
                  moral & technical  
Children- babies stop  
          crying  
          Ages-        good words  
Photographs {up diag:} second rate  
                                  practitioners  
                                  or first rate  
                                  Nurses  
  
Children -        milk  
          where do Nurses go?  
          do they know how to teach  
          Mothers Washing, feeding,  
          Miss Tilt    dressing  
American newspaper  
          learn [?]  
          Organic Chemistry - Bacteriology

f136 {blank}

**f136v**

private Nurses} quacking  
          District " }  
          trained in Hospls=?  
          want it more than  
          other Nurses  
Registration  
          Graduates

{upside down:} Nursing Baskets  
catch words

**f137**

~~Nur~~ Health Missioner's Diary  
Miss Deyns -  
no invitations?  
or does not she note them?  
deficient numbers  
Miss Bartlett deficient Diary  
plenty of invitations 50  
to  
but fewer visits 19  
indefatigable  
not highly educated

f138 {blank}

**f138v**

Difficulties  
Miss Deyns  
No proper notice given  
to mothers  
Mothers always expecting  
to learn *treatment*  
as they did not, would  
not come -  
navel  
Dr brother did not  
help her  
Fenny Stratford  
Both  
milk its value as food  
they always have what we  
have  
x X  
bacon steak potatoes suet  
!! no starch Miss Deyns  
eruptions- child at St. Thomas'  
milk - starvation diet

**f139**

Miss Guthrie Wright

Scottish Branch [13:867-68]

Miss Oldham

Rural Branch

May 28 and 29

I think unconsciously tell the  
whole story of the failure  
of the Peter District Nurses  
& the comparative success of the Scottish  
& Rural Branches

Miss G. Wright, &

Miss Oldham also

keeps in touch with all the

Local Committees- and

whenever she can, she goes to  
see them

~~Nur~~ She keeps in touch  
with *all the* Nurses as much

f140 {blank}

**f140v**

as possible - makes {vert. lines x-out text in folio}

them feel it a privilege

to be a Queen's Nurse,

to help to keep up the

standard of Nursing, to

remain in the Service - [end]

Xmas & Easter Cards 88

Single nurses all

£5200 a year raised in Local

£1000 Committees

Obstetrical Socy= Diploma & Examn=

Cheltenham

draft, ff141-50v, pencil

**f141**

Miss Guthrie Wright [1] May 28/95

*Scottish Council*

1- *Training of Nurses*

at Edinburgh

District " " Nursing the Room?

Maternity? Sanitary?

II *Lectures* - - what good?

III *Appointments*

See III ? promiscuous

IV *Branches-* *Affiliations*

52 or 53 -

Ladies' Committees ?sufficient enquiry

V. *Inspection* see VIII

thorough? or hasty?

5 places? Miss Wade?

Hadden [?]

VI. *Nursing from Home* {Edinbro'

how many a piece? Cases 248

10 Nursing the Room

Glasgow Mrs. Craven

drinking "fads" IX

**f141v** {folio text x-out with vert. line}

3 subjects *Physiology, Hygiene, Obstetrics* of Lectures  
a week. to study

3 Examns= to gether  
too much at Bloomsbury

For the Scottish Nurses

2 lectures a week

on the same subject

only one examn=

15 lectures

tremendous tax the Bloomsbury work

Cooking Lessons

3 practice cheaper Sick room  
dishes

3 demonstrations

Miss Vincent

" Peter

Lpool- near

London

**f142**

{lines x-out text to 'Lady Secy'}  
 Exec. Commee  
 removed from the roll  
 single Nurses  
 two years Hospital  
                   single Nurses  
 Mrs. Craven's book  
 Nurse shd go round  
 Lady Secy-  
 Glasgow  
 Miss Berwick [?] [illeg Sub?] Sup {line from here to Glasgow}  
 Jubilee Day - Pensions - the come  
                   out to Miss G. Wright  
 Dr. Littlejohn - slaughter houses

**f142v**

Manchester  
 Miss Romley Wright  
 not for more than a fortnight {vert. x-out lines from here to  
 end of f}  
 Nurses taken away for  
 emergency work - else she would  
 be removed from the roll. This puts  
 the Nurse on our side  
 School Cookery Book  
   Macmillams  
   *Suggested Rules*  
 Can't be affiliated  
 without showing their rules

**f143**

Miss Guthrie Wright           X           {vert. line thru folio}  
 thinks the 3 subjects a week  
 of Lectures (Physiology, Hygiene,  
                   Obstetrics)  
 to study, & 3 Examns- together,  
 at Bloomsbury a tremendous  
 tax - the Bloomsbury work.  
 For the Scottish Nurses  
 at Edinburgh  
 2 lectures a week, on the same  
 subject (15 in all) & only one  
 examn= is quite enough  
 Then they have  
 Sick Cookery Lessons  
 3 practice           } cheaper Sick  
 3 demonstrations}   dishes  
 X but Miss Masson's trained  
 Nurses say they are so

interesting

F.N.

f144 {blank}

**f144v**

[2]

{vert. line thru folio}

Dr. Little john, is our (Scottish)  
lecturer on Hygiene- He  
is a perfect genius- in teaching  
and he will take out our  
Nurses sometimes- to places  
about Edinburgh- to the  
slaughter houses &c &c -  
& give them a practical  
lesson on the spot.

Every thing is done  
to keep up the  
    esprit de corps  
    standard of Nursing  
    honour of being a Q.V. Jubilee  
    Nurse  
e.g. meeting on Jubilee day  
    Pensions- (not Mr Burdett's)  
    they come out to Miss G. Wright's cottage

**f145**

Miss G.W. Ladies' Co      **[13:867]**

A District (Scottish) Nurse  
may be taken away for  
emergency work but not for  
more than a fortnight. The  
Ladies' Committee ~~is~~ are told that  
if this is exceeded, the Nurse  
will be removed from the  
roll; this puts the Nurses  
on our side

The Nurse is told that, on  
appointment, she should  
go round & call on the  
notabilities & also on some  
of the poor people to see  
if they want a Nurse

f146 {blank}

**f146v**

[2]

As almost all our Nurses  
are on single posts, we  
insist on 2 years'  
Hospital training  
But 12 mo: District  
Nursing at Edinbro'  
instead of 6 is  
quite beyond our means

**f147**

[5]

Miss G.W.

'So many of ours are  
'single Nurses that they  
'require & have at least  
'2 years' Hospital training  
& some have a great  
'deal more -

'But we cannot extend  
the 6 months' District  
training without such great  
additional expence- We  
have not enough Nurses.

We give {overtop have} under limitation  
the power to the Ladies' Comms:  
of sending to us a Nurse,  
approved by us for training  
or of engaging a trained Nurse

f148 {blank}

**f148v**

[6]

approved by us, & her training  
examined into by us x

'I wish St. Katharine's  
'would do something like  
'it' It does

St K.'s should have 2 or  
3 beds for Nurses a little  
poorly & wanting rest  
going from one post to  
another. They do give a night's  
rest [end 13:868]

We do take them in at  
Edinburgh

We let the Ladies' Commees-  
x & it may be 6 mo: instead  
of a year

**f149**

Miss G.W. [7] Lady Secretary {2 diag line x-out text down to  
Duckworth}

is in touch with all the  
Local Committees, & whenever  
she can goes to see them

They are not obliged to see  
Miss Wade as Inspectress -  
but she visits & inspects the Queen's  
Probr= -

Resn- of Mr. Bonham Carter -  
silver band- altered by Sir Dyce  
Duckworth & Miss Paget  
Cookery book - Infant's food  
Milk

52 or 53 branches {line x-out with diag line}

f150 {blank}

**f150v**

Miss P. move love of power than {vert. line thru this and  
next line}

any one I ever knew  
not such a Nurse or such tact  
as Miss Wade

Miss Sarah Peter much more {diag. line thru this line down  
to serious}

brusque than Miss Pauline  
& knows less And the  
Committee is in their hands-  
- serious mistake -

Rural takes a great deal of the  
inspection

Miss Peter dismissed two Nurses {diag. line thru this and  
next line}

We were obliged to pull her up

notes, ff151-52v, pencil

**f151**

Miss Oldham May 29/95

*Rural Branch*

What they do in Midwifery

& Maternity

petite chirurgie - injections

vaginal douches-

expense

Infant's food- milk

brandy-whiskey-beef tea

Rail traffic

cleanliness - washing

- Lectures

- Lady Secretary

exchange advice

Single Nurses

f152 {blank}

**f152v**

Miss G. Wright

& Commee scolded a nurse for  
going to a dance - We said - she  
is alone, if you had asked her  
to ten & sympathized with her

notes, ff153-55v, pencil

**f153**

Lady Priestley Dec 6/95  
Theatre Hygiene = Book  
=Lying in Wards "  
new Matron X  
Book - not Midwifery  
where to get such a Midwife  
Eyes-Infants  
Quain - Bacon-Bacillus  
School feast  
x where? Miss Webster?  
best place to learn?  
Beds & bed-clothes- &  
frequent change

**f154**

Lady Priestley  
Private Nurse in Barracks  
their most objectionable  
behaviour- selected without  
selection - pretty young ladies  
sent to nurse young Officers  
& Officers with the vicious  
disease  
Midwives with their 3 month  
training worth nothing  
Copenhagen Hospl Lying in  
Rich babies worse off than poor  
babies as to feeding  
is entirely against Pr: Xtian's -  
in fact it is a fraud  
How can they register Conduct  
which is half the battle -  
Lectures only for home Nursing  
But do you find results?  
O no we can't do that  
{vert. in marg:}  
I hope our Nurses will never have Microscopes to look at Microbes  
F.N.

f155 {blank}

**f155v**

[2]

The Matron of an Infirmary  
should go into the Lying- in  
Wards the first thing in the  
morning in her fresh clothes  
(but never in & out) & the last  
thing ~~in the~~ at night & not go back  
into the wards afterwards  
Dr. Priestley - Kensington

notes, ff156-59v, pencil

**f156**

Miss Peter 17/12/95 {17 overtop 16}  
Inspection - what she does?  
Affiliation {up diag:} Aylesbury  
Miss Pinchbroke  
Leighton  
Buzzard  
Phelps  
Dr. Pratt

Midwifery & Maternity  
petite chirurgie - injections  
vaginal douches

Conduct  
corresponde with Ladies'  
Committees what the Nurses  
may do & what  
they may not

Appeals against Ladies  
Committees  
Selection

Room for tired Nurses  
passing thro' - to make  
acquaintance with them  
Lady Secy- exchange advice  
esprit de corps

**f156v**

Hygiene  
Mrs. Dowson  
ignorance of

f157 {blank}

**f157v**

[2] expence  
Infant's food- milk  
brandy- whiskey- beef tea  
Cleanliness- washing  
Single nurses 65  
{up diag:} Dr. Littlejohn  
Edinburgh  
The two Questions  
Midwife & District Nurse  
together?  
if 3? under no Supt=?  
2. Establishment of Midwives  
& District Nurses under  
same management? x  
6 mo not before  
Lady Winchelsea  
{up diag:} Mrs. Dowson  
over their heads  
too scientific  
x Dr. Priestley's rule

**f158**

Miss Peter  
never seen Plaistow  
wd not send District  
Nurse to be sent there  
Midwy Nurse training  
good  
Midwife Nurses never Queen's  
Jubilees  
one whole day's inspection  
shouting ladies increasing  
lecture ditto  
room for Nurses

f159 {blank}

**f159v**

[2]  
65 single Nurses  
ladies play & sing & have  
resources & not much to do  
but don't seem to put  
their resources at the disposal  
of the poor

draft, ff160-68, pencil

**f160**

Miss Oldham            April 7/96  
Ld Winchilsea's extolling of the  
    Elementary  
    half trained nurses  
Mr. Burdett's retaliation ~~true~~  
    ~~but~~ exaggerated  
what is the true ~~view~~ course to be  
    followed?  
Midwife - Nurses -  
Elementary Nurses  
all the world directing their  
    attention to these things  
inferior untrained Nurses for  
    the poor - danger of  
Ld Dillon  
    how are we to limit the  
field of action?  
Book

**f161**

how can you combine  
with these untrained Nurses?  
who have sprung up like  
mushrooms- & are  
patronised by all the  
great ladies  
    Dss of Sutherland  
& Miss Guthrie Brown

**f161v**

    [2]            Bloomsbury  
Hygiene-            Lectures  
    nursing the room  
    what does the inspection  
    consist of?  
religious differences  
    do they consider putting  
the room to rights as  
well as the Patient?  
450 Queen's Nurses Scotland & England  
    in service of  
274 {4 ovetop 5} Affiliated Associations  
Midwife Nurses  
Elementary Nurses  
Village Nurses on the same  
    footing        as    Lincolnshire  
                    in Derbyshire

**f162**

[3]

Miss Oldham

we have given up Inspection [13:893-94]  
of Wales (6 districts  
Nurse Rowley from St Thomas  
at Alfreton- beloved by the  
whole place- has been there  
5 years  
Only Alfreton & Buxton in  
Derbyshire have Queen's Nurses  
& are under inspection  
the poor people  
Buxton bought her a pony cart  
4 Districts by subscription  
Elementary Nurses - paid by  
the people themselves:  
cat with them - so poor a fare  
that the ladies give them 2/6 a  
week & they share this with  
the Patient's family

f163 {blank}

**f163v**

[3a]

The Hospl- or Private Nurse  
has to do only with one  
Patient -

The Rural or District Nurse  
with the whole family -  
must be of a superior  
education.

County Nursing Associations  
Derbyshire- Nottingham shire  
Lincolnshire- Hampshire

Midwife - Nurses

Lady Selborne

desperate fight with the enemy  
untrained Nurses - I tell them  
they must not be caught tripping  
Nurses - cheap & nasty  
immense extension [end]

**f164**

[4]

not too many make shifts

consider every detail as you  
would if still in the Hospital

Monthly Nursing

baby feeding

60 single Rural District

Nurses

20

— Midwife Nurses

Hampshire - these not  
affiliated - but inspected  
for £20 a year more  
they could have a fully  
trained Nurse

County Council

London trained Midwives

worst of all

the Midwife ought to attend

& [illeg] do twice a day  
{up diag:} immense  
development

one year Winchelseas

Dss of Sutherland

f165 {blank}

**f165v**

[4a]

for 10 days- wash the

baby & the mother

herself - & see to all detail

of both -

poor people often subscribe for

a pony of their own accords

for the District Nurse

Lady D.N. of she has a piano

will use it for Mothers' Meetings

& to entertain the people

Miss R. Paget not so well

satisfied now with her

Midwives

She showed me her book -

small No= of General cases

Midwife Nurses

large No= District Nurse

**f166**

Sister Monk            }     Health  
Chelsea Infirmary     }     work  
Miss Bruce            }

Chorlton cum Hardy  
Mrs. Redford         Manchester  
Health Missioners  
Miss Guthrie Wright  
for the Meeting?

In this rush of  
Lectures they know as much  
as a Doctor & they can't  
teach their underlings  
to make a Patient  
comfortable

f167 {blank}

**f167v**

*tell them they must  
come up to our standards*  
[the most strict the Institute  
can be about its standard  
the better]  
before we can affiliate them  
[struggle between trained & untrained]  
for one year Lincolnshire  
{up diag:} not forget  
    one single detail  
    Midwife                    Dublin  
& Nurse- teacher  
    only £20 less  
    Queen's Scholar  
    Diploma Obs: Socy

**f168**

tell them they must  
come up to your standard  
before you can affiliate  
them  
    [the more strict the Queen's  
Institute can be about its  
standard the better]  
struggle between trained &  
    untrained  
between registered &  
    unregistered

notes, ff169-71, pencil

**f169**

Miss Oldham May 20/96  
Conversation with Chairman  
Midwives' Bill- Austrian Bill  
for women only so good  
Papers - which part Midwife?  
3. " " Nurse?  
washing the baby- do they  
understand?  
feeding the baby?  
Shrewsbury Cheltenham - religious quarrels {vert:} Plaistow  
not words but making Patient  
comfortable  
Midwifery Nurses - express teaching  
to Mothers

**f169v**

Miss Peter gone into  
Derbyshire  
Counties Associations Ly Selborne  
Derbyshire Lady Belper  
Hampshire  
Nottinghamshire  
Suffolk  
Essex  
Lincolnshire  
Yorkshire people keen  
about babies

f170 {blank}

**f170v**

Rural Nurses  
48 trained Midwives  
Queen's Nurses  
fully trained  
19 Hampshire ones  
Midwives only  
5 " "  
{up diag:} Mr Martin  
Miss Rachel Pigott  
Midwife  
Sikken  
Scinde  
Uridge Cheltenham {word semi-circled}  
Miss Vincent

**f171**

Miss Oldham  
Salisbury Plains  
about £80 a year a  
Queen's Nurse costs  
Lincolnshire - Ld- Winchelsea  
We the Rural Branch had  
been trying for a year to make  
them raise the standard of  
their Nurses- then they  
applied direct to the Queen's  
Institute (not thro' us) to  
be affiliated - who affiliated  
them? for one year  
Is that year over?  
County Council?

note, f172, pencil

**f172**

Miss Charlotte Macleod [13:520-21]  
Nov 28/96  
Private Nurses - go off *after one year*  
business  
Proportion of trained to  
one-year Nurses in Hospital  
accommodation  
hierarchy  
supervision  
Influence of Hospital Sisters  
Professors of Physiology  
bookish or  
Nurses {vert in r marg:} discipline  
loyalty  
good habits  
Central Societies of Matrons  
graduating downwards  
under graduates  
graduates

note, ff173-75, pencil, from a meeting with Dr Scharlieb

**f173**

Mrs. Scharlieb March 23/97 [10:772-73]

Plague Bombay

Women's Hospl-

are lady Nurses less than  
men secundum artem?

are they more tender?

[get hold of a word] ladies -  
not a fact

you don't take in lying- in  
cases?

Miss Macdonald

House - one lying-in a year  
in one room

real prophylactic  
remedy against Death  
rate

K.C.H.

One Midwife delivered all  
3 rooms) cases normal &  
abnormal

what is the proportion of  
abnormal? to normal?

**f173v**

[3]

operations abdominal Section

Ovariotomy

Dr. Haffkine, the inoculator  
for Plague & Diphtheria

some man as the Surgeon Major

Genl- *who receives Nurses at Bombay*

the present Bloomsbury Sq

Nurses

"glorified housemaids"

made babies' foods - all unwhole

some - all have starch in

them which spoils the

digestion- bottles with long

tubes inadmissible - can't

be cleaned

**f174**

149 Harley St  
Mrs. Scharlieb M.D.  
B.S.

Mrs. Scharlieb will send  
me her scheme for maternity  
Nursing  
& Miss Harris from her  
Hospl- will give instruction  
for the fortnight - not for  
older children. There is  
a house for her & her  
students

**f174v**

[2]

What would be the scheme  
for training *Maternity*  
*Nurses* now  
for Q.V. District Nurses  
Teaching mothers to *feed*,  
clothe & wash their babies  
National importance  
do you teach it?

we are only on the  
threshold of training [end 10:773]  
words

La Charité: Paris- no  
- Mortality now  
fearful formerly in La Matern {word goes off page} [Maternité]  
& all General Hospls- Paris

notes, ff175-77, pencil

**f175**

Miss Scovil from America [13:524]

March 30/97

1 Hospital & Training School

under same head

with Home Sisters

District Nursing

under its own Supt- & Home

Inspectress for single District Nurses

Private Nurses - how in

America?

2. "small & compact state"

England. "Register will

do

England + India + Australia

1. Fiji Colonies

2. Ireland R.C-

"Register" won't do

3 Do Meetings of Supts=

do?

4 ~~Training only on the~~

~~threshold~~

1. Executive 2 Nurse 3 Doctor

f176 {blank}

**f176v**

[2]

4 Training on the threshold

Maternity (1) Mothers feeding infants

nursing (2) District Nurses

(3) Private Nurses

(4) Wards Teaching Health

as well as disease

5. Words (Lectures)

instead of Nurses

6 Ambulance Classes

6. Hierarchy of Nurses

7. "Graduated"!

8. Doctors secundem artes

9. Probrs= 1<sup>st</sup> year

2<sup>nd</sup> year

Books: books: books

with a skeleton

Is a Probr= a book?

**f177**

Miss Scovil [Scovill]

Cannot make a contract now  
between Canada & America

You must live in America to make a  
contract in America

I am not eligible for the Lady Supts=  
Association

notes, ff178-80v, pencil

**f178**

Miss Oldham May 4/97

Maternity Nursing

" training

Objections

Causes of decline

Inspection

Training the poor {vert. text:} what do you  
expect from the  
Bill?

buried 14 children

Bloomsbury teaching

Maternity - Midwife & Nurse

tender

twice a day - (Morning & evening

for the first 7 days

always washing baby

~~twice~~ once a day for the next

7 washing baby

always seeing the old Baby

**f179**

If people had any idea of  
what a Midwife is & what  
she ought to be, for she  
holds in her hands a great  
measure or the national  
health (mother & infant)  
they would recoil at the  
bare idea of 3 months'  
training!

Miss Davies from K.C.H.

went with Mrs. Chant to

Crete

**f179v**

Committees  
you must not of course  
find fault with the nurse  
before the Patient  
*nor send a Report with a*  
Nurse's fault in to a  
Committee without having  
previously got the Committee  
on your side

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Franklin ~~not~~ a lady HyBC taught  
Mrs. Swan a would be lady  
by being her Staff Nurse  
Hospital page

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Mr. Martin their Chairman  
wd not sit at the head of  
a Committee if the Q.V.s made  
them such conditions  
all in the hands of one  
man Peile

**f180**

Hospls- under Miss Oldham {squiggly line from 'under to  
Private'}  
Shrewsbury  
Cheltenham

Private Nurses

good {good has 3 'o's}

X

Maternity Nursing (after our  
fashions - children up to two years old)  
closely supervised by  
Miss Oldham who showed  
them with her own hands  
we look at our old babies  
too- mothers quite sensitive  
about it

Nurses remember long after  
These single Nurses require  
much more supervision  
than others.

x Mother is left to wash her child

**f180v**

Mrs. Shaw            Buxton  
  Monthly Nurse - excellent  
Dietary not leaflet  
Midwife & Nurse tender  
                  Irish  
Welsh Centre  
Free Foresters boys of 7  
                  my Club  
Salvation Army - drinking  
                  Inspection  
Miss Peter  
  {Miss Armstrong    North  
  {Miss Sarah Peter Centre  
  {Miss                    South  
  {all Scotch

notes, ff181-82v, pencil, probably from a meeting

**f181**

*Miss Rider*            June 30/97            **[13:566]**  
5 private Nurses - no  
  Hospl= Nurses - Mrs. B. Fenwick  
                  lived in Hotel  
25 beds    Piraeas  
                  Chalcis Euboea  
such an expence  
& the 25 beds might just  
as well have been in the  
large Athenian Hospl=  
Greek ladies admirable  
English Nurses quite discredited  
  flirting- even the good ones  
going to balls & parties -  
walking arm in arm with  
Greek gentlemen -  
But one good thing has

f182 {blank}

**f182v**

[2]

happened- they won't have  
any English Nurses- but  
in the new large Athenian  
Hospl= Greek ladies are to  
nurse it entirely- & to have  
a Training School for their  
daughters there  
Greek ladies splendid workers -  
asked me to come back  
Greek Doctors-  
Sister Frances of Dunbar  
Glasgow best  
Mauvais (5) quarts d'heure

note, f183, pencil

**f183**

Miss Rider June 30/97 [13:566]  
Greece  
Larissa  
Lamia  
Volo  
Athens?  
Greek women - Nurses  
Mrs. B.F.  
English Hospital  
Nurses - which the best?  
Mrs. O. Chant cuckoo's eggs  
untrained [end 13:566]

draft, ff184-87v, pencil

[13:897]

**f184**

ask Miss Perssè District} Nov 29/98 [1]

Nurses }

whether Health Lectures are given by  
the Nurses or by the ladies

A Nurse is the person Practical work Not to go  
into the Schools

2 their relation to the clergy?  
under

their own no formal Patients

Committee gelatin may apply laity? the parents  
into it

themselves Nurse not (I do

3 President or Chairwoman of the it  
Committee

Mr. Bonham Carter twelve into Cheadle  
on the on the Committee  
Committee

4 manual- work not part of the bargain  
get it suggests -  
done by

Patients

5 Visiting lady to be in connection  
with the Hospital? Hospital to  
tell what the child should have?

Children's Aid Socy=) St Mary's Kitchen

6 what qualification is the Lady Supt=  
supposed to have?

~~not~~ paid?

thoroughly trained Nurse

7 do you pay your ladies? you pay  
under the Technical Education Board?  
see p 2

f184v {printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

**f185**

[2]

under the Technical Education Board?  
immediately under the organizing  
Secretary Miss Pycroft?  
in touch with the Medical Officers of  
Health

8 ~~whether they are and in what way they~~  
are not officially under the Medical  
Officers of Health  
report things to M.O.s

zoro

9 what pay? £30 & £42 uniform  
10 what rank of life? Brown Holland  
all gentlewomen

11 what instructions do they have?  
Lectures in Hospl=

12 how many? 6

13 are they in connection with the  
Sanitary Inspectors? No

14? any examination

**f185v**

F.V. must have this  
by Wednesday  
F.V may come & talk  
to Mr. B.C. about it  
& make an appointment  
to give him the information  
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE. W.

**f186**

answers

1. A Nurse is the person to lecture But-  
practical work is the only true  
"Lecture". The Nurse should not  
go into the Schools- That takes the  
authority off the parents & school  
master & mistress - puts the parents into the  
back ground
- 2 The Nurses are under their own  
Committee- There is no formal  
relation to the clergy- (hasty Patients may  
apply themselves. Nurses would do it.
- 3 Mr. Bonham Carter  
twelve on the Committee  
Mrs. Cheadle on the Committee  
" manual work- get it done by the  
Patients- suggest- don't order  
V. Children's Aid Society)  
St. Mary's Kitchen ) to supply food  
" Lady Supt- to be a thoroughly  
trained Nurse- should be paid

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**f187**

Answers [2]

- 6 7 Yes: you pay your ladies
- 8 They are not officially under the  
Medical Officers of Health  
They report to the M.O.s  
" £30 to £42 & uniform (Brown Holland  
10 all gentlewomen  
11 Lectures in Hospital  
12 Six
13. Not in connection with the Sanitary  
Inspectors
- 14 No other examination than the  
Hospital one

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draft, ff188-93, pencil

**f188**

Miss Peter

great loss of work if we  
give up the combined Nursing  
& Midwifery

have never seen Plaistow -

Wd never have a Nurse from  
there

O I think the Inspection is  
very well done - if I  
had out an Assistant

- my sister takes all the  
one=Nurses

has no idea of the modern  
views

we have a room at St Katha'r  
for Nurses

f189 {blank}

**f189v**

[2]

have never met with an  
accident from Midwy &  
Nursing together

Ladies, you know, have so  
many resources & ~~so~~ little  
to do - they can use their  
evenings without ennui

**f190**

- [2] *English* Is Miss Peter satisfied?
1. *Affiliation* much too quick
- II. *Nurses* v. *Ladies Committees*  
    ? given up  
    ? no "interferences"  
    *Appointments*           barn?
- III any selection?  
    or promiscuous?
- IV- ~~no~~ *Espirit de Corps*?  
    ~~no~~ standard of nursing?  
    ~~no~~ care for being nurses?
4. Q.V. nothing but a Register?
- VI- quack Nurses?  
VII rules of Q.V. carried out?  
VIII I or perfect Inspection?  
IX considered "fads"?  
X. different class of Nurses?
- Note. Drink?  
" Sanitary Commee=} *Edinburgh*?

**f190v**

Home Private  
    Miss Shirley  
        Nurses' Home  
    Stoke on Trent  
Private Nurses  
    from Victoria Hospl  
        96 Belgrave Road

**f191**

Pye's Surgery  
    large Edit

**f191v**

- [2]
- Suggestions*
1. 5 or 6 Nurse at St Katharine's? for temporary service?
  - 2 12 months instead of 6  
    at Bloomsbury {Sanitary impossible at Edinburgh{? Edinburgh [illeg]
  3. Nursing the room= kept up  
    ?
- Supts=' Council  
Glasgow

**f192**

Miss Peter [3]  
Lying in Cases do recover  
so quickly if attended ~~by~~  
*and washed* by the  
District Nurse, sent for  
by the Medical Man -  
They look quite different  
the next day  
6 training places in  
~~England~~ London - some  
in N of England- Those  
Nurses often asked for -  
Yorkshire likes Yorksh=  
Wales Welsh women

**f192v**

Committee knows nothing  
I judge Conduct by  
what I see in one  
day  
my Sister does the  
Single Nurses  
65

**f193**

[4]  
Ladies *and* gentlemen's  
Committees  
Midwife & District Nurse  
separate bed-rooms  
corresponde- immense  
I imagine a Hospl Nurse  
with no one over her  
& one Matron's visit  
a year  
impossible position  
must have, another Inspector  
but even so young  
wants to do her best  
but not intelligent enough  
to know what the best  
is  
improved  
more lively but more  
depressed  
thinks she must resign

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ff1-2 {too faint to read}, with comments, good etc.

M Cameron; J Spragge; G Rosewarne; J Brough; F.S. Parkinson;  
L. Fuller/ a lady of good abilities/moderate/good/good; M.A.  
Sterling;

E. Crowdace; a lady of far abilities deficient in method & order  
W. Clenhow; M.A. Chaplin

**f2** pencil notes

2 Jan 24/73

Miss Worthington

came Nov 20 1872

from Miss Wilson

under Sister Butler F.M.

Airy Leopold

tittupy - flippant, pretension-y

veil down - ambitious - clever

not much feeling -adventurous

thinks 1 year's training not

enough awkward from

excess of self-confidence - talky

under bred - no religion

may be persevering firm ambition

to excel - but takes the thing

up as an adventure (like Nap III

complained of nothing

though no small beer of herself

proficiency in Words does not

justify this

liked S. Butler

& Nurse Hart in Leopold. - not Crockett

[up side] no aspiration whatever except worldly success

notes, f3, pencil

**f3**

Miss Beresford Jan 25/73

came Nov 24/72

under Sister Starling Children's

1 week

" Butler F.M.

1 fortnight

Miss Berryman

in Alexandra " Williams F.S.

Teaches well Leighton Alexandra

6 weeks

as poor a two-fisted thing as I

ever saw

will run Miss Spencer

no love of the thing - no heart in it

a mawkin to frighten away

good nurses  
complained of every thing but Miss  
W. Wants amusement  
like Miss Gregory  
has plenty of time in afternoon  
for Diaries & Cases - but wants  
to go out or do needle-work  
neither Starling, Butler nor Leighton teach  
her anything  
does not like being on duty 6-10 p.m. on Sundays

notes, f4, pencil



notes, ff5-5v, pencil

**f5**

Miss Papps                      Jan 29/73  
  came Feb 1872  
under Miss March                George M.M.  
  Miss Bourne                  Children  
                                    F.S.  
  Miss Cameron                M.S.  
  Miss Starling: Children's  
  Night Nurse to Special Cases  
  "        "                      Miss Williams  
all these good Sisters  
  Miss Bourne    capital    but over/laden

  Miss Cameron best  
Nurse Papps ] yearly at Earleswood  
                                    Idiot Asylum  
  emotional    deeply religious  
  in want of effort  
looks too young    very modest &  
shy about men  
fell on her knees & begged me "to say

**f5v**

"a good word to her for herself"  
Miss Parkinson very kind to her

notes, ff6-7, pencil

**f6**

Miss Stapylton: Jan 30/73  
came Jan 10/72  
under Sister Notcutt: Arthur  
Nurse Barclay M.M.  
1 week  
under Sister Pringle  
Miss Chapman M.S.  
4 days  
like Agnes Jones - most spiritual  
& interesting  
High Church: but not intelligent  
Barlbro' Rectory - under 1st father  
next brother  
did all in Parish work- Choir &c  
sister to Mrs Gelcourt  
4 married sisters died in confinements  
one Sister Convalescent Home Birlington  
Miss Notcutt perfect disciplinarian  
never says kind word to Patients  
not much in her Ward  
Miss Bowlby most good, kind, religious

**f6v**

Miss Chapman hard bad temper  
but good nurse  
Sister Pringle always a kind  
word for Patients  
feels the Home very dreary  
Miss Parkinson not kind to Miss  
Enderby worse  
Mr Goulden does not teach singing  
better at the instrument than  
as an accompanist  
they sing out of tune  
he does not pull them up  
sing second parts  
wishes for a day at her mothers  
to go to early Communion 3 or 4  
times a month at All Saints  
reading Medical & Anatomy Weber

**f7**

wishes for Workhouse Infirmary  
work  
occupied principally at emptying  
"Chambers"  
Mrs Wardr kind to her  
does not like any of the  
Probrs but Miss Hornby  
finds the Hospital less  
the Home more distasteful  
than she expected  
green young Saint  
Hospital too nasty work except  
for hope of doing good to Patients  
wants to teach "Catechism"  
shocked at their not kneeling  
"say your prayers sometimes for me"  
"shall get like Miss Parkinson (as narrow  
v  
minded) if I don't read the  
newspapers"

notes, ff8-8v, pencil

**f8**

Miss Leslie Feb 1/73  
(Mr Rathbone)  
came April '72  
under Sister Pringle Albert  
Nurse Chapman  
3 months  
Sister Butler Alice  
Nurse Tabley F.M. [Tabler?]  
3 months  
then Sister's duty in Albert  
3 weeks  
under Sister Bull Charity  
Nurse Goddard M.M.  
1 month  
then Sister's duty in Charity  
3 weeks  
now under S Blundell Adelaide  
Nurse Ann Obstetrics  
Sister Pringle capital  
Nurse Chapman good to her Superiors  
not to her Probationers  
temper so uncertain  
radiant tomorrow  
offensive today

**f8v**

Sister Butler        2 weeks  
  keeps good discipline  
  nothing else

Nurse Tabley  
  very good

little to be learnt in that ward

Sister Bull        1 ward  
keeps no discipline  
  but is good to the Patients  
calls attention of Probationers  
  to symptoms

had much rather be Sister Bull  
  than Sister Butler

Probrs sometimes scarce  
had sometimes to do Sister's  
  & Probationer's duty both  
had to spare both Probationers  
day & night duty on Special Ward

f9v pencil note

Mrs Epsley  
10 Cleaver St  
Prince's Square  
Kennington Park Road

Miss Wharton

5. Miss Eliza Blackman  
Endmoor Cottage  
near Kendal  
Westmorland

f10

Mrs Epsley age 42  
1872

1 Miss Croft 150 Harley St. 5 mo.  
Age 73

2 Mrs Hammond 1871 3 & 9 mos.  
Fedbro' Rectory [Tedboro?]  
Newark  
Nottinghamsh

Revd Charles Nevill

3. Mrs Salwey 1870 12 months  
Elton Hall  
near Ludlow

nursed her husband 73 age

4 Miss Johnson 1869 12 months

3 The Park  
Ealing

5 nursed her mother 84 age

Revd Mr Blackman age 64 paralysis 3 years & 9 months

6 King's College Hospital 1864 for a year

(Mrs Rogers died) Sister Laura

Sister Sophia No 4 & 5 men's ward Burbidge

f11

Mrs Epsley Feb 6/73 [arch: possible attendant for Mrs  
Nightingale]

Even after 1½ hours hard talking  
I can form but a small judgment  
I like her clear, open eyes  
I should think her  
cold & hard, frank & candid,  
good & conscientious  
but for her credit's sake  
talky & tiresome  
peremptory - treating her Patient  
like a child  
not respectful  
would not like to take hints  
reads well aloud  
cheerful  
I should doubt her steadily remaining  
in one place for years  
Her 'characters' are next to nothing  
None from anyone we know,  
except Miss Jones, of King's College-  
& Miss Wharton from whom she has

**f12v**

but a 5 months character  
That is nothing - I thought she  
had been with Miss Croft 3 or 4  
years

[I had a 20 years' character with  
Webb when I took her & 26 when  
I gave her to my mother.

If a woman of 42 can't keep  
straight for 5 months of course  
she *must* be a reprobate.]

I told her in answer to her questions  
that we shd take *all* her characters

She did not like my asking Miss  
Jones - gave but a lame account  
of her leaving King's College.

To my mind (but then it is 9 years  
ago) Miss Jones' is the only character  
worth having

You or someone will of course see  
Miss Wharton

If you will return me both these sheets  
& tell me which others you will  
write to, I will do the rest.

notes, ff13-14, pencil

**f13**

pretty  
Miss Leighton consumptive Feb 16/73  
came April / 72  
under Sister Pringle Albert  
2 months  
Parkinson M.F.  
1 month  
Butler M.F.  
3 months  
Williams S.F.  
2 months

Since Xmas on Sister: duty  
in Alexandra Miss Williams  
want of tact }  
making suggestions } Miss Pringle  
not good management of her art  
Mr. Croft

nor of her Nurses  
[Miss Parkinson the only one  
but " Pringle  
who has taught her anything]  
Nurse Berryman: her day Nurse  
Pilcher night  
jealous of each other

**f13v**

religious  
did Nurse Papps good  
Night Nurses come on at 10 p.m.  
drink tea 3 a.m.  
go off at 8.30 or  
9 a.m.  
breakfast on meal  
& go out

**f14**

Miss Worthington }  
Nurse Gasp } her Probrs  
is sure the Nurses make the  
Patients wait for bed=pans  
till Lady P's come in  
Nurse Chapman: good  
not religious  
Mr Croft } both think about  
Le Gros Clark } their Patients  
being prepared  
for death  
intelligent: affected: conceited  
real heart in the matter  
want of tact: but from not  
knowing enough, not being  
sufficiently trained  
no great capacity  
Mrs. Rhodes her best friend

notes, ff15-15v, pencil

**f15**

Sister of Arthur Feb 18/73  
Mrs Rhodes M.M.  
widow  
came Feb 1872  
under Miss Parkinson F.M.  
4 months  
Miss Bourne F.S.  
1 month  
Miss Jennings M.S. (Clayton)  
1 month  
Miss Cameron M.S.  
2 days  
Miss Stains M.S. (Edward  
1 month  
Sister for a week in Elizabeth F.S.  
Miss Starling Children's  
2 weeks  
Miss Notcutt 2 weeks Arthur  
night duty in Ovariectomy & c M.M.  
day duty to Miss Williams  
no capacity no interest in anything  
Miss Stains showed her most  
Miss Parkinson next most  
Miss Bourne not good Sister  
did not get up her cases for  
Dr.  
did not tell them the truth  
Miss Jennings not good Sister

**f15v**

her Day Nurse is ? Bowley  
Night Mitchell  
(not a N. Probr  
Probr Miss Worthington  
Nurse Hart clever  
but throws work on Probrs  
[Nurse Goddard very slow  
throws poultices on Probrs  
or not done at all  
Miss Hill]

f16 pencil note

Day Leopold  
Hart Nurse 6 or 7 years  
Evans Probr 11 month  
Barker Probr 9  
delicate  
Hammock Probr 8  
Hignett 8 (4)

Castle (under Albert) 6  
Burdett (Highgate)  
Humphreys (consideration  
Hunt (Quaker grotesque  
strongly not Strong  
Lennox ?  
[on diagonal] 330 -340-350  
32 or 33 or 35  
Housekeeper: Miss Moore

f17 [Jan or Feb 1875]  
better Sisters with undisputed Superiority ~~authority~~  
A Sister Extra to teach spelling & writing  
give Bible classes  
exercise a real influence  
Wanted more in Hospitals than in private  
families  
But/are those who/ feel the want most of what they ave a right to  
look for  
more scramble for a remunerative place  
but are most discouraged  
Miss Parkinson  
Miss Starling  
Sisters doing so little to guide the Nurses  
Miss Barclay  
Miss Hill  
----  
Smith  
Bull  
Miss Pringle  
Our/ ill-educated nurses very conceited

f18

Food Sisters Home  
Bandaging Lay figure  
Humphreys knows no more than a cat  
Miss P's Lessons about bandaging afternoons  
Singing  
Miss Parkinson [illeg on diagonal]  
Housekeeping & General  
2 General Inspt 2 days in the week  
mornng & aftern  
1 Bible Class  
presides over the Lady Ps  
enters in names at Lectures

notes, ff19-20, pencil

**f19**

Nurse Evans                      March 22/73  
    came March 1/72  
liked Sister Extra            {a fortnight on night duty  
                                  {in the Home or sick Nurse Randall  
                                  x{3 months surgical Female  
                                  {Alexandra & Elizabeth  
                                  { Miss Bourne  
                                  x{3 months Children's: Victoria  
S.F.        3        }                      Miss Lemon  
S.M.       1 3/4    }4 3/4    x{1 mo Surgical Male  
M.F.       3        }3                      Miss Cameron  
M.M.       0                      x{3 wks S.M. Leopold  
Children's 3        }3                      Miss Airey  
likes Miss Butler                x{7 wks Female Medl Mary  
                                  Miss Butler  
                                  x{5 wks F.M. Alice  
                                  Miss Butler  
                                  {2 wks Ophthalmic  
                                  {1 " night Hatcher  
has not been at all on Male Medical  
    is going now to Charity: but  
    wants to go back to Ophthalmic  
as self-comfortable but kindly a  
    jack-ass (or Joan-ass) as ever I saw -  
thinks she does every thing well -

**f19v**

used to sit up with Sister Extra at night gossiping  
terrible gossip flighty flirty - not thorough no use  
    {Miss Lemon]  
"at last we never knew                      never under  
    what tales might be                      Miss Pringle  
    brought against Sisters  
    by Probrs  
    encouraged in Home by S. Extra  
    nor what tales might be not be brought  
    to one Ward of another                      by frequent change  
    of Probrs"  
    [Miss Lemon]  
Paralysed woman who died.

**f20**

gets up easily to misinform herself  
'does not want any time - off duty -  
'has done her Notes very well  
    (her Notes scanty, illegible  
    ill spelt - no grammar)  
'thinks she is perfect -  
    her training perfect  
does not think she wants any  
    education  
keeps Diary - no cases -  
    can do it very well  
does not want any lessons  
    knows a good deal about the  
bones (Miss Hill taught her)  
    understands & reports Mr. Croft's  
Lectures perfectly  
    Welsh

intelligent & interested account  
of some of her cases - specially  
    in Alice Ward



**f22**

likes Male Surgical best  
least trouble  
men don't complain  
not intellectually active enough for a Sister  
not physically active Nurse  
No love for her work  
Welsh  
if there is anything in her  
it requires a hand press  
to get it out  
appears to know nothing  
about Ward Management  
nor about Bandaging  
nor about note writing  
never under Miss Pringle

notes, f23, pencil

**f23**

Humphreys {arch: 1873}  
completed her year's training -  
knows little about Bandaging  
- especially head Bandaging -  
It is not all Patients who will  
lend their heads or their legs  
to be bandaged upon -  
Especially the heads &  
especially the children cry  
Bourne gave her one day's teaching  
-then she was removed for  
"an emergency"  
Stains has taught her -  
but boy on whose head she  
was teaching her cried

notes, f24-25, pencil

**f24**

Nurse Rutherford

March 25/73

came March 6 /72

{7 wks Female

{Miss Parkinson

3 wks Medical Male. Bull

Miss Cameron {4 months: Surgical Male

taught me most {Miss Cameron {Leopold  
{& Edward

a fortnight on night duty 1 mo: S.M. Albert  
Miss Pringle

on night duty special 1 wk: Leopold S.M. Miss Airey  
37 wks: back to Albert

months Miss Pringle

S.F. 2 ¼ 9 ¼ 9 wks: Surgical Female

S.M. 7 Elizabeth Miss Hawthorn

M.F. 1 3/4

M.M. 3/4 now on Staff Night duty  
in Leopold S.M. Miss Airey

a most capital little woman

no education but one can't find

it in one's heart to regret it

She seems as good as she can be

but regrets want of education

not conceited - no complaints

an enthusiasm for her work

for her Sisters

**f25**

likes Surgical work best  
not enough to do in Medical  
likes to be always at work  
no wish for any time off duty  
likes the bustle the hard work  
of a Male Surgical Ward  
never heard any bad language  
on night duty from 10 to 9¼ a.m.  
only 2 Patients out of bed in  
Leopold - one a sailor will dust  
like a woman -  
always taught bandaging on a  
live Patient  
Patients like it.  
learnt her bandaging on a woman  
with cancer in Elizabeth  
on a boy of 6 leg bandaging in Miss  
Cameron's  
Patients miss it if you don't do it.

**F26**

Miss Lemon Probr Old Surrey  
under sister Duke  
Female Surgical  
Queen's  
3 months  
under Sister Butler  
Female Medical Elizabeth  
4 months  
then made sister at new  
St. Thomas' of Children's Ward  
in Sept 1871  
felt she knew absolutely nothing  
had learnt nothing except from  
a nurse in Queen's (Davidson)  
never learnt how to give Reports  
to Drs. of cases  
(thinks it wd be a good plan  
to report to Dr herself upon  
under Sister's eye)  
unhappy in Home on account of  
Sister Extra

**f26v**

but liked her work  
~~the much~~ disappointed with  
the whole tone & spirit  
came in in consequence of Una  
"never heard" my "name all  
the time she was there"  
food so much better in Probrs Home  
than at Hospital

thinks it would be better for  
~~Probrs~~ sisters & Nurses  
to dine in Home  
food of Nurses excellent  
at Edinburgh: this due to Miss  
Barclay

**f27**

Means by good Ward Management  
Probr having kept Ward well ventilated  
everything up to mark in Sister's  
absence - if cases looked well & comfortable  
made her tell what she had told  
Dr. about cases if he came in  
if his good, put her down as good  
at W.M.

**F28**

Miss Lemon: Probrs  
Barker ill tempered  
Evans conceited untrustworthy  
    flirting - sat up with S. Extra  
    night after night  
Upton not thorough or trustworthy  
Robinson best  
Berryman lazy = wd not give the  
    children the bedpans  
    untruthful = mischievous  
Hignett nurse maid very good  
Sparkes very poor creature giddy  
    mischievous - now in Albert  
Miss Airy. The good little nurse  
Williams - the embryo first rate Supt  
Berrryman}  
    Lee} tale-bearers to Matron  
        of Miss Bourne  
        untruthful mischievous  
        that she did not give the  
        stimulant  
    Rosewarne her nurse might not  
    Randall her night nurse eccentric  
        affectation - ill health - but good  
Cross formerly nurse maid  
    (Not Probr) now nurse

f29v  
weak  
pretentious  
sententious

**f30**

Miss Lemon  
felt that she"shd get a worse woman

if she stayed  
about May -they felt such disappoint  
ment - they had expected so much  
from the new place - a cloud of  
suspicion came over the place  
everybody suspecting everybody  
"you never knew what tales your  
Probrs might not carry or matron  
might not listen to against you"  
But "shd not have given it up, if I  
had known what it wd cost me"  
Miss Bourne went because she was  
so embittered at her P's words  
being taken against her  
Matron very strange - very irritable  
much more so than in old Surrey  
Gardens - quite unlike herself about illeg  
Mr Whitfield deserted her -did nothing. Miss Lemon  
[up side] hardly ever saw her

**f31v**

Lyons/ religious woman - finds all she wants in  
Miss B. - so perfectly happy at Edinboro  
Watkin } a little discouraged  
Bothwell} at Miss Barclay's sharp ways  
Miss Bourne had had a  
disappointment in love  
but it was nothing of that sort  
that made her says she had  
'left her heart' at 'st. T's  
her hurt was in her work  
a House Surgeon cared for her but  
not she for him  
her heart is still in the work  
but she wanted a prop  
which she did not find

f32

Miss Bourne  
perpetual quarrels with matron  
as Probr  
made a Sister  
2 Female Surgicals - too heavy  
for anybody  
learnt to neglect her work  
went out after case of Ovariectomy  
Lemon told her - little short of murder  
wd not take a hint  
Matron never met her without  
sparring  
Matron not always wrong  
but Miss Bourne hurt &  
humiliated to last illeg by

Berrmyman's & Lee's tales  
about her not giving stimulants  
which was tales  
Bourne deteriorated visibly  
flirtatious  
got no help any where

f32v  
now in private nursing  
very unhappy  
"heart broken"  
says she has left her heart at  
St. T..'s  
Can't come to London  
can't take other Hospital work  
[ought not to be in charge  
of Nurses=  
cd not be trusted  
in a Cottage Hospital  
with one other nurse  
& care of the sick poor  
wd  
- her Patients worshipped her]  
very clever sister - very quick  
splints for Excision cases  
beautiful  
she ad not trustworthy  
Nurses under her  
Rosewarne  
Maynard

notes, f33-36, pencil

### **f33**

latter part of the time  
there came a chill & a cloud  
over everything  
Drs all talking about it in  
the Wards  
but for months the tale bearing  
backwards & forwards of  
Probrs the constant change  
of them bringing gossip into  
the Wards of other Wards  
all heightened by S. Extra  
fostering exaggerating &c  
"never was so miserable" (Miss Lemon  
never was so happy in my life  
as at Edinburgh  
there I found the help wanting  
at St T.s

**f33v**

Cameron went on the Saturday  
Bourne on the Monday  
to Miss Cameron's  
Lemon on the Wednesday  
September 1872  
Cameron/Bourne after a great & unjust  
blow up as she thought it  
from Matron  
gave warning 3 months  
Matron said she was to go in a fortnight  
Then when on the Thursday she was  
going Matron said on the  
Sunday I shall want your  
room tomorrow  
(put Miss Williams in)  
Bourne sate up all night packing  
asked Lemon to take her to Cameron's  
her agitation frightful to witness  
"I know, I know I have done my work  
badly - have fallen lower, but Matron  
Matron Matron"  
humiliated - bitter did not  
[up side] care what became of her

**f34**

Miss Lemon  
Nurse Evans 3 months under  
Humphreys 1 week

{f35 blank}

f35v

Religions

Butler

Hills

Castle

?Evans

Yardley

Miller

notes, f37-40v, pencil

**f37**

Hannah Hammock            April 14/73            [Hammond?]

came May 8/72

14 weeks    Clayton: Surgical Male  
                                 Miss Jennings

White: Nurse: not good  
no one showed her anything  
but Robertson (now at Edinburgh)  
her fellow Probrs

1 week    Leopold S.M. Miss Cameron  
because ward heavy

2 months    Alice Medical Female  
of which 2 weeks night Miss Butler

1 week    Mary M. F. Miss Butler  
showed her nothing

3 weeks    Elizabeth Surgical Female  
                                 Miss Hawthorn

6 weeks    Charity Male Medical  
                                 Bull

1 week ill    with fever  
hanging over a Typhoid case  
who however recovered

3 weeks    Elizabeth S.F. Miss Hawthorne  
likes Medical Work great deal  
of bathing heavy work with the rheumatic  
females 'so queerly overloaded with clothes



**f38**

are often obliged to take children  
wh fret out of Children's Ward  
& put them in Adults Wards where  
they don't fret

took a little burnt boy 3 ½ out of  
Victoria where he did nothing but cry  
put him in Clayton quite happy -  
all the men petted him - one a  
quite young man of 21 not a father  
used to wash & dress him better than  
a woman little man did not like  
doctors' days, because he hadn't Bunny  
(Cotton Wool on - always ran to he  
friend to comfort him - & when  
his mother's visits were over

Men never use bad language  
except they are ~~insensible~~ delirious  
as soon as they are come to, leave  
it off

Tee-totaller wd not take spirits  
Typhoid Fever except when unconscious  
young man  
got better

**f38v**

none ever seem to speak  
a word in season, a good  
word to help them  
through life from one  
year's end to the other  
to these Nurse=Probationers  
(this particularly striking  
with Butler)

**f39 pencil note**

April 15/73

Worthington

Pyne

Hornby

these young ladies rush about  
among the Patients not as  
intelligent Nurses but as aids  
they have neither the strong  
personal benevolent interest  
in the individual  
nor the active intellectual  
interest in the case - nor the  
pleasure in good Ward Management  
that we used to have  
not one of them can give  
an intelligible account of a  
case  
not one of them has  
taken note of cases [we used  
to take notes of the very first  
case we ever saw]

**f39v**

not one has been shown by the  
Sisters how to observe  
symptoms, progress of cases  
& so on

not one knows anything of  
Bandaging - nor of Ward Management  
nor how to report to Doctors

their time seems wholly taken  
up with rushing about tidying  
after Dressers, holding basins,  
washing up, making beds,  
dusting &c

few hear what Doctor says,  
for, between fetching the basin  
for him to wash his hands &  
not being able to get close to him

they cannot hear - 2 Probs

they have never the same cases

[line to 2 days running]



**f41**

Miss Parkinson April 16/73  
7 months in Queens: Female Surgical  
Miss Duke

liked her  
4 Probationers  
Miss Cameron once  
2 mos in Elizabeth: Female Medical  
Miss Butler

then went to Highgate  
no other training  
came to St. Thomas' as Sister  
Female Medical

in September 1871

St. Thomas' Training School  
now in its second infancy  
as she well says -

must never expect any reforms  
from her

What training she has had herself  
(& wh: she thinks perfect)

this - & no more - she will wish for  
others

narrow, self-diffident - ~~with~~/making her Conservative -  
not self-diffident wh: urges her on.

**f41v**

Sister Reports

by *Trustworthy*

she means carrying out her  
directions when she is out of the  
ward

giving special medicines

Cod Liver Oil &c

wine to special cases

exactly at the time appointed

[Sisters don't like to put down

untrustworthy

because it looks like untruthful

by *Ward Management*

all the work having been done  
& the Patients in proper order  
when Sister comes back -

one Patient says the Probr has  
been dictatorial

Probr says Patient has been insolent  
then you may be sure Probrs has  
been bad at "Ward Management"

**f42**

by *Observation of Sick*

whether Probr can give a special  
Report of every case of every  
serious case to Sister when  
she comes back

Sister *must* take Probr's reports  
of cases when Sister speaks to  
Surgeon

so Probr gets into the habit  
[if Probr says there is nothing to say,  
then Sister questions her]

**f42v**

Nurses get accustomed to looking at  
Patients merely as *cases*

"good cases" - that means, the  
worst case in the ward

Probrs don't hear what Doctor says  
between fetching basin for him &c

But there are 2 Probrs in Ward

Sister ought to tell one one day  
the other the next to wait on

Dr. so that the other may hear

Nurse thinks she will have to  
empty Bed pans all her life

so put it on Probr who has only  
to do it for a year

Patients are unwilling to ask unwilling

Probrs & so it generally falls on  
Lady P. or even on Sister.

**f43**

Miss Parkinson -2-

One use in *emptying Bed-pans* -  
Probr to report on contents of  
bed pan in serious Medical Cases  
to Sister

much difficulty in securing this  
if she can't report, then content  
to be put by for Sister

this too difficult to secure  
more easy in the old large  
Wards of 40 beds with 4 Probrs  
to give a Probr a few cases to  
observe from first to last

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Miss P. *Conceit of Nurses*

Nurses conceited because  
they are taught a little

I No, because they are not  
taught enough

Miss P. All servants now try to ape  
their betters

I Yes, but that is their betters

**f43v**

fault When I was a girl, we,  
 the young ladies, were all  
 expected to teach the younger  
 servants male & female

Miss P. Jealousy, if Nurses & Ladies  
 are not on the same footing -

All must be on same level.

All servants now try to be like their mistresses

I Yes, but suppose the  
 young ladies & the young  
 servants had all been taught/put  
 on equal footing in classes,  
 instead of the young ladies  
 teaching the young servants,  
 (& nothing to shew the young  
 servants that they requested  
 the same education as the  
 young ladies to be like them)  
 wd not that be the same thing  
 as St. T's

**f44**

Miss P.

We can only attempt  
 to lay a foundation by drill  
 then Sister must learn  
 for themselves by experience

I Yes, but couldn't we try  
 a foundation, give an initiation  
 to make that experience  
 more easily obtained by them

**f44v**

Miss Parkinson's former Probrs  
 best

Nurse Pilcher now Night Alexandra

Miss Gregory very poor as  
 Nurse or as  
 Sister

Miss Mackenzie ditto

Mrs. Rhodes tho' stupid  
 an angel to these

Miss Leighton lackadaisical

notes, f45-46v, pencil

**f45**

Nurse Barker                      April 7/73  
    came April 1/72  
    2 months                      Children's Victoria  
  Miss Lemon  
    2 months                      x Male Surgical Alfred  
  Miss Starling  
    3 months                      x Male Medical: Christian  
  Miss Bull  
& 1 month                      x ditto    ditto    Charity  
1 ½ mo                      x Male Surgical: Albert  
  Miss Pringle  
    3 weeks                      Obstetrics - Adelaide  
  Mrs. Blundell  
    8 weeks                      x Female Surgical: Eliza  
    of which 2  
    with ovariectomy case  
Miss Starling taught her a little  
    no one else  
did not like Thumbman a Nurse  
    not one of ours now gone in Alfred  
Miss Bull taught her the cards  
    Nurse Goddard in Charity rather slow  
[Probr Robinson taught her things.]



**f46v**

It appears to me that ~~they are~~/in general  
 there is excess of conceit  
 exactly in proportion to their  
 deficiency of education  
 tho' deficient in education  
 rich in conceit  
 If we educated them more  
 they would be less conceited

They learn more nursing upon a  
 special case in 9 days  
 than in 9 months of  
 rushing about ward work  
 where they ~~do~~ are never  
 employed on same cases  
 2 days together.

notes, f47-50, pencil

**f47**

Miss Stapylton                      April 19/73  
 going away next week  
 from weakness of lungs  
 1 fortnight Arthur Male Medical  
    Miss Notcutt  
    Nurse Bowley  
    excellent  
    Lee takes all the  
    trouble on herself  
    Lee: fellow Probr  
    rough & joking with  
    Pats but in every  
    thing but manner  
    perfectly well-behaved  
 liked Lee                      ignorant but religious  
    took Miss Stapylton under  
    her protection  
 6 weeks                      Albert                      Miss Pringle  
    Male Surgical                      Nurse Chapman  
    capital Nurse: does  
    not show them much  
 7 weeks Elizabeth                      Miss Hawthorne  
    Female Surgical                      Nurse Newton

**f47v**

Nurse Newton not so clever as  
Chapman but shows  
them more -  
Ward Night Nurse  
Barker fellow Probr  
worried & worritting  
gets argufying with Patients  
[Miss Stapylton gets argufying too]  
religious but not knowing  
much about it -  
cancer case in Special Ward  
Barker argued if case did not  
like to be changed  
we must on the contrary make cases  
think our way is their way  
Miss Hawthorn took Sacrament  
with this case - very nice  
with Patients

**f48**

Elizabeth Ward work too heavy  
for time to shew Probrs  
Bandaging or anything else  
Washing up in Lavatory &  
among Draughts  
what weighed heaviest on me -  
"long, weak, wishy-washy blood"  
I, FN thought her  
liked Evans, fellow Probr  
Mr. Large - very much liked by  
female Patients - but all for  
comfort - he never says a word  
about change of life to the girls-  
& they are only too apt to make

**f48v**

themselves comfortable in religion

-like him better than

Mr. Robinson

Patients often don't leave  
off their work during the War  
Service but go on much as if Mr.  
Large were not there

they like the Service

Women Patients sometimes brutal when children:

:Patients cry: sometimes most kind

Miss Hawthorn lends her own books

chooses with judgment

for each Patient

In Albert books put in middle

of ward; each Patient takes for

himself -

{Excision=case

{Little child: so merry tho' it could not move when put into

Albert: wd go to sleep when it was told

**f49***Anatomy Lectures*

Miss Spencer

Worthington

Stapylton

Vincent

Machin

do not give the Anatomy

Lectures

These are probably like

Miss Pyne's in another book

Hunt begins her Anatomy Lecture

very well - better than any

of the others - then falls off

all at once & does not give

2nd & 3rd Anatomy Lectures

at all

Evans I did not think any thing

could have been so bad

as her Anatomy Notes till

I saw Sparks'

Sparks which are worse

Crockett gives one pretty well

**f49v**

Humphrey gives 2 first Anatomy Lectures  
 not very bad  
 Hignett gives 2 last Anatomy Lectures  
 fuller tho' ill spelt  
 than Humphrey

**f50**

As I had not my key,  
 Miss Hornby  
 I confess these Lectures  
 except Miss Pyne's  
 which yet was not so very good  
 were some quite & all the others almost  
 unintelligible to me -

f51

Mary Ward Nurse White  
 Night Nurse Carter  
 Probr Miss Hornby  
 Nurse Castle

Pyne Children's  
 taken about from one case to  
 the other  
 cannot follow up cases  
 as Sister & Nurse please -difficult to take notes  
 Worthington Alice  
 with Humphreys  
 [upside down]  
 Miss Parkinson  
 Nurse Hignett  
 Nurse Castle  
 Nurse Yarnley

notes, f52, pencil

**f52**

Miss Bourne April 28 - May 1  
 came to us April/70  
 on Probation till Sept 71  
 appointed Sister Alexandra & Elizabeth  
 Female Surgical  
 left Sept 72  
 none of the Sister taught her anything  
 but some of the Nurses  
 Hart in Male Surgical S. Buckland  
 did nothing  
 Davidson in Female S. Duke  
 with Miss Lemon  
 never under Miss Pringle  
 went thro' all the other wards

notes, f53-56v, pencil

**f53**

Miss Jennings                      May 2/73  
  came to us November/79  
2 months                      in Accident Ward  
                                    Miss Pringle  
1 fortnight                      in Female Medical  
                                    Miss Butler  
then temporary Sister's duty Male Surgical  
                                    vice Buckland  
  "                      "                      " Accident  
                                    vice Pringle  
  back to                      M.S. v. Buckland  
till August 1871  
  when they went into new Hospital  
then on a special case Male Surgical  
  1 week                      under Bull  
  the like                      in Victoria Ward  
                                    (Miss Lemon)  
till Clayton Ward Male Surgical  
  was opened                      Dec 1 1971  
Sister of Clayton till it was closed  
                                    August 1272  
never in Female Surgical  
2 weeks in "                      Medical  
1 week in Male                      Medical

**f53**

Nurses &  
"Sisters" "more like servants  
  working under a hard mistress  
  whom they had a disliking to/very much disliked"  
then Sister cooperating heartily/working cordially to  
  promote the same work under  
  a head whom they had a  
  respect & esteem for  
Butler (S. Alice) disloyal to Mrs. Wardr  
  said things against to P.s  
  & let others say things against  
  her to her  
Butler, Buckland. Duke, all  
  disloyal, all did this  
[Buckland very coarse  
  but her Nurse Hart very good -  
the only person who taught Miss  
  Jennings much]  
S. Extra always pointing out Mrs.  
  W.s defects to P.s  
[a kind of upper housemaid

**f54**

[Miss Jennings very sensible. acute  
even - & conscientious - but hard  
positive & dry - (not pretensiony) - yet  
tears in eyes]

Bull the only one who was loyal  
to Mrs. W. always wished to  
do what she wished - always  
to speak of her as if in her  
presence

To this party Mrs. W. spoke  
always in the harshest, often  
in the most violent manner -  
same to Bull as to all the rest -  
Bull never got any brighter  
no order

None of the Sisters except Miss Pringle  
taught Miss Jennings anything  
but several of the Nurses, Hart,  
Hatcher

**f54v**

In Clayton only had one Nurse  
White, who left soon after -  
because she did not like the  
domestic arrangements -  
after that only had Probationers  
on Staff Nurse duty & generally  
only one

Lee: thought her very free in her  
manner to Patients

Miss Airy - liked her the least

Pelet Swiss - very good

no system in her Probation

no system of training whatever -

Mrs Whitfield never did anything -

She never answered the questions

{-her Bandages were never looked at -

{-layabout Mrs. W's office for months -

her Diary & Cases never looked at - left off  
writing them

-no Lectures whatever while she was Probr

(while she was Sister 4 from Dr. Peacock - Medical  
Nursing

2 or 3 " Mr Le G Clark  
never wrote them a few " Dr. Bernays

{in right side margin}

substance of 12

crowded into them

Dr. Peacock

**f55**

Miss Jennings -2-

thinks domestic arrangements very bad  
dining kitchens so very untidy - Sister  
took no charge - poultices  
being sometimes made at end of same  
table - much gossip brought in  
better that all Sisters & Nurses  
should dine together in Home -  
- or that each set Shd dine in its own  
Ward Kitchen - then Sister takes  
charge  
now constant jarring of Nurses about their  
own Sister  
gossip & to spare as it is - Nurses of each  
block gossip in their own bed-rooms  
Nurses may go out together - there are  
plenty of opportunities  
Sisters may not go into each other's rooms -  
Why not have one nice room say  
Alfred Ward - now empty on Ground Floor  
-presided over by some one genial -  
(a 20 bed ward - opening on River Terrace  
- Miss Starling's that was -)  
where for one half hour if there was not

**f55v**

Mr. Croft only one who did

time or fine weather to go out  
Sisters & Nurses might drop in  
Nurses Sitting Rooms at top of  
block they hate - nothing provided  
for them but what they bring in  
themselves - books or &c can't see out  
Sisters have nowhere to go but  
their own rooms.  
Miss Cameron had her dinner brought  
up to her in her own room  
S. Bull too untidy  
In hot weather many Sisters & many  
Night Nurses never dined at all.

**f56**

for months together - Nurses  
asked Ward-maids to bring  
up their dinner when they  
brought up Sister's - & ate  
it for tea or supper  
Miss Starling sometimes came up  
Jennings " " down  
to dinner  
Nurses tea in Sculleries  
Miss Jennings never had to  
hour{?}

**f56v**

Mrs. Wardr knows her P.s only by  
their externals  
never to be found by Sister  
Sister has difficulty in leaving  
a busy ward - goes down 5 or 6  
times - can't find her - doesn't  
go again - She appointed 10 -  
a.m. but she was always at the  
other end of the building never  
to be found.

ff57-57v ignore

notes, f58, pencil

**f58**

May 16 73  
Pannell Nt Supt  
Wallace new P.

L.Ps protection  
education

You will tell me whether I am wrong  
in considering such a spirit a good  
one & whether if it is it has  
departed from among us

notes, ff59-60, pencil

**f59**

Miss Hignett age 25 June 2 73  
came to us in May 1872  
Nurse maid to Victoria  
taken as Probr Sept 2/72  
2 months Nurse Little Victoria  
1 { Hawthorn  
Elizabeth: Female Surg.  
1 3/4 Adelaide: F.S. Miss Wms  
2 1/4 Edward: M.S. Miss Stains  
1 Arthur M.M. Mrs Rhodes  
' Alexandra F.S. Bermingham  
never in Female Medical  
went to Edinburgh June 3/73  
Infirmary  
formerly a nursery maid in service 6 years  
good little thing: spirited  
- too much friends with Sparks  
-share in her flirtations with Mr Sarjent  
Spoke enthusiastically of Miss Lemon  
who used to train the nurse-maids & read  
portions of Medical books to them in  
the evening till Cross, her nurse-maid  
now Nurse in Va is better than a Trained nurse

**f59v**

came in for Mr. Croft's Lectures  
2 on Bandaging  
very instructive  
he made them bandage on  
3 (Dummy) legs & one of  
the P.s 4 going at once  
he showing them how

Mrs. Rhodes (Arthur) showed them  
the Cards even if she could  
not understand them herself  
looked it out in the Pharmacopeia  
on Ward Table & showed it them  
Miss Leighton } a good Teacher  
but & Berryman } now in Alexandra  
Sister's duty a good Nurse  
& showed them things

**f60**

should not like Children's  
 Ward so well now she  
 has been in Adult Wards  
 likes women's wards best  
 in Edinburgh dear little child  
 broken thigh 3 years old  
 did nothing but cry  
 but all Nurses petted ~~him~~ it  
 & one quite a young man was  
 made a perfect slave of by  
 the child who cried always  
 he left its bed  
 the man was never tired  
 of amusing it

notes, ff61-62v, pencil

**f61**

Nurse Castle June 7/73  
 came to us in June 1872  
 with Hills her friend & fellow servt  
 5 months Miss Pringle Albert M.S.  
 ½ Butler Mary F.M.  
 fortnight missing  
 ½ Stains Edinburgh M.S.  
 3 days Bull Charity M.M.  
 17 " Hatcher Ophthalmic  
 14 " Butler Alice F.M.  
 4 nights Leighton Alexandra F.S.  
 1 week Hatcher Ophthalmic  
 - days &  
 12 nights Butler F.M.  
 8 nights Butler Mary F.M.  
 20 days  
 now divided between  
 Alice & Mary Mary very light  
 with Miss Gibson with Miss Hornby  
 other P. other P.  
 Nurse White

10 months

**f61v**

145 Days Male Surgical  
 56 Days }  
 20 Nights } Female Medical  
 3 Days Male Medical  
 3 Weeks Ophthalmic  
 4 Nights Female Surgical

**f62**

After having been 5 months  
under Sister Albert,  
Nurse Castle seems to have been  
so whisked about  
    day by day  
    from Ward to Ward  
that her Course of Training  
may best be described  
    by *days* or nights  
which illustrate the wants of the  
    Hospital & not of her Training  
Yet training *wants* according to its  
    *wants*, & not according to those  
of the Hospital  
She has been 3 days in Male Medical  
    4 nights in Female Surgical  
And that is all in her Year of Training  
    She seem a nice good little woman,

**f62v**

fond & proud of her business,  
very nurse-y, that is acceptable  
to her Patients - with deplorable  
want of power of noting her  
cases - & with an ignorance of  
the simplest Medical terms which  
must prove a serious hindrance  
to her progress towards taking  
charge of a Ward  
She is certainly unable to note  
or *describe* her cases: can she  
*observe* them?  
O Nurse Hatcher! She can give  
no rational account of her cases-  
No one but Hatcher puts *G*  
to her 'Observn of Sick' -  
Nevertheless: an attentive, cheerful,  
kind, uncomplaining Nurse  
    very likeable  
zealous in her Bandaging & Bandages  
-wants linen for Leg-bandage - to  
    complete her set

notes, f63, pencil

**f63** {arch: June 73? 18}

Castle	Nurse-y - not bright not workh except under guidance
Hills	bright - conceited good - not so acceptable to sick as Castle
Lee	rough & noisy
Rutherford	wants keeping in order - but nice kind attractive bright young & merry illiterate 23 - wants influence
Barker	making of a good Nurse wants help - fanciful smart delicate
Hunt	quite unfit for Surgical work strong smell - unhandy dreamy
Papps	doubts how she wd do in a Ward emotional
Miss Pyne	has a good deal to her
Hornby	slow unhandy



**f65**

hearty, somewhat vulgar  
 not pretension-y  
 quite furious with herself for  
 having lost her voice (so governing)  
 part of training not to mind  
 draughts  
 ought to have 2 years' training  
 at St. T.'s  
 quite enthusiastic  
 never wishes to leave St. T.'s

notes, ff66-67v, pencil

**f66**

Miss Lee June 19/73  
 came Feb 12/72  
 10 days Female Med: Parkinson  
 learnt nothing  
 Ulcerated throat  
 18 days  
 2 3/4 months Male Surgl: Cameron  
 1 " (½ night) " " : Pringle  
 1 3/4 " " " : Jennings  
 Jennings did what she thought  
 herself called upon to do -  
 but neither Sister nor Teacher  
 (Lee sole nurse)  
 ¼ " " Cameron  
 1 Female Surgical: Bourne  
 never taught her anything  
 ½ " " Williams  
 2 ¼ Female Medl: Butler  
 Alice  
 2 Male Medl:  
 Arthur  
  
 3/4 " " Rhodes  
 Arthur  
 ¼ (10 Special Nights) Male Medl: Bull  
 Charity  
 13  
 - Ulcerated Throat again  
 - in attendance on Nurse Hamlet  
 - Children's  
 gone on duty -

**f66v**

2 children died of Pyaemia  
in Children's Ward  
1. a little girl of 5. excision of ancle  
peacefully/screamed - excision made in calf  
Mr. Croft paid for father &  
mother to come  
mother (nursing baby) sat up for  
7 days & nights - never lay down  
Miss Starling used to give her tea  
In Albert, old lady of 70 sat  
up for 14 days & nights with  
her husband of 72 never lay  
down might have had a  
screened bed in Ward - but  
afraid she might not have been  
waked if change took place -  
rough, noisy, free in manner -  
[I shd not have observed this so much  
had she not told me that she had  
such influence in quieting her men-Patients]  
Student: rheumatic Fever in Charity small Ward

**f67**

enthusiasm for Bull  
Bull on Dr. Peacock's mornings{?}  
called at 4.45 a.m.  
sits up till 12 night  
called in night  
*measures* every drop of urine  
every morning for Doctors  
& puts by for testing what is wanted  
*only* Sister who measures urine  
other Sisters go by guess work,  
when Dr. asks -  
Bull does all Nurse Goddard's  
work  
should like to be ~~put~~/on duty with Bull  
Jennings faithful Sister according to her  
lights. did what she thought she ought to do

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4 P.s on duty in Alexandra  
besides Nurse & Extra Nurse  
& very light Ward  
when 5 wards closed -  
Miss Wms Sister 4 P.s Lee: Gregory:

**f67v**

so very insincere always  
insincere when question of  
showing herself off - or showing how  
much importance she was of -  
about her leaving Highgate -  
2 years at Highgate -

Miss Torrance wished her to stay  
not enough intelligence to know  
herself likely to be detected  
then went to K.C.H. -

did not like it  
always wished to go to St. T's  
this not true

she herself volunteered to wait on  
sick Nurse Hamlet & Miss Machin  
at St. T.'s this of course not true  
quite satisfied to continue a P.  
then insincere about the duties  
always pretending the coolness  
& arrogance (self-(possession) *superior*  
of a thorough Nurse  
such influence over my Male Patients  
always civil to me when not to any  
one else                      This *must* be nonsense

notes, ff68-69v, pencil

**f68**

Nurse Hills June 20/73  
came June 24/72  
3 3/4 months Male Surg. Arthur  
Miss Pringle  
3 months Ophthal: Hatcher  
1 3/4 " (4 nights) Male Medl: Bull  
4 "(16 special nights) Female Surg: Hawthorn  
no Female Medical  
or Children's  
servant since she was 14  
mother near Dover - has an Annuity  
father drunk does not live with her  
from Barff only child left  
Miss Pringle } all taught her  
Hawthorn } much  
Hatcher }  
Wards of the young Sisters very  
different - do not know ho  
to manage them - e.g. Miss Leighton  
enthusiasm for her cases  
very intelligent - rather noisy, I

**f68v**

dare say -  
too intelligent to be pretentious -  
made no pretention to any thing -  
or claim on any body -  
can't leave her mother to go to  
Edinburgh  
likes Surgical better than Medical  
Men " Women  
does not like going behind Screen  
in Female Surgl  
Miss Hawthorn: capital Sister x  
Teacher -  
learnt Bandaging from Hatcher  
& Miss Pringle  
Hatcher wd show her any thing -  
- wasted in Ophthalmic -  
made a great many bandages  
for Miss Barclay while in Ophthalmic  
good at bandage-making

**f69**

was with Miss Spencer in Charity  
very good tho' very quiet  
Extra Nurse ? Ball decayed foot{?}  
had spent 6 or 7 in liquid  
nourishment  
nursed 3 Ovariectomy cases  
in Small Ward Elizabeth  
2nd died 24 hours after Operation  
wished for another & has it  
ought to know your cases before  
Operation - else you don't  
know how they like their tea  
& are obliged to ask them - just  
when they can't bear it -  
Night: I have my tea at 1.30 AM  
get Patients' breakfast at 5 AM  
then have my own  
come off ~~at~~ between 9 & 10 AM  
have a good luncheon

**f69v**

don't dine

but go to bed at 1  
& have a good supper

Nurse Hatcher used to  
make Miss Williams have  
luncheon about 10 when  
Miss Wms was doing duty as  
Sister in Arthur & Albert -  
Miss Wms neglected herself -  
did not have luncheon  
& did not go out

Miss Pringle used to call us  
all her children

[Lee said the same of Miss P.'s  
showing them how to hold the  
limbs - when giving the bed pans  
& Hatcher making them do the 3  
successive parts on 3 successive  
mornings turn & turn about of such thing

notes, ff70-71, pencil

**f70**

*Nurse Page* July 5/73

*came to us* March 3/73

age 24

widow of a Carter killed by a kick  
6 months ago

2 little boys. 1 with her mother 3 yrs.

Mrs. Langrish: Bramdean  
1 10 months with her  
Sister at Sparshall near  
Winchester Hampshire  
family

just weaned her baby to come  
to us: made her feverish

Miss Hardy her friend  
grateful, uncomplaining, struggling to  
be cheerful, every body kind to her -

9 days/fortnight Children's: Miss Starling  
did not teach her much

11 days ill with weaning

16 " Mary: F.M. Miss Butler

Nurse White: very good

but did not teach her much

but Miss Butler keeps capital Order  
in her wards. And that's what I like

**f70v**

7 weeks                                    M.M. Charity: Bull  
    very good: but Sister Charity  
    did not teach her much:  
    too anxious about the Patients  
*Miss Pyne:* P. in Charity only  
    person who has taught her much -  
    taught her cards: English meaning  
    of words  
2 weeks                                    ill & absent  
    went to see her children  
2 weeks                                    Alexandra: F.S.  
    Berryman  
    ward needs a Sister  
    Nurse Pilcher very overbearing  
  to her  
    needs some one over her  
quite satisfied with her own dressings  
    Berryman thinks them bad  
this good little woman will be ruined  
except under a good Sister  
    Nurse Pike the Night Nurse

**f71**

    a very good little woman  
    extremely earnest to persevere  
plenty of courage  
    average intelligence  
    but not bad  
Miss Parkinson very good  
does not know how to bandage  
    a great deal of Practising on  
Dummy in the Home during  
Mr. Crofts 2 Lectures  
now left off again -  
    does not know why  
    not much there





**f74v**

says Miss Leighton taught her most  
Miss Airy too busy & anxious  
gave a very good account of Mr. Croft's  
Lecture last night on preparing  
for operations & preparing  
Hernia beds &c  
Wound Syringes practised

**f75**

does not "like Miss Airy's  
liking Mr. Sydney Jones better  
than Mr. Croft."  
self-willed - on the verge of  
being conceited - slow- not very  
trustworthy  
wants a real good Sister over her  
like Miss Williams  
evidently learned nothing  
from Miss Leighton  
nor Berryman  
nor Miss Airy  
nor any but Miss Williams  
now tempy Sister over Leopold  
evidently has as yet received  
no training

**f75v**

daughter of Lady Bell's land  
steward: Worthing  
used to dairy -  
came to St. T's from religious  
motives  
been very well here  
family did not like her  
coming  
capable of taking good notes  
(Miss Williams) well written &  
spelt & full of intelligence  
— but self-willing & slow  
will have her own way  
her Training has been totally  
neglected want training more than  
any one I ever saw -  
a real good Sister (like Miss Williams)  
over her - who can command the Ward  
command the Nurses, herself, the P.s  
& Patients

notes, f76, pencil

**f76**

Nurse Perkins                      July 11/73  
    came March 23/73

~~6~~w

6 weeks                      Ophthalmic  
                                    Hatcher  
1                              Male Surgical  
                                    Albert: Notcutt  
3                              Male Medical

    4 nights                  Charity: Bull  
    rather stupid at first  
    from excessive anxiety  
    almost too anxious to get on  
    this almost makes her ill  
    but at the same time makes  
    her attractive  
    so anxious to learn her cards  
no one has taught her anything  
but Pyne Lady P.

Miss Pyne give a good account of  
her & her intelligence

Cards specific gravity of Urine  
    Albumen or not

Sister Bull most careful of her Patients  
    more so that of her Probrs

notes, f77, pencil

**f77**

Nurse Yarnley to tea                      July 17/73  
    came to us

a cook 12 years  
    from Bury Hall  
a steady through superior woman  
    wd do for a Night Supt  
6 months                  in                  Edward

notes, f78, pencil

**f78**

Miss Williams (to tea July 17/73  
thinks Miller{?} very trustworthy

Nurse Cadbury  
from Birmingham new Lady P  
now in Alice

Sister Butler shows her nothing

Miss Pyne

now in Charity

does not like Phthisis

has taken notes religiously

(till now - no interesting cases  
tea

Nurse Yarnley

a thorough business-like composed  
woman not conceited

Nurse Parkinson

Nurse Hornby

has fallen out with Miss Stains

Nurse Page

has heard from her children

Nurse Miller

finds a real good Sister

over her in Miss Williams



**f80**

drops which Sister does  
 17 Patients a good many  
 Operations:     Cataract  
                   stay in bed 4 or 5 days  
                   Iridectomy  
                   Tatooing  
                   for colour  
                   Extraction  
 only operations for which they  
   give Chloroform  
 for if Vomiting comes on, spoils  
   the operation  
 Scotch Minister in small ward  
                   for Cataract  
   a Temperance man  
 S. Hatcher always says a word  
   for temperance  
 will bring him out to speak to  
 the man who from drink  
 kicked one eye     extracted  
   other failing

**f80v**

Warman           of so much higher  
 Ford             a type of character  
 Yarnley           [not perhaps  
   & even           education]  
 Perkins           than Lee  
 Kent              Barker  
                   Evans  
 Warman & Ford capable of being  
   Head Nurses  
 Warman takes notes of her Lectures -  
   going to take notes of her cases -  
 learning to work & make Bandages- with fore finger  
 Warman kept a Lodging house  
   at Folkestone for 4 years with  
 Aunt 8 years     after her death  
   'did all the cooking myself'  
 & all the Nursing of my Aunt for  
 months & nursing Lodgers who  
 went out - caught cold & had relapses  
 -gave up lodging house, because  
 it didn't pay old fashioned house  
 Bed rooms small, People so pathetic{?}  
 now Sitting rooms will do - Shew me  
 the Bed-rooms - 'Stuffy' People now *well*  
 have airy bed-rooms

f81

Huddersfield

what nurses?

Salary + for supt

duties £60 £70 rising

Sparks/Notcutt/Pringle

Lee & Evans Humphreys

Miss Vincent till Thursday

with Miss Machin

Miss Parkinson

**f82**

Linen Leg-bandage Castle & Halls

Bill for Annual P.'s day

Miss Spencer

Miss Williams

& Miss Machin

Huddersfield

Crockett &

Humphreys

notes, f83, pencil

**f83**

(1 year & 7 months) Oct 2nd 73

Humphreys going to Edinburgh

much improved in earnestness

3 weeks in Children's Ward

(2 wks as Sister)

her vocation

3 months in Arthur M.M. Miss Notcutt

3 " In Edward M.S. " Stains

never under Pringle or in Charity

as Probr in all the other wards except children's

under Miss Bourne in Elizth overworked

& Miss Jennings

stramash: could not manage the boy of 14

bad boy with trephined skull

as night special in Edward he died

boy called her a brute: & she threatened him

with small ward

Mr Wagstaffe removed her; she irritated him

Nurse Rutherford. Night ward nurse

manages her Patients well

this case less with her

notes, ff84-85v, pencil

**f84**

Nurse Miller

Oct 3/73

13 months with us

gone to Edinburgh

ranks Miss Williams after Miss Pringle

*Magdalen Ward*

under Buckland 1 fortnight as

Staff nurse

instead of Nurse Jones

must be very kind to them

but very firm

not let them see you "mind"

Miss Hy used to go away & cry:

& they knew it: & did it all the more:

& called her an 'old fool'

must not hear or see a great deal

must coax the girls: don't titter when the

Drs come in, there's a good girl

all go back to sin (almost) except

those who go back to Homes:

these not a whit better than the others

laugh at Mr. Large

3 hours in the evening when they are up

the difficult time: quite unmanageable

by Miss Hornby

**f84v**

stamp about must not sing  
because Night Nurses over head  
Nov 2/73 10 months *Miss Hornby*  
Confidential

1. the Night Nurses sleep  
with them on next block  
in Day Room of next block  
- Day Nurses have 2 Day  
Rooms over Magdalen
2. some Lady P. instructed  
by a Sol fa man or a solfa woman teach  
them singing? Once a week  
It stops the swearing  
No work provided for them:  
only books  
so anxious for occupation  
will make all the beds & dust  
the ward: 'I had not to make  
but one bed' so different from

**f85**

a Surgical Ward all these girls  
are well but 2 or 3: require  
the more management

- 3 Could there be but one day  
for Visitors say Monday &  
that not a day for Visitors for  
the rest of the Hospl  
& only for near female relatives  
now: old procuresses x come  
[One nice young prostitute offered  
Miss Hornby 2d  
Did Buckland take 2 pences/]  
-Yes but she can't be mother to all the Ward
- 4 Could there be hours for  
silence?
- 5 And would the authorities  
back Miss Hornby in expelling  
Patients who did not abide by  
the Rules?

**f85v**

Iced water Drunkenness

Mr. Croft

6. Could needlework be taken  
in from Institutions?
7. A lady Sister necessary  
to get them out to Homes
8. A third woman be she  
2nd Nurse or Probr. necessary  
to be with them in the Lavatory  
when they syringe behind  
the Screen with Dresser &c &c  
When Nurse or Sister off duty thee  
They must walk about:  
or they would not sleep

**f86** pencil notes [arch] Oct-Nov 1873

Nurse Warman came April 10/73

	Weeks	
Surgical Male Staines		3
ill	7	
Ophthalmic Hatcher		5
Surgical Male Notcutt		8
Medical Female Butler		3
" Male Bull		3

Nurse Perkins came April 1/73

Ophthalmic Hatcher		6
Male Surgical Notcutt		1
Medical Bull		14
Female Surgical Hawthorn		7
Obstetric Blundell		3
Never in Female Medical		

**f87**

Nov 26/73

Miss Hincks age 40

came to us Oct 27/72

4 weeks in Alice Ward: Miss Butler

Tabley Nurse

Babbs Night do

*Crump*: came to us same day as herself  
her fellow Prob

Hills: who was in the Ward for a  
day or two after she came  
the only person who has told her  
anything

left to find her way in the Ward  
not told where anything was kept  
Sister showed her nothing:

too shy to ask questions

Miss Parkinson did not even tell her  
what hour she shd go to the Ward  
& she was too early

person of intelligence

but no initiative of intelligence

- if left to find her own way

would lose it

**f87v**

has taken no notes of cases

no one told her

no one told her to write out

her notes of Lectures

has heard a Lecture: Mr. Crofts

on disinfectants

has read what she could find

on the subject "in a little  
brown book" - she does not know  
its name

has read a book she found

in the ward

cannot read the cards -

does not know the diseases

knows nothing about urine

Drs. Peacock & {Bristowe

{will not let

{them hear

{anything

**f88**

Nurse Babbs got the Patients'  
breakfasts & up by 5 a.m.  
& has half the beds made  
before the P.s come in  
sees her gas flaring long before  
any one else  
does not mind making beds  
terribly shy  
will not ask questions  
too shy to say texts to patients  
does not think Chaplain of  
much use (Mr. Large)  
Mrs Wardr told me "I was so old"

notes, ff89-91, pencil

**f89**

Miss Mackenzie: age 27 Nov 27/73  
came to us Nov 17/72  
in Edward M.S. Sister Airy  
fellow P. Keene 6 months  
Nurse Corcoran  
Night N. Rutherford  
from St. Andrews  
strong & sturdy Scotch intelligence  
sterling good sense & feeling  
like Miss Leslie  
15 years younger  
Mr. Croft goes too fast in Lectures  
absence of pretension in her  
= a positive anxiety  
a quality  
a dignity  
Sister Airy very kind to Patients  
told her of a happy death  
does not show them much /  
let her wash wounds with one basin  
I told her to ask Miss Vincent  
[on right] as junior P. Left to wash up, all the Porringers- not  
shown how

notes, f90, pencil

**f90**

Nurse Warman Dec 19/73  
has been with us since April 7/73  
going to Edinburgh on Dec 27  
as Night Nurse  
superior Woman  
Lodging house keeper at Folkestone  
very clever in all household things  
good humble but sarcastic  
prefers night nursing: highest motives  
"I bask in the Nighting Home"

Weeks

as Probr	3 Edwards	Stains
	6 Ophthalmic	Hatcher
	3 Leopold	Notcutt

without having been in any other Ward  
Staff Night Nurse 10 days Female Medical  
6 days as P. Day Mary  
Staff Night Nurse 7 weeks Male Medical  
& special case  
to help Nurse Pike

**f90v**

- never been In Female Surgical
- now for a few days in Obstetrics  
poisoned finger
- then in Ophthalmic: Hatcher
- wishes to go on as Night Nurse  
for 2 or 3 nights with Nurse Ball  
(so good) in Male Surgical

Leopold  
considerable observation  
has never taken 'notes'  
has read Medical books with  
us -

woman able to take care of herself  
thoroughly trustworthy  
healthy woman  
not afraid of work

wants/wishes cautioning & instructing: tho' clever, {continues on  
bottom of

f91}  
perhaps *because* clever:  
i.e. because she knows enough  
to know how little it is

**f91**

told her to begin taking  
notes as Night Nurse at Edinburgh  
High Church

"Clew Sisters always look  
straight before them: neither  
to the right nor to the left"

Nurse Hope } quiet staid women  
Perkins}

Miss Heathcote

P.s in Leopold  
Miss Notcutt

notes, f92, pencil

**f92**

Nurse Perkins Dec 22/73  
came to St. T.s March 25/73  
7 weeks Ophthalmic  
made bandages "I did not know use of"  
14 weeks Charity M.M. Bull  
of which 3 Staff Nurse  
2 Day  
Miss Pyne Sister part of the time  
" " Probr while I was nurse  
'I was never served out with a Diary  
till July: have only take notes  
of one case: Typhoid'  
don't like Night Nursing  
8 weeks Elizabeth F.S. Hawthorn  
of which 2 Miss Williams Sister  
4 1 Weeks Leopold M.S. Notcutt  
never in Female Medical  
3 weeks Adelaide Obstetric Block  
have only seen 4 Operations  
never an Amputation

**f92v**

prefer Medical Nursing  
there's so much more to do for  
the Patients  
when you've put a broken leg  
straight, that's all you can do  
for him  
Herefordshire woman  
servant since she was 14  
till she came to St. T's: now 30  
Blind boy case: Leopold's: excision  
Mr Croft's case: in 7 months died  
Miss Heathcote only P. In Leopold  
now  
Nurse Hope ill with throat  
likes a room to herself  
compartments in Nurses' cubicals  
in St T's a yard from ceilng  
hear everything Door: little passage between

**f93**

first come 4 ward maids' rooms:  
2 in a room: over Kitchen & ~~Nurses~~ Sisters room  
also: W.C. & Lavatory  
then 8 Day Nurses' Rooms: 4 on each  
side: window to each: never  
more than 5 occupied including  
2 Extra Nurses: seldom so many  
then Nurses' Day Room

1 window on each side  
1 table & 2 chairs: nothing  
else at all  
then 6 Night Nurses' Rooms  
3 on each side  
never more than 3 occupied  
very quiet  
quieter than Home  
would have liked 3 months'  
more training than her year  
instead of 3 months' less

### **f93v**

Nurse Chapman in Elizabeth  
capital nurse: queer temper  
wd walk to Edinburgh if she'd  
time to see Miss Pringle  
does well under Miss Hawthorn  
Nurse Ann: capital  
always cleaning window sills after  
she has done Patients  
they apply galvanic battery in Alice  
Miss Pyne does sub-cutaneous injections  
have seen House Surgeon give them  
Miss Notcutt tests urine, 4 time s a day  
no one cups  
all take temperature  
Edinburgh nurses does them 5

### **f94**

*Miss Girling* Elizabeth Ward  
chambers only allowed at night  
bedpans called for for Urine too  
& supposed to be emptied at once  
they have lids  
[must not call for them between  
9 & 12 a.m.]  
Bartholomew's:  
Male Medical: po must be  
called for for urine, then emptied  
& packed in closed shelf - open  
to outside air with perforated zinc  
Urine Measuring glass: measures itself  
2 to a ward  
to hold all Urine for 24 hours  
holds more than 2 Imperial quarts  
measures marked upon it  
close fitting glass lid  
No such thing at St. T's  
nasty stopping plen: our measuring  
Obstetric: sadly dirty: bedpans & chambers  
carried thro' the Wards without lids

notes, f95, pencil

**f95**

Isabella Ingle  
her own letters rather  
ragged & incoherent  
Frances Owen  
mother insane  
curious letter about not  
wearing flannel  
"Catholic Apostolic Church  
Gertrude Heathcote 32  
25 a year for self  
& little sister  
Frances Emma Girling{?} 29  
Farmer's daughter  
very good letter  
I come as a Nurse P.  
all Yes s of her referee  
very absurd

notes, f96, pencil

**f96**

Miss Ireland age 36  
papers very colourless  
Mrs. March's private note very  
satisfactory  
wish Mrs. Faithfull {?} had written  
a private note  
should think Miss Ireland  
a good woman  
she *cannot* think it enough  
to tell us that her "Medical  
friend" is in a Lunatic Asylum  
then we *must* have a  
certificate from a "Medical  
"friend" who is *not* in a  
Lunatic Asylum

**f97** pencil notes 1873 re Helmsdörfer

if she has her 3 months not to take Liverpool  
in the middle & come back to London  
better on account of hand  
better to work up from the lower to the higher  
Lpool  
Highgate  
St T's  
will understand St Ts better  
give us more time  
hand will be better  
Lpool is secured

Miss Hill very busy  
have written to Pringle

**f98v**

Princess Alice  
has such high objects like the Queen  
but so ängstlich so conscientius so self-diffident  
that there is such Unsicherheit  
such Ungewandtheit in her carrying them  
out, in her intercourse with men  
people mistake her so  
but she can bear to be contradicted  
you forget the Princess in the good woman  
the mother, the wife

notes, f99, pencil

**f99** {arch: [?1873]}

H.H.

Dublin	Miss Hawthorn	Subject
Annie Fisher: Victoria Ward:	self relation to	arrang
no Training for Supt	Drs	6 months
	Miss Butler 3 yrs to	
	run	

- Night Nurse not to be ours
- Cheeseman Matron or  
Supt ? Rock Ferry
- Miss Hill passion for bad people: dislike to good
- my M's plans: servants agreement with shame
- Miss Bourne

raison d'être  
Q Sq [poss?]

**f99v**

time fixed for reconsideration  
to that make your own  
comments [not FN hand]

notes, f100, pencil

**f100**

{arch: ]?1873]}

Sampson Miss Stains  
Victoria Miss Annie Fisher  
George Kitchen  
Night Nurses: House: Meals  
Miss Vincent Miss Notcutt  
Assist  
Night Supt Women Nurse at Night Accident  
Miss Pringle  
Miss Crossland to sleep one night

Miss Tebbutt s men:





**f104v**

such work to get it straight again

she said: you must get a cab  
& send me to Bedlam tomorrow.

Miss Airy is very kind, but very  
injudicious: she will let the  
Patients lie between the blankets  
& smell so

*Dressers*

no one over them: but the Sister

- without knowledge or conscience

- trying all sorts of experiments

on Patients: uncovering

wounds whenever they like:

this Sister Stains prevents:

says: that wound has been

uncovered 3 times to-day

Sister Airy does nothing:

**f105**

amputation case: stump jumping  
Doctor taken off every 4 hours  
to take it in charge  
one came in with his shoes  
stockings down at heel:  
another: brought his bottle of  
wine, glass & newspaper,  
sat by the fire & never went  
near the case:  
When the Dr. came & asked  
if the stump had been jumping  
(it had) he said it had not  
Sister Airy never interferes  
Miss Stains puts screens  
round bed: shuts Dresser in  
behind them with Patients:  
& says: Sir, you have charge  
of this case  
Dressers much more really  
respectful to her than to Airy

**f105v**

In Germany Adelaide  
~~Head Physicians~~  
a case has been left a week  
without having its history taken  
Sister say to Assist Sir Dr  
Barnes is coming round tomorrow  
& not one of these cases has  
been got up for him - Then the  
Assist gets up a few & says  
the Ass Sister, haven't I done  
enough? & runs off -  
Dr. Barnes very clever: very  
careless  
In Germany  
Head Phy: & Head Surgeon go  
round every day:  
carefully look into Dressers' &  
Assistants' work: administer  
sound rebukes  
such things as above impossible

**f106**

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A German Hospl  
Doctor considers himself responsible  
for each of his Pupils & Assistants  
overlooks their work: & considers  
them responsible each for his  
own charge  
Pupils go round early & get  
up the cases for Doctors  
Operations always seen every day  
by Surgeon  
not necessarily opened  
Wounds never looked at more  
than twice a day in Germany  
at St. T.s may not be  
seen for 3 days by *Surgeon*  
& may be opened more than 3 times a day by  
*Dresser*  
Sydney Jones worst of all  
the Doctors: shockingly careless

**f108v**

Utensilien & various  
utensils each for its different  
use  
In this as in the small  
supply of Linen London  
Hospitals so inferior to German (& Paris Hospitals)  
Saw at Dalston  
my old dear German arrangements  
& smelt the old horrible  
German smell: no ventilation

f109

4 March 3/74  
St. T's Floors  
Edward:  
men came in 1st day: & swept  
walls 7 ceilings: all the dust  
fell on beds & floor  
2nd day men came with pails,  
soap & soda & scrubbed the  
floor: the floor was deep in  
*mud*: they then with a woolly  
broom lifted up/took away half the mud:  
half remained:  
smell horrible  
next day Erysipelas  
3rd day came & polished it  
(Not with their feet)  
floors dirty & slippery  
wax & turpentine bad

above operation done not once in 6 weeks

**f109v**

In Germany  
floors done with oil & *secatin* [?]  
Wiped every day with a damp  
cloth: then with a dry cloth  
tied over a broom  
not highly polished  
no was  
lacquer only in private houses

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In Germany

Sisters do floor s themselves

**f110**

Lockers horrible  
Patients' clothes & shoes  
under their Mattresses  
no clothing provided by Hospital  
friends bring in all sorts of  
unwholesome things with  
clean linen  
all this kept in Lockers  
[at K.C.H. baskets under bed.]  
Chambers without lid under bed  
In Germany  
little tables with shelf underneath  
Utensilien kept on this  
little vallance over it  
every drop of Urine measured  
by Sisters for Professor

**f110v**

Food to Patients  
in England  
given with much more care  
than in Germany  
divided into several parts  
if he cannot take it all  
(in Germany wine given all at once)  
if he cannot take it at one time  
given at another

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Miss Machin

has introduced some variety  
will introduce more  
~~at Highgate~~ in Home

**f111**

5                      March 3/74  
Matron  
no freedom of action at St. T's

Matron asserts her authority as  
authority: makes them feel it  
& asserts her Rules  
there is no consulting with the Sisters  
to let them feel the Nurses &  
Probrts their charge:  
their & Matron's common charge:  
themselves Matron's vicegerent  
they have to go to Matron for  
every veriest trifle: any  
trifle about Ward+Maid  
there is no giving them a charge  
& helping them to carry it out  
So with Home Sister:  
the Homes Sister has charge of  
them in the Home: the Sisters in

**f111v**

the Wards: there it ends:  
there is no common bond:  
the Home Sister knows nothing  
of what they do in the Wards  
cannot go into the Wards  
must not consult with the  
Sister in the Wards  
there is no real Training system

very loud & noisy sometimes  
in some:  
sing very badly in Chapel  
worse than in Home  
no singing in parts

**f112**

Intellectual & spiritual side  
of Nursing seen here  
in Germany religious orders  
every body to do every thing  
you are to be devoted & self-  
sacrificing - Yes, that is right  
but that is not shown by  
throwing away your time &  
strength  
No organization as here for  
each to do her part  
& the sisters to see that each  
does her work: the Nurse  
                  Probr  
                  Ward Maid  
                  Scrubber  
the Sister scrubs  
the Nurses won't

**f112v**

Miss Lees' book  
it is too much theory  
She does not take the materials  
we can get & tell us what  
to do with them  
It is all ideal  
She does not give us conditions  
e.g. Cleanliness  
floors to be wiped 8 times a  
day - this delights the Doctors  
she does not tell us under  
what conditions it can be done  
there is so much of rule &  
precept & outside practice  
so little of how it is to be  
done

**f113** [und in red pencil]

                  March 3/74  
*Please return to FN*  
*Highgate*  
no variety to Nurses food  
Nurses lose their appetite & get ill  
All under Steward  
[Nurses buy things for themselves]  
always Roast Meat & Potatoes  
heavy pudding Sundays & Thursdays  
- they say: we can't eat it /no Fish  
But *Probationers* worse off  
for they can't buy things

breakfast & tea by themselves  
nothing ready: water not boiled  
have to go for their mild  
½ lb fat bacon every week: not  
allowed to fry it y Mss Smith  
only boiled  
dinner with Nurses

These women want variety  
food is good: but they can't eat  
it. They leave it  
remains of cold meat at supper  
Mill Hill never dines: nor does

**f113v**

Miss Smith, tho' she presides  
Probrs want mothering: want  
someone to look after them  
nobody to go to  
(like what our Ps were  
under Matron)  
very nice P.s  
Cheeseman very good to me  
Miller grumblng ill but  
keeps her Ward in neat  
order  
Miss Gardiner best  
Ass Physician gave me good  
lectures there  
Nurses terribly overworked  
It is such a drive all day  
long: never any respite  
as there is at St T.s  
Rules very strict  
if they can't go out at the hour

**f114**

specified, can't go out at all  
Miss Hill will find some day  
they work too hard  
Miss Mills herself overworked  
[Nurses 1 day out every 4 weeks  
Night Supt 2 nights off every month]  
this is right

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Patients clean wards: x x  
men & women  
it is very well  
½ a ward at a time  
scrub with sap & dry with  
cloth: cleaner than at St. T.'s  
No Erysipelas after it: tho  
bad smell  
Ward Assistant cleans tables

better than at St. T.'s

[Xx It would be cheaper, even to the Rates, to have more ward Assistants than to keep patients, able to clean, in such an expensive Hospital.]

**F114v**

*Lockers*

**Some Nurses allow their Patients  
to keep part of food in their  
Lockers: smell horrible  
Miss Gardiner serves patients  
& takes away remains: this the/only way**

**f115**

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Matron St. T's

does everything herself  
gives every order herself  
never gives a charge  
never A help to *others* to do  
expects every body to come to her  
for every order for the least  
thing

no union any where  
all ordering & no influencing: no working in  
common for P.s  
between Matron & Sister

parties in Home

one party of Nurses against  
another  
we could not in Germany carry  
out your Rules  
as to dress  
as to coming to prayers  
as to not going out without  
leave

**f116** pencil notes [ca April 1874]

Miss Parry age 38

think one can gather pretty much  
what sort of a person she is  
Cannon Ashwell never could understand  
her accounts

Miss Jones her reference evidently thinks her quite  
incompetent tho' willing  
her own ramshackle diffuse letter  
of Jan 29/74

the Testimonials are what any lady  
could produce from gentlemen  
who know nothing about the  
real requisites

You have not got her Doctor's  
or other referee's answer  
Miss Jones is evidently honest  
& I should ask Miss Parry for the  
two above & for another lady as  
referees. I don't see anything conclusive  
[up side] against her. We have taken many worse

**f117v**

Miss Blower age 27  
of course Dr Porters Yeses  
mean nothing  
Revd Dr Lowe's not much more Miss Merryweather knows her but  
slightly  
ditto Miss Leslie  
but there is nothing against her  
she comes of a good stock  
I think an "Elder" Christian a  
little awkward  
but should be disposed to take her  
Miss Hornby & Miss Leslie both  
like her to look at

notes, ff118-19v, pencil

**f118**

May 16/74

M. Sealey		Sept /73	
age 33			
7 weeks	Butler	Medl F.	Mary
6	Stains	Surg M.:	Albert
6	Airy	" "	Edward
8	Hawthorn	Surg F.	Elizabeth
4/7	<del>Sterling</del>	Children's	Victoria
	Gibson		

a very nice woman formerly a cook, ill  
came to St. T.s for "*fresh air*"  
never been but 1 day off duty since  
quick temper but Miss Machin has  
done much to keep her temper under  
control  
goes on now to Ovariectomy case in  
Magdalen small Ward for the night  
- with Miss Mackenzie for day  
likes the Children's Ward best  
wd like to be Nurse with children  
can do so much for them  
learnt most in Edinburgh from Corcoran!!!  
*no Sister has ever shown her cards* [red pencil]  
except Miss Hawthorn  
& Miss Pyne, a fellow Probationer

**f118v**

*no Sister has ever shown her  
bandaging*  
Mr. Crofts has shown her: & they  
have bandaged on one another &  
on the children in Victoria  
*no Sister has ever shown her  
any Sick Cooking - nor any  
other Pr. that she has ever known:*  
Ward Maids er Nurses boil eggs,  
& so Sick Cooking in Small Kitchen  
she being a cook has don it sometimes  
just ArrowRoot & custard pudding:  
never say any other P. do it  
*She has never taken a case:  
no Sister has ever shown her  
how:*  
Miss Machin has taught her  
abbreviations & dictates to them:  
takes immense pains with them

but it is no use getting anything theoretical  
in my head I have no education:  
could make, I believe, a good practical

**f119**

Nurse: should like to be a Staff Nurse  
not a *Head Nurse*  
likes Miss Gibson very much:  
never saw Miss Starling but once:  
Miss Gibson & Nurse Cross keep  
capital order among the children:  
understood there were to be *no  
P.s under Miss Starling*  
only under Miss Gibson:  
she the only P.  
My  
Syringes used in Wards:  
my *large Porringers* with handles  
to carry away *dirty dressings*  
*only used in Victoria & one other  
Ward*  
My *Armbaths* used in Victoria  
Gentleman comes round every Friday  
with toys & books for children

**f119v**

Children merry: 'keep quiet there's  
Polly's Doctor: Jenny's Doctor &c  
one little girl of 7 up: the one only:  
carries round mugs 2 linen pieces to sew  
sheets & pinafores  
all but babies can feed themselves -  
never hears bad words:  
bed tables: milk, not tea  
as much as they like  
In Elizabeth tea poured out a bread  
& butter cut in Ward: Patients sit  
to table & up ones carry round to  
others:  
In other wards, done in Ward Kitchen -  
former best ?  
in all Wards, Patients who can sit round table  
Mothers in Children's Ward stay at  
door to hear if children leave off crying  
when they leave  
Children in Adult Wards such favourites  
do much good there  
navus: hare lip baby: operation: always  
had it in my arms: died of thrush

notes, ff120-22v, pencil

**f120**

E. Perry May 18/74 came Dec 4/73  
age 32

Weeks

4	Stains	Albert	M. Surg.
8	Bull	Charity	M. Med.
8	Notcutt	Leopold	M. Surg.
	Butler	Mary	F. Med.

a very nice, spirited, brimfull of feeling & intelligence

woman: well, not to say highly educated:

the daughter of an Irish 'lawyer': dead

had lived at Dublin & Cork:

had read to Patients in Hospital:

nursed her Father till his death:

never been out before:

when she first came into Albert O

Sister, don't let me see the Surgeons: O

Sister, don't let me see the Accidents: let

me run away: disappeared entirely one evening

Miss Machin is her idol: 'always setting

our focus upwards': so patient: such

grace & dignity -

So is Matron: so sympathetic

learnt most from Sister Notcutt: so

sympathetic: so interested in our Lectures:

have you done well to-day? - have you

had a good Lecture: getting us up with books

**f120v**

Miss Notcutt

keeping a full Diary & Case book of  
all her Patients: only Sister who does:

Mr. Crofts often consults it:

lets us see it [real *Medical* capacity]

helped me with all my *cases, Medical*

& *Surgical*: taught me the *cards*

I study them at the table in Mary with

& the *Pharmacopoeia*; after her, I could

read the cards in every Ward without

being shown: only Sister who did:

- as anxious for us to go to the Lectures

& Classes as other Sisters are to keep

us away: used to examine me:

helped me with the reading:

Nurse Newton also good:

but Miss Machin has shown me

most of all: her Classes so instructive:

she so patient: helps me to read books:

[I read in *Medical Wards*]

PLENTY *of time*

*She* makes us *bandage*:

Sisters don't: no time

Miss Notcutt made us teach the

Children Patients to read: did it herself:

very kind to dying Patients

**f121**

Sister Charity knows how to exhort & comfort dying Patients

but death beds very sad: not seen one comfortable one: many have texts at their fingers' ends: but few apply any comfort from the promises to themselves

Miss Notcutt taught me *to test urine:* to take temperatures, pulse, respiration: she standing with her watch on one side bed: I on the other: to give Sub-cutaneous Injection Nurse While (Mary) *to apply Galvanic Battery*

Mr. Croft very particular in having everything ready for him in his Ward; he comes every day:

I knew *Sick Cookery* before I came: Miss Notcutt made *me*, (not Nurse or Ward Maid), make arrow-root, barley water, custard puddings, boil eggs, beef tea from meat in Ward Kitchen: good practise -never done it in any other Ward

Do Teas in Ward K. spoils Patients' appetite to cut it up/bread & butter in the Ward the pains Miss Machin takes with us are untold

**f121v**

Miss Machin always down /up first  
& in the last: looks worn:  
got up in the night to Macpherson: ill:  
when so many ill in Home, very heavy for  
her: Hodgson ill, Miss Machin attended to her  
the moment she told: Sisters  
didn't: not taken in time  
\_\_\_ P.s not considerate: make noise on stairs:  
all P.s attend Miss Machin's Bible Class now at 8.30 on  
Saturday eveng; she expounds so well  
\_\_\_ My Syringes Arm baths large Porringers for dirty dressings  
used in Leopold: (Miss Notcutt)  
used large Porringer to slip under knee  
cases: & syringed: very good for that:  
rheumatic fever case: Mary: could not sleep: bed-sore  
came in a single night: after opium sleep:  
abscess boy in Leopold: profuse discharge  
knows the whole Bible  
no other P in Mary.  
I have every other afternoon & every other evening  
alternate to take charge in Mary  
[Nurse off duty] never found any  
difficulty: nor in Men's Ward: either  
-men always respectful & grateful:  
-never once had to call in Sister to keep  
order: never heard a bad word  
Dr. Murchison going round with Students -  
as good as a Lecture  
Sister Charity most careful Sister  
Medical better than Surgical work:

**f12?**

Miss Spencer who makes Sister the model

Bandager: so clever with her fingers:

'I have no Bandaging in my fingers'-

Miss Spencer always in the Ovariectomy case  
small Ward till it died" suffered much

we talk much too much among one another of the Sisters &  
prejudice one another about them:

then we often find them not what

they were represented [Address to P.s

[her own Sister an Ovarian tumour under

French quack for a year]

seems to believe everything she is told

Sisters Alexandra & Arthur don't take exercise  
-neuralgic head aches

not much like a Quaker  
but full of Spirit & uncomplaining

good appetite & sleep

thinks Matron requires nothing of them  
but what is right

no Sister ever examines us as to what we  
know

*no time even in the Medical Wards*

hear bad words sometimes

not filled for Surgical work

Sisters don't report to Doctors only *answer questions:*

I didn't know how in Elizabeth: no Sister ever taught me

{in right margin}

we learn much from a single case:

notes, ff122-22v, pencil

**f122**

Miss Cadbury age 33 [May 19/74] July 1873

Weeks

3	Female Medical	Alice	Butler
8	Male Surgical	Edward	Airy
9	Female "	Elizabeth	Hawthorn
4	Obstetrics	Adelaide	Blundell
3	Male Medical	Arthur	Rhodes
2	Night Nurse to Miss Hornby		
3	Acting Sister	S.F. Elizabeth	
4	Absent		

would like to go under Stains & into Children's

a spirited woman face changes

as if she had been scratched a cat -  
rather given too much to drudge:

to neglect the parts wh: qualify her to  
teach others 'the reason why':

says she has no time: has not been trained so much as Perry

says: of their two study afternoons

one is taken up by Lecture: the other

by *writing notes of it*

*Would take cases:* but there is never

a moment's time in the wards:

too tired at night: can't give up exercise:

*if Sister keep Case books & Diaries*

must give up their exercise

Wd like to *make notes of Dr. Murchison's*

{in left margin}

very sorry for Miss Gibson she wants to finish her training

**f122v**

discourse to his students - 9-11 am -  
but it is not proper to do it at the time -  
& afterwards it is *one drive*-

[altogether she degenerates too much into  
the *drudge*: the practical Nurse:

*without any knowledge for training  
others:]* would like to continue her Probation  
after the year.

does not think any Ward-work too much:  
wishes to do it ~~at~~ all: Bed-making easy:  
thinks if you take to the work at all  
you had better do it all: does not take too  
much out of her

Miss Hawthorn taught her *the Cards* & taught  
her to *observe a little on cases*: symptoms: no other Sister  
S. Blundell would answer questions well:

[Syringe given in bed under the bed-clothes:  
Patient puts it on: & Probr works it]

Patients often very nice young married  
women: of a higher class than the others

Miss Airy wd answer questions: but  
that ward such a drive: ~~she~~/Miss Airy kept a  
Diary of a Brain Pyaemia ( case:

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Miss Hawthorn used to explain a case: & say: now we shall see  
what Dr. says -

does NOT know *how to test urine*: knew nothing about the  
importance

can measure it:

does *not often take temperatures*: copies  
them out of Sister's book:

does not *count respirations*: *counts pulse*

**f122v**

[not much enthusiasm about her profession  
-only about it as a trade -]  
says she neglects too much speaking about religion to the  
Patients

Ovariectomy case: died: well prepared:  
\_\_\_\_\_ can pass Female Catheter: thought she never could  
Adelaide  
has seen *Galvanic battery* applied  
thinks she could give *Sub-cutaneous Injections*

\_\_\_\_\_ the *spirit of bandaging* has gone out of  
the home Miss Hicks want to learn.  
they used to bandage much upon one another  
-afraid of bandaging before Mr Croft  
no Sister (~~perhaps Miss Hawthorn~~)/only Nurse Chapman ever taught  
her  
much *bandaging* there isn't time

\_\_\_\_\_ Sick Cooking not much taught

\_\_\_\_\_ has had poisoned fingers -  
Syringes only used occasionally: brass & green  
syringe

\_\_\_\_\_ much drawn to Miss Hornby while ill -  
does not like Magdalen work: so hopeless  
mother wd not have it

\_\_\_\_\_ thinks Mrs. Rhodes clever but untidy:  
Mr. Zimmermann taught her (she used to boast)  
Auscultation & Chest Percussion -  
used to put to rights after Mrs. Rhodes  
ward much more tidy under Miss Vincent

notes, ff123-24v, pencil

**f123**

E. Milne [May 20/74] age 32 July 1873  
Weeks Male Surgl: Miss Notcutt {Albert  
9 {Leopold  
3 Ill: strained her back: had a bad finger  
2 Male Medl: Bull Charity  
9/6 " Surgl Stains Albert  
4 Male Medl: Bull Charity  
4 Staff " " "  
3 " " "  
4 Obstetric Blundell Adelaide  
4 Female Surgl: ~~illeg~~/Hawthorn: Elizabeth

in love with *S. Bull*: so kind to me  
*she like to be always a Staff Nurse*  
*under her*

but all the Sisters have been kind to  
me: & Matron (& Miss Machin: always  
tells me to tell her when anything is the matter with her:}  
used to be hysterical: think herself forgotten  
& not liked more sensible now

I always jot down Dr. Peacock's remarks  
to his Students after he has left the  
Ward: so instructive: stand to the  
table & do it

has a glass eye:

Miss Machin spoke so kind to me when I was

**f123v**

in the Sitting room before she was Sister

Father: Staff Sergt Major 12th Lancers xx died last year:

Mother such a good Xtian: ill: at Musselburgh

xx wanted to enlist again to go to Crimea-

& to Mutiny: man of good education

I had forgotten my writing: but want it  
again now:

Ward-robe keeper in Girls' & Boys' Schools

Keene is her friend

Miss Machin takes pains with me as

if I were her child

[Just when she was going to go, burst  
out with all her religious feelings:  
her need to read one verse at night & in  
the morning; how ~~it~~/verse returns to her during  
the day.]

wishes to be Staff Nurse under  
S. Bull: *but S. Bull has no Order:*  
& evidently lets Milne have her own  
way:

went to Edinburgh as Night Nurse:

May 29/74

**f124**

gave good account of her Ovariectomy case  
just going on another

knows *her cards*: S. Bull showed her  
Nurse Chapman has shown her *Bandaging*  
no Sister: no time

*Sick Cooking*: has made puddings & arrowroot  
no Beef Tea: no Sister has shown her:  
knew it before: but she not Ward maid  
told to do it:

taken some *Cases*: but no Sister has  
shown her: & has been so interrupted  
never seen a case out: never time to  
write out her cases: has written them by  
herself.

Miss Notcutt curious: takes trouble with  
some:

Miss Stains took more pains with her  
but S. Bull most of all

used Syringes: large Porringers: did not know of leg Baths:  
poisoned her finger: did not know how.

write Dictation under Miss Machin  
has written notes of 2 Lectures

knew nothing of why urine to be tested  
before operations

**f124v**

does not object to Night Nursing  
never been taught symptoms  
Obstetric very instructive: but not heavy  
while she was there  
does not know how to test urine:  
believes S. Bull measured it:  
thinks Mrs. tested it  
took temperatures, respiration, pulses, under  
S. Bull  
can pass the Catheter: learnt it in Adelaide  
S. Bull & S. Spencer give Sub-cutaneous Injection  
she not  
Ovariectomy case made sick by s. Inj: & continued  
sick till she died & thought she should: bile x -

Diary: but it's always the same -  
~~told me~~/she asked me about greater danger of Blood=  
Poisoning in operation if Urine does not  
eliminate from Blood

xx why do they not clear the stomach  
of bile before Operation (Chloroform)  
& before Subc: Injection  
in dangerous Operations like  
Ovariectomy [ask Sisters this]

F.

{upside down & stroked out} ~~illeg~~ Parry  
Tanner on Diseases

notes, ff125-32v, pencil

**f125**

Miss Stains {May 22/74} S. Albert  
very *intelligent* but stiff -

of Lady P.s Miss Spencer & Miss Vincent  
decidedly the best

Miss Spencer great Surgical aptitude  
(greater than Miss Vincent) but so shy:

*had a Bandage always* in her pocket  
& when she had a minute bandaged  
the boys: we have always boys:  
have 9 now:

none of the present P.s do that:  
I have only had one lady P. since  
Miss Girling

P.s of this year seem to think  
that the *Sisters want to impose* upon  
them: or think that they know  
more than the Sisters: (Miss Girling:  
invited to stand by me when the Surgeons  
come & hear my answers: she "thinks there  
"is not much to learn in that way")  
or are indifferent about learning

Crump } Miss Girling: improving  
Davis } of this kind Vennell: good  
Hodgson } Yarnley: splendid Ford: flirted with  
*Surgical power:* & then every man as well as  
they make her *Night Supt* with House P.  
where she can never use it

**f125v**

Miss Stains: very clever, experienced &  
anxious Surgical Sister: upright but narrow -  
[not a good *Training Sister* at present.  
therefore cannot make a good *Supt*:  
this a good test.]  
~~but~~ sour, decided & yet timid:  
you see she disagrees with you: but she  
says nothing: only she has a way of looking down in  
what you fear may be speechless indignation:  
[inclined to say. I had no training myself:  
& have done very well. (wh. is true)  
others may do so as well as I.]  
does not allow for the difference in  
capacity & that a good *Training Sister*  
must overcome this  
[a good *Training Sister* is one who makes  
the *P.s* learn: not one who leaves them  
to learn, if they please F.]

**f126**

Thinks the Lady *P.s* should do the work  
like the Nurse *P*.  
*bed-making* part of the dressing: we  
have every Patient but one in bed:  
every bed made with him in it so as not  
to disturb some limb:  
Thinks that the *Nurses* would not  
like to do *all the work*: & the Lady  
*P.s* to do *all the dressings*  
[& then says that the *P.s* make  
a great deal out of a little & that  
what they complain of- (N.B. they don't  
complain( is hardly anything -  
then why would the Nurse  
complain of it?  
*The Nurse* is a Hospital Servant  
*The Lady P.s* are not Hospital  
*Servants*: they come there  
trained for their own good: the Nurse wd have  
no right to complain of doing Hospital  
work: the *P.* has IF it is not for her  
good. How can it be for her good to

**f126v**

to clean pipes, gas globes, wash porringers  
("they only wash them when they have  
used them themselves" dust, &  
make Medical beds ["flock when they used  
to b I used to find it hard work  
myself.")

If it is "so LITTLE", why can't the  
Nurse & Nurse P. do it between them?

Why is it so little for the  
Lady P. so much for the Nurse

One would think it was just the  
other way little for the Nurse

The Nurse ought to be told  
that the Lady P.s are not to  
clean pipes or gas globes -

6 months: none of the Lady P.s  
have been let off bed-making &  
housemaiding after their 6 months  
tho' it was put in the Address:  
if ~~they~~/we don't keep our promises to them,  
how will they keep theirs to us?]

**f127**

Miss Stains -2- reserved  
 [inclines to be hard to P.s]  
 cannot tell what a *Night Supt* is  
 for she retires when she find the  
 Sister there at night  
 can always hear at night what is going  
 on:  
 always gets up to a bad case  
*knows when Night Nurse has reported  
 carefully by state of Patient in morning*  
 House Surgeon & Dresser No 1 may  
 always be about all night if they choose:  
 but I can always hear: always know  
*whether Night Nurse has slurred her  
 duty with Patients & run after the gentlemen*  
 [But all Sister not like Miss Stains  
 Dressers often detailed to watch Patients  
 when no occasion then they ~~make~~  
~~loud~~ "play so loud with children"  
 Sister can do much to prevent Dressers  
 from opening or probing wounds unnecessarily  
 She can say: House Surgeon or Dresser No 1 is  
 coming this morning to see that case: could  
 you not make appointment to see case with them?

**f128**

Corcoran muddled her work: opened  
 all the cases at once: left a bad  
 excision case to bathe himself into  
 the bed: ran off the other end of Ward  
 think she much have improved in  
 Edward: or Mr. Sydney Jones would never  
 have tolerated her

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Mr. Simon so kind to Patients  
 Mr. McCann my other Surgeon

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Bandaging: thinks P.s should teach  
 themselves: does not teach them:  
 thinks P.s should watch how a Doctor  
 does it & have a Bandage ready in  
 pocket, - & the first spare moment  
 (after Doctor gone) bandage like him (on boys)  
 Dressers do all Bandaging - no actual  
 practise for P.s in Wards

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[then you/a Training Sister thinks a P. a good P when  
 she can train herself? F.]

**f128v**

*Sick Cooking:* most of them

know just how to make arrow-root  
& little puddings: [not Beef Tea}

I tell *them*, not Ward maid to do it,  
I don't *teach* them.

Cooking for Sisters & Nurses was  
scandalous at St. T.s'

I was so hungry: I used to rush  
out & dine at Charing X Station

Now it is much better: nothing to complain  
of: but no variety

Green vegetables twice a week

Rhubarb pudding on Sundays

"Of course there *can't be variety*  
on the present system of *each*  
*block dining* together

~~unless~~/if there were a Housekeeping Nurse  
& all Sisters & Nurses dined together,  
their dinners might be arranged with  
variety

Matron helped me more in preparing for  
Operation one day when Nurse was out than



**f129v**

Sisters know how to give *sub-cutaneous*  
*Injections*: never do it in *Male Wards*:  
does not teach P.s [S. Bull does  
F.]

F. "When Acting Sisters begin, they  
make mistakes in answering questions -  
I ask them: but do not Sisters say:  
now you be Sister: & I'll be Surgeon:  
answer my questions."  
S.A. No: I never do that.

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thinks those are the best Nurses  
who can't take cases  
Nurse Ann: in Adelaide  
now you will go with me to-day to  
this case: & I ~~will~~/shall go with you tomorrow

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she Miss S.  
-does not encourage P.s to take cases in  
*Ward*: no book tells them what is *Caries*, & what  
*Necrosis*: and I don't either  
never applies or teaches *Galvanic battery*

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never examines P.s as to what they know

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never asks P.s: have you done well at lectures  
not wishes them to go to Lectures or Classes -

### f130

Floors in St. T.s: detestable  
a half-witted youth does them  
alone: every 6 or 8 weeks: some  
times one Ward with the water already used for another

At the Herbert - every day:

(they never *let them* get dirty)

two Orderlies do it & Patients xx help  
floor gone over 4 times every morning  
no water used at all

1. sweep
2. weighted broom
3. brush (with flannel over it)  
wax (no turpentine) wherever a  
little bit has worn off: or something  
has been spilt -

4. sweep

they take a pride in it

but then they have no Accidents & no

Visitors to spoil the floors -

[*So much the more do we want it. F.*]

Great want in *Civil Hospitals*:

no *linen*: no clothing: we can't

change a Patient *with discharge*: because he

has *no clean shirt*: change him constantly in

a *Military*: when they want to get up, no dressing-gowns or slippers

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x x we never have a Patient in *Albert* who  
can help: sometimes only one out of 30 out of bed.

**f130v**

Herbert: in Nurses' Quarters  
only one or two sick Cadets  
one old man to nurse them:  
his old wife to do dress making

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only 2 Nurses

Nurse Caroline Oakes: can't keep her own  
-does just what Mrs.  
S.S. tells ~~them~~/her:

Kate Holland: comes to see me  
supposed to be one Extra Nurse  
to *each Surgical Ward*  
supply never kept up or useless  
my last Extra Nurse quite incapable  
if no Extra Nurse, *P.s* have too much  
to do

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*Sisters*  
seem to me to regard the *P.s*  
*much more as Hospital servants*  
*than to be trained for Hospital*  
*Sisters*  
SISTERS REPORTS absolutely useless  
STAINS the same marks  
as CRUMP or HODGSON



**f132v**

*The Sisters won't give themselves  
the trouble of teaching: the  
Lady P.s won't give themselves  
the trouble of learning the  
'reason why'*

Half wit boy sometimes washes  
one Ward with the dirty water used  
already for another

Always bad smell at Entrance  
door of Hospital into Lambeth

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Always Albert has smell  
heat from Kitchen below

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Edinburgh  
Nurses take temperatures  
Medical  
dry cup  
give subcutaneous  
Galvanic battery  
test urine

notes, ff133-33v, pencil

**f133**

Miss Mackenzie May 24 {arch: [?1874]}

more reverence than Miss Gregory  
better Nurse  
more simple tho' less clever  
told one much more

Dr. Douse a capital Trainer in  
this respect: much better than  
any of the St. T.'s Doctors - he asks  
so many questions one must get  
up one's cases to answer him

In Obstetric Ward when I was Sister  
I only had to report the night  
to Dresser - he reported to Dr. Barnes

Sister Albert: her explanations  
to P.s as good as a Lecture  
she took the Cards (or back of Cards:  
written: temperature: pulse)  
she wd tell one what symptoms & state  
would go with what temperature -  
then her ward so different from any one's

**f133v**

else: the influence she had  
over those men - over the P.s  
& Nurses -

under Miss Bourne  
Alexandra

Miss B. rushed in -  
said: Let me see you bandage -  
I have got to report you -  
that was all she taught me -

under Miss Parkinson  
Florence

Miss P - good Ward Sister not to P.s

S. Albert - as good as a Lecturer  
the other Sisters so bungle  
their explanations one can't understand

S. Alice will only give explanations  
(then very good)  
when asked for  
[Miss Williams]

notes, ff134-36, pencil

**f134**

*Sister Leopold M.S. Miss Notcutt*

May 31/74

a woman of much intelligence & even wide cultivation but absolutely unfitted for a Surgical Sister: makes a feat tells with the greatest emphasis/of the simplest Surgical management (probe: Macintosh) or preparation for Mr. Croft wh: any Surgical Nurse if she cannot learn in 3 months will never learn at all

talks too much: odd, nervous manner: very aggravating to a Surgeon or Nurse never will make a Surgical Sister

Nurse Ball	Day
Hammock	Night
Miss Gibson	}
Blower	} 3 P.s
Nurse Denham	}
Nurse Hunt	_____ Extra

a little like Miss Hawthorn: a perfect gentlewoman: but far less of Management: real Medical capacity from Ipswich was to have been a governess Nurse Perry - now teaching Nurse Vennell to test Urine

**f134v**

when I was nurse in the Surrey G.',  
I dusted: now the Nurses discharge  
all their housemaid duties much  
more on the P.s

most anxious for the P.s to get on  
but must think of the Nurse being  
ready to get the milk at 8 o'clock:  
to have a clean apron when Surgeons  
come at 9: to give the Medicines:  
P.s must not under 2 months: takes  
20 min: to give them

Lady P.s must give Bed pans & wash  
out bedpans: I always did: in order  
to see action of bowels:  
does not seem to understand a good  
Nurse

Nurse Ball "excellent at a Psoriasis  
case: so very attentive: my Night Nurse  
till a week ago: not trained: kind:  
Hunt good at feeding up a case  
Upton (Extra in Edward) forgotten  
her Surgical Skill  
Hammock can't make out yet  
we do use our P.s too much as Extras

**f?**

Sister Stains the best read of all our  
Surgical P.s

Miss Blower is getting on very well: very  
anxious to learn

Miss Gibson I make stand by me when  
Surgeon goes round

does not think P.s can write down what  
Surgeons have said as soon as they are  
gone but will try

teaches all P.s cards

did not like Nurse Vennell: opinionative

finished her Probation before we came  
into new Building

no one taught us anything: Mr. Whitfield

nothing: I answered the papers but

no one looked at them: Miss Lemon did

not even answer them:

I was Staff Nurse for 2 months in Queen's:

that was my only training

then took Christian, M.M., as Sister (in

new Building) then Arthur, M.M.,

then Albert & Leopold M.S.

O what ~~we~~ should we have ~~wanted~~/given to have  
Mr. Croft's lectures then

the P.s have really all they need now

**f?**

if they don't learn it's their fault  
I'm not a good Bandager: not a good  
counter of Pulses

Mr. Croft is so careful about his cases  
if P.s don't learn from his going round  
they can't learn anything

(emphatic rather than pedantic  
thinks so much, is such an effort to her  
to keep her Ward going: to get thro' the  
ordinary routine that it is wonderful  
how she manages to give any attention  
to her P.s at all)

I say: see to feeding that bad case  
as soon as Surgeon's gone

Mr. Croft comes 3 times a week morning:  
begins alternate days Alexandra first  
Leopold first every afternoon

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does not think Lady P.s can be  
released from housemaid's work.  
-not time to get the Ward ready:  
[what, not even with Day, Night & Sister  
Nurse, & Night P.?)

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Ulcer (gentleman) in small Ward: Ball very  
attentive to it: liked Newton

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a fine-natured women: extols Mr. Croft  
if Mr. Croft is always 'having words  
with her.

**f135**

2 Miss Notcutt

I remember when I was a Probationer  
(in the Surrey Gardens) I used to  
hear the Sisters complaining of the  
trouble the Probationers were of  
to them - & that they should be  
much better without them (P.s)  
And they taught us nothing:  
& we were taught nothing by  
any one: & they used to use us  
to do the work they did not like  
to do: [but the Nurses, at  
least the P.s when serving as Staff  
Nurses did dusting & cleaning  
then they don't do it now.]

And I thought then: oh if ever  
I am a Sister, how I will teach  
how differently I will do by, how  
I will help the P.s

And I have not  
I too am only thinking of getting thro

**f135v**

the Ward work: as well as I can:  
of being ready for the Surgeons:  
& not of fitting *them* to be  
future Sisters & Nurses:

**f136**

Vennell:

I have seen those  
who had come into Hospital  
Accidents from drink  
& had so faithfully promised never  
to drink again  
drunk when I was out walking  
afterwards

notes, ff137-38v, pencil

**f137**

June 1/74 H.A. Vennell came  
age 25= Sept /73  
Weeks 2 Children's Victoria Starling  
6 ½ Male Surgical Edward Airy  
6/7 Female " Alexandra Berryman  
5 days Male Surg " Albert Stains  
9 " " " Leopold Notcutt  
3 weeks Ophthalmic Hatcher  
5 days Male Surg Albert Stains  
7 weeks " " " "

they don't let us do any Sick Cookery &  
you know how I was a cook

I never see any Sick Cookery done or  
taught

must make a cup of tea at 7 a.m. for  
poor No 10 out of my own tea pot  
She can't take her breakfast at 5 -  
makes her sick: & we must not  
make her a nice cup of tea when she  
can take it

No 10 dying of Phthisis: widow: 4 children  
what will become of them? - suffers  
very much -

takes cases: writes Diary  
has not shown her cases to Miss  
Machin for a month:

[shrewdly suspect none take cases  
or keep Diary but those who do

**f137v**

show them to Miss Machin  
P. always complain that they  
cannot see a case thro': shifted  
week & week about: lose their interest  
- can't take a case thro':  
would it not be possible to try  
with one Lady P. that she should have  
5 cases to go thro' with, to keep  
the Tempe paper, & do General [temperature]  
Work besides?  
what use otherwise in her  
keeping the Tempe paper?]  
S Stains taught me most: she used  
to have us to the Table & say: now  
why do I feed that Patient only one  
milk? to prevent Ulceration of the  
Stomach?  
what should you do with burns?  
Tremendous burnt back: man drunk  
Two cut throat cases:  
1 in Alexandra: said she was sure she  
shd do it again: talked to her: said  
she wouldn't.

**f138**

S. Airy taught me nothing: was  
so ill managed - she & Corcoran  
nothing done the right way:  
S. Notcutt did not teach me much  
likes Medical work now  
did like Surgical work best  
not much Medical or Surgical  
intelligence but practical  
& earnest in her work nothing like so  
intelligent as Perry  
[P.s if they came off punctually  
from their wards might write  
notes of cases & of Lectures  
in odd half hours:  
but Nurse P.s have most difficulty  
unless book ready ruled for them

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there is a good deal of real Bandaging  
in Leopold:

No 1 Dresser gives the Subcutaneous  
when He's there but often he's late:  
& then Sister gives it & shows us:

**f138v**

no Galvanic Battery in Leopold:  
except when a very long one is given,  
then P.s might have been shown:

no dry cupping

Students always test urine

Vennell more interested morally than  
intelligently in her cases

notes, ff139-40, pencil

**f139**

Miss Hill

June 4/74

used ~~to~~ when Extras were ordered  
& I was Acting Sister of Christian  
Charity to send for the meat  
& make in Ward Kitchen

Meat Pies & Puddings

Irish Stew: Mutton Chops

Sweet Puddings

Beef Tea from Meat

I kept an account for Physicians  
of all my 60 Cases

took down history from Friends  
when they came in

(want of interest of the P.s in cases  
arises much from their not

having any given them to see *through*

-but will they do the General Work  
too?

they CAN if they please write in

**f139v**

Wards: write all down that pertains  
to the cases:

I used to take the history from  
the Friends:

often for Dr. Peacock:

I always wrote in Ward:

used to take down what the

Doctors said as a P.

While they were there: nobody saw

me: what the Drs. were

dictating to their Clinical Clerks:

often the Students who

were late asked me for it)

if on the Card

Narcotics noted the

Stimulants effect

Tonics in my Case

Aperient book

**f140**

Typhoid Fever

took whole case

Relapse thought Perforation

only Flatulence: friends had given him bread

added a little Peppermint to his

Brandy: it went off in 5 minutes

notes, ff140v-43, pencil & pen {written on the back of an envelope}

**f140v**

		Hawthorn	
		Edward	
		Elizabeth	
		Victoria	
9 Children's,	8	Elizabeth	
	,	8	Alice
8 F.M.		Albert	
	,	3	Alex
	1	Charity	
15 F.S.		Albert	
	,	3	
11 M.M.			
	8		

15 M.S.  
 did not know whether  
 of Ward was to be 60  
 under 60 . Mrs. Hunt was  
 at midnight. had had it  
 Herself, 23, & Nurse Cole, 18,  
 work of Ward: no superintendence  
 did not come when they had  
 come son duty at 10 p.m. Temper  
 foul then from bedpans, In that c  
 in getting ward fresh all night. had  
 a little bit at top: & ventilators: Winds  
 ward often foul.

Minet Night Nurse Alexandra { did not  
 Davies " " Elizabeth { in Wards  
 Nurses could see that children were cross &  
 get on well, if ward foul at night  
 Thought children cried, more in Adult Wards at night

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I have cup of tea	10 p.m.
ale, bacon, cold meat	2 a.m.
	do it in kitchen
tea coffee	5 a.m.

milk( or tea/ale & bacon, if not a 2) 9.30 a.m.

We have 1 lb bacon every fortnight (no cheese, if bacon) this gives  
 one rasher every night. so tired at 9.30 that I take milk & go  
 to bed: do not want anything more then: could not go/do it myself:  
 to Clapham to father's every Sunday: often go to evening Church twice  
 a

week: get up a 6 p.m. if go to bed at 10 a.m.

-2-

The bigger ones, especially if they had been a long time in Ward,  
 grew to have a sense of duty about not crying: as about  
 not swearing. Children got much more obedient in the Ward  
 Sang "Safe in the arms of Jesus" Improved

3 infants under 1 year: obliged to nurse these:  
10 burns: 2 children of 7 nearly a year  
Children breakfasted 4.30 a.m.  
Infants fed milk every 2 hours  
one case of starvation: 6 months:  
got well

{continuation of f141v

thorn  
Esher  
Hawthorn  
Mackenzie  
Stains  
andra Spencer  
Bull  
Stains  
temperature by night  
thought it was to be  
to take temperature on  
61  
did all the Night  
really. Mrs. Hunt  
measles  
Ward often very  
windows open  
down  
the children

**f143v?** {written on an envelope ignore

M.M.	Bull	{illeg}	
M.S.	Airy	{illeg}	
F.M.	Mackenzie	5	
M.S.	Airy	4	still {illeg}
F.S.	Spencer	4	
Ophth;		1	
F.S.	Franks	4	
Obst.		4	
F.S.	Spencer	4	
		4	

3 ms. F.S.

{written the other way on the envelope; first 2 lines too dark to read}

{illeg} Mr. Hatcher has children to live with  
{illeg} has been about 8 months Night Nurse: Victoria: when turned out  
was Extra Nurse in Magdalen &c &c Miss Fisher very good Sister  
Victoria

{Night

Miss Hawthorn & Miss Stains taught me 'most  
constant taking up & making babies dry

Pilgrim's Progress: acted (Christian by a little boy)  
well at St. Peter's Schools at Xmas.

notes, f144, pencil

**f144**

Victoria P.s Children's Ward {arch: [1874]}

Miss Cornish

Night Nurses: Rooms: inspection  
Bible Class once a month  
to join Miss Crossland's

Sisters: meals

Alfred Ward no supper  
but remnants

Miss Annie Fisher

Sisters unfair to P.s want moral courage

written

Questions to future Supts after doing

Sister's duty by Mrs. Wardroper

Linens for ditto wills

Night Supt 2 weeks: so good for Night Supt too

Home at different times

9 months on in their time

1 week all but Secretary's duties

2 fortnights Night duty for all P.s

Mackenzie

P.s "outing" Cadbury

Singing Class

Franks

Miss Bourne

Sister Charity

Miss Hill

notes, f145, pencil

**f145**

{arch: {[1873-1874]}

Maclagan Perkins Clinical Prof  
                  dinner Sunday

Drs. Hours Patients 2 /Patts./ 80 Nurses  
Prob Day Nurses 3

9-10 am lunch 12 - 8 Head nurses  
bread & milk  
no cheese 3 6  
butter

Nurses 1 ½ day a month  
P.s ½ day a fortnight 3 times a week

Elizabeth - 11.30 am  
one week  
3.30 - 6  
3 times a week  
2 P.s do most Surgl  
works  
3 times ~~illeg~~ a fortnight  
P. on duty all day  
For Surg Ward  
once a week P.s Class 6-7 p.m.  
Dr. Bell's Class 9.45 -10.30  
a.m.

Classes shd be  
in the morning  
10-12 morning  
Exercise  
after morning dressings Dr. Croom's } 5-6 p.m.  
Patts lunch at 10 P. Class  
once a week  
Winter  
Night 11.15 - 12  
once a week

notes, ff146-47v, pencil

**f146**

Miss Jackson  
came Aug 12/74 Jan 14/75  
Days  
18 Female Surgical Hawthorn  
14 " " & Heathcote  
4 ½ weeks} 1 month  
15 Male Medical Vincent  
30 " "  
6 weeks} 1 ½ months  
31 " Surgical Stains  
22 " "  
Night  
           9 (Colotomy Case)  
2 months  
now in Magdalen

too like an Engine-driver: & reverses her  
Engine too often

Barker in Arthur first person  
who showed me how to empty  
Bedpan

want some one to ask questions of  
in Chemistry, in reading: we waste  
a good deal of time in reading &  
making notes on our two afternoons without help:  
asked Miss Crossland: could

**146v**

not keep my solemn question  
for Mr. Croft  
In his Examn, he merely asked me  
if I opened the windows  
reading Roscoe now  
want help

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**f147v**

Miss Jackson  
singing in Chapel dreadful  
Practice on Saturdays dreadful:  
Director no Director:  
only amateur practice:  
no time: no tune: uncertain: no firmness:  
they lag: Director stops them:  
but they do just the same next time:  
man at the Organ gives no  
support: *he* ought to be the Director  
but his is as amateur a performance  
as the rest: no teaching: all amateur:  
one looks one way & one another  
They could not be taught, unless as Sister  
Amalia at Beyrout did, they went  
thro' a thorough drill, eyes fixed on  
teacher, feet straight, bodies upright  
Magdalen Ward sings better than P.s -  
[That was a drill under S. Amalia  
at Beyrout from morning till night.  
Vous vous laissez aller, ma chère: at  
breakfast]  
they want professional trained teaching  
Sing: you talk of training: & give them untrained teachers

notes, ff148-48v, pencil

**f148**

Jenny Taylor            26 1 year &  
   1 week  
   June 28/75

Sister Arthur taught her most  
saw more of what was good in  
Arthur Ward than in any Ward of the  
Hospl: when Sister was by  
& none of what was bad than in an  
Ward of the Hospl when Miss Butler  
was alone -

Nurse Hope will do better of a  
day than of a night Nurse rather flighty  
& slovenly wants overlooking  
complains of *Night Nurse's* position  
nobody to look after them: *nobody*  
*to care 'what becomes of us':*

Sister Alexandra: one learns more in  
that Ward by seeing Sister do every  
thing so perfectly  
every Patient goes out the better from  
having been under her influence  
every Patient dies the better for what  
she has said to her            Nurse Pitcher Day  
the Nurses, the P.s the very Wardmaids  
are different there from any other Ward  
so quiet: so orderly: such a Xtian life & life in Christ:

**f148v**

Albert Sister does not teach much:  
but one learns order:  
& she bandages so well:  
it is a sight to see her bandaging  
every case in the Ward or an  
emergency

J. Taylor: "sister has been given  
to me: I will be true to her  
you may depend upon me: it  
will be a relief to you to know it"

M. Rice: tall & handsome: good  
worker: not very well educated  
but enough education to get on with

Such the beauty of the Hospl  
4 months old:  
not flighty: tho' she has had the  
opportunity

Nurse Rutherford: not good  
- but best Nurse: so neat  
and thorough (Miss Crossland)  
now Day Nurse }  
Penrose Night Nurse } Edward

notes, ff149-49v, pencil

**f149**

Miss Crossland

June 29/75

Yarnley: noisy, coarse, Night Supt  
noise in kitchen: arms akimbo:  
no sort of good influence

Hunt: perfectly absurd: temporary N.S.  
men laugh at her: play tricks: hide  
her bonnet: lighted piece of paper  
to look if there were  
Haemorrhage

young Night Nurses: deteriorate:  
going from Home:

Sister: too much engaged in mornings  
to look after them: their only time

Cadbury energetic: Mary

Carter: Night Nurse: likes her own way:  
Nurse likes her much better than Miss Heathcote

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Starling: Victa: one of the most  
valuable sphere of instruction (in a  
Hospl) entirely closed to our P.s  
(children)

**f149v**

Barnacle }  
Yeats } Miss Machin's manners  
Brain } cd not call any body else  
Gosling } Sister  
Dancy good little woman  
Mrs. Hodgson valuable Nurse  
Brain: clever: devoted: high principled  
"what, did Mrs. W. think I should  
break the rules" (when Sis. was gone)  
great friend of J. Taylor's  
refined: (from Poole): 20  
very different from London girls  
Mary: not flighty: but droll: blunt  
brusque:  
to be Night Nurse in Arthur  
Yeats Mary  
Surgeons & Physicians come now at 8  
but it is 9 ¼  
Elizabeth Ward: so much Ward work  
little teaching: plants take the  
time of 3 Patients  
Little Pyaemia boy in Ward (small) hospital  
"do as you love Jesus?" to the two laughing  
Students: so taken aback: "think  
about it, Sister 10 years old:  
"pray with me" to Nurse Taylor:



**f151v**

½ bread morning ½ evening  
So with Beer, milk, beef tea, & bread  
Supper made out. [Dr. Gervis: Adelaide  
Nurse Ann allows Patients to bring own teapots: makes tea  
Sister Leopold not in urn but teapot  
depends on P.s whether any order  
nothing put by  
Patients allowed to wash hands after 9 a.m.  
after P.s have washed basins -  
But Sister Leopold best teacher there is:  
tho' her bandaging & dressing not good -  
Sister Alexandra the perfect Sister  
but rather from her bandaging & doing all things  
so perfectly than from her teaching  
but she goes round at 8 p.m. with P.s to see  
if they have done ~~wrong~~/everything  
Rutherford (Edward) best Bandager & dresser  
but so rue & disrespectful to Sister & to P.s  
flippant  
Sister Edward: no order: shows P.s nothing  
slow: P.s have to get thro' the work:  
She drives them; thinks they can never work  
hard enough: slow & fussy over beds at night  
with P.s

**f152**

Miss Blower

Elizabeth washed her Ivy in Ward  
only 2 Bedside Tables given by Mr. Croft  
those in Alexandra

S. Leopold so fussy with Mr. Croft while  
makes Mr. Croft fussy

S. Alexandra does not care:

nor Mr. Croft either

wished she had been with S. Leopold later:

because she wd have learnt of her more:

S.L. taught her cards: to teat urine

1. Leopold

Alexandra 3 mo

Edward 1 "

Adelaide 3 weeks

Charity 3 mo

Mary

Ophthalmic { learnt much making

Magdalen { Bandages from Hatcher

Sister have to get up at 6 ~~when~~ mornings

Drs come at 8: often don't come till 9

learnt most from S. Alexandra

did not learn any Sick Cookery at St. T.s - might do

much more in Ward Kitchens table

nothing done to Sitting rooms: carpet

chairs

Nurses' bed rooms: nice window: compartment

not up to ceiling: some (Nurse Ann) have made

them very pretty: with their own things: not else:

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**f153v**

Sister Airy politely & hardly illeg driving  
her P.s & making them work for her

Magdalen S. Hornby loses temper a good  
laugh So did Miss Jackson  
Miss French did very well  
girls like eels: slip 2 together into  
closet or tell their lives to one another  
round the fire when there are  
only 2, Sister or Nurse being off duty  
& these are busy in the Ward

Sister Leopold tells us when we have done  
a dressing or an Exercise well:  
& tho' one ought not to do it for that  
yet it is an encouragement

**f154**

Miss Blower  
Miss Gibson  
Girling privilege to be under  
Miss Lees: she shows them  
how to do every thing  
as good as a year's training

Miss Lees: very nice woman  
I wd not go because  
must not rad or talk to Patients  
must dress for supper  
not be a Nightingale P.

typhoid }  
Surgical (breast) } mixed up  
diphtheria  
hooping cough

8-12 cases a day an hour each  
if goes to case twice reckons as two  
gipsy hat good straw fashionable  
"ridiculous"

holland gown }  
6 aprons } a year  
blue alpaca cloak }  
" cloth " winter }

breakfast at 7: go out till 10: lunch: till 2 dinner  
till 5 tea; time to themselves till 8: supper: then with  
Miss Lees

blanks

f155

Miss Blower

119 Shaw St.

Lpool

Central Station

3 pm hour for starting

Peruvian on the 16th

Capt Watts

[on diagonal]

Pupils of S. John the Divine

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**f155v**

To act that each tomorrow

/ salt of the earth but remember the rest of the verse

Miss Machin

Home a place as we try to make it of moral,  
religious & practical training: a place of training  
of character, habits, intelligence, a place to acquire  
knowledge, technical & practical, a place, some  
thing like what a Training Home ought to be  
Some homes places of training in disorder, dirt  
discomfort & ungodliness

some a training in *nothing*

the "mothering" care & moral & religious helps wh you care  
for I know much more than in thought wh we try  
to give you

**f156** pencil note

Nurse *Maria Sealy* (formerly cook) to Montreal  
came to us Sept 73 Miss Machin became Sister Dec 73  
went to Soho Nov 74  
difference of Ovariectomy treatment at Soho  
kept very low before Operation, bled in the arm  
after, nothing but ice & warm water  
sometimes bled in the arm if inflamed symptoms  
operation performed in room on table - the two  
Dr Smiths move Patient to bed, thermo always  
kept at 70° day & night 2 fire places, day night  
large kettle steaming at each keeping room full of steam  
nurse (same) day & night (for a fortnight, if bad case)  
never had her clothes off but to change  
meals in room: afraid to put cup in saucer  
deodorizing bays round clamp  
no other ward on ovariectomy floor: 2 Ovariectomy Wards 4 beds in  
operation ward , only one case  
transferred to Convalescent ward (sometimes in a week)  
2 cases in Convalt Ward  
till Operation in general Ward, nurse introduced to her there  
2 father & son: Drs Prothero & Hawood & Smith (& 5 or 6 Drs)  
Miss Cameron Sister of Ward & 2 (Day & Night) Nurses present  
at operation: water &c brought into ward  
a great deal of uterine leeching for venereal cases at Soho  
very little at St. T's  
Drs took very little care of Nurses  
    Sister Adelaid taught her well  
with one case 6 weeks till she left  
    After return from Soho  
then in Magdalen 2 days  
Arthur Miss Vincent absent  
-----  
Martha Rice in Mary Miss Cadbury first rate Sister. Sept 5/7 [torn]  
real Xtian, reads with all the Patients  
takes pains with Probrs Miss Hull new one  
M Rice wishes she had had a little harder work before she went to  
Canada

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Miss Enderby

" Francis go with her to St Gabriel's (evening)

Dear dear sister

for the present

with you in spirit

yours loving

Daniel II.17 went to his friends

to unite in prayer to God

in no hurry to go & tell ye King when ye prayer was answered

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*Montreal*

~~illeg~~ Martha Rice Sept 15/75

Sisters Arthur & Elizabeth taught her most

Edward a drive: leant only from the work:

students all day long in Edward:

not allowed in Elizth in the afternoon except on a  
severe case

Miss Blower capital worker in Adelaide

sleep better in Nurses' Dormitories than in Home

has been with us 4 ¼ years Sept 15/75

Emma Randall

{no one taught her anything but

came to us June '71 { Hatcher: she made her look at

put on Night duty Victoria

March 72 babies {her dressings 3 times: then made

nearly 3 years in Victoria {her do them: she Hatcher overlooked

{her (accident Ward)

Miss Lemon capital

Miss Starling makes them wait on her

all one drive{?}

~~illeg~~/Batstone Night Supt used to help with babies & after she came  
to

duty in mornng at 6.30

~~illeg~~/Yarnley: loud: coarse: no help: walks twice round Ward

Night Supt) children won't go to her

thinks children not wakened by sick children screaming as

women are in an Adult Ward

has had 2 or 3 in her arms at once

many wd ask to say their prayers on her knee

no fault to find with Nurses' Rooms

3 Night Nurses in Dormitory (6 beds)

herself

Night Nursery maid

Charity Night

one reads while others work:

**f158** pencil notes

Ammat [?] 36 governess  
seeks it only for a superior station/no love for the nursing  
Mrs Stewart's no use  
Mrs Dempster very interesting  
Mrs McGregor evidently thinks her neither  
obliging nor active  
character "excellent since I have known  
her" what does this mean?  
Medl Certificate not yet come has illeg

f159v

Vavassour 2nd best 27 illeg  
very *anxious* for training  
gives up Cancer Hospital in consequence  
illeg omits temps & manner  
seems to think she needs to be managed  
makes illeg  
illeg

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Miss Rye 28 very good  
might do for District work

**f161v**

Wright 26 5 ft 7 companion  
writing scarcely that of  
an educated woman  
writing of her referees  
equally so  
seems her referees think she would  
make a good Nurse doubt her managing  
power rather unbending I shd think  
Mrs Turner's character not much use  
has not seen her/photograph

**f162 pencil notes names**

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**f163**

{arch:[1875]}

March; Miss Asten

Night Nurse

Martha Rice

Dr. Bernays: lots of questions

Anstey

Gosling

Davis

May

Yeats

L. Rice

Penrose

Dancy

Carter

Wand

Night Sup

Hodgson

Vennell

Taylor

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**f164v**

Miss Cross

{upside down}

Regent St. Allen Line

~~London~~ to Quebec

Liverpool

Mr. Spurgeon

if he knew anything suitable

apply straight to Mrs. Wardroper

Nurse March: Tuesday:

4.30

I'll send for her papers

notes, ff165-66v, pencil

**f165**

[arch: ?1874-1875]}

Druitt's Surgeon's Vade Mecum  
Tanner's

11.49 Cromford  
16/6

Galatea           black }  
                  blue } & white  
                  washing

Clara Jones  
Night Nurse Albert  
disobedient  
careless  
not trained  
2 screens  
men

**f166v**

N.N. grown coarse  
Mary  
Rutherford  
Dancy       Linenry  
Carter Mary

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**f166v**

N.N.   grown coarse  
May  
Rutherford  
Dancy               Linenry  
Carter   Mary

Hatcher:  
Yeats: trustworthy

Tabley: so badly  
          behaved man named Slater  
Corcoran:               Dispenser

Chapman:  
          coarse & unkind

{written on the side}

Charity & Ward  
Victoria       Nursemaids  
          dancing &   }  
          making a row   } at night

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**f167**

Sister Albert Jan 11/76  
9th Christmas in Hospl  
12th Sister Charity  
4 years at Netley & Herbert  
1 " Pr. at St. T.s from Oct 71  
9 months Sister Edward Oct 72  
2 ½ years Albert  
3 ¼ years Sister  
wishes to be Matron of small Hospital  
without Ladies' Committee or Probationers  
would serve anywhere over or under  
Miss Jackson  
tired of Probationers  
likes Lady P.s who give themselves up to  
their work  
Miss Vincent }  
Spencer } we have had none like them  
Miss Hull next best  
Jackson a splendid worker  
capital in every thing  
so quick so just to Patients  
like Mrs. S. Stewart in her ideas of duty  
will not slur over the least thing  
so just to Nurses  
was my Extra Nurse for some time  
Extra Nurse takes duty when Staff Nurse  
off duty  
Otherwise Sister cannot do her duty  
by P.s if she has to do all the bad  
& dirty cases herself in evening  
with my Extra Nurse I helped her & took

**f168***Sick Nurses*

don't like being warded  
 & ought not to like it  
 can't bear seeing the young men  
 afterwards  
 there ought to be a "Sick Home"  
 for the Nurses -  
 Would there were a Home for the  
 Nurses like the N. Home

*Sister & Nurses*

have no hot supper  
 only remnants  
 Nor *Night Nurses*  
 they only take their  
 tea & cold meat  
 for night  
 don't wish for hot ~~meal~~/dinner then  
 when just up

**f168v**

*Miss Hill*: I never expected Miss Jackson  
 could do under her:  
 so different

*Miss Hill*: so many *fads & fancies*  
*Jackson* so sincere & downright  
 does the work in its reality

*Hill* ~~th~~ such a *romantic* view  
 of Nursing: thinks every  
 thing so nice & so right & does not  
 wish to see under what is  
 wrong & bad

those poor men with ulcers in their legs  
 to clean all the black stairs down  
 once; & then again after coals  
 brought in same day.

*Supt* said he could not manage trades  
 people

complained to Miss Hill that Miss Jackson  
 teased him

nothing would persuade or turn Miss J.  
 if she thought a thing right.

System all over ~~High~~/Highgate to give Patients  
 short weight

other Nurses submit because they can't  
 help themselves

Miss J. goes to *Supt* (this is allowed): & she  
 says he can do nothing for her

**f169** {left hand side}

George: over Arthur

Ward Kitchen might do for Nurses'

kitchen & ward for dining hall:

Night Nurses do very badly at meals:

they want a hot dinner when

they come off at 9 a.m.

& bacon & eggs & tea , for supper 9 p.m.

have only cold meat at luncheon

at 10 -

don't want anything at 12 when Sisters

dine

All Nurses

meat coarse: (no fish)

used to be raw: now charcoal outside

at least half wasted: can't eat it - most extravagant

On her Accident Week Sister might

not be able to dine in Hall

but her dinner would be sent her

much better from George Ward

than from Kitchen as now

Ward Maids know nothing about

Cooking

never been well since she left

Edward

**f169** {right hand side}

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a P. with me -

Each *Male Surgical* supposed to have  
an *Extra Nurse*: but she is always  
being taken off to watch say a  
Haemorrhage case in another Ward  
wh. can't be left

Miss Aston: like her but slow

Jull: made an outcry before Mr. Simon  
rough noisy

*Night Supt.*

not a place for an educated woman  
her business only to see the Night Nurses  
are at their duty & not to help them  
unless they ask her {not in charge of  
{Night Nurses' Nursing

I was obliged to get up & help my  
Night Nurse with her dressings  
because Yarnley so rough & loud & noisy  
so full of imaginations: fancying wrong  
because she had seen it once -  
Night Supt if she hears a female  
accident may go to it but is not  
sent for

might be called upon to walk about  
a Male Poison case in the Corridor  
& take him to W.C.

*Female Receiving Room*: no Nurse to the

**f169v**

present at an Examn: or with a  
woman taken in with haemorrhage  
from the womb - she would  
have no woman with her:  
Ought to be a *Nurse by day* &  
" *by night*  
there -  
(like Nurse Ann)  
slight sprains (woman) brought in from Astleys'  
opposite

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Batstone did very well as Night Supt  
Yarnley changed for the worse  
even before she became Night Supt  
Albert            Vennell    Night Nurse  
                  Keane        Day  
                  Dancy        Extra  
                  nice little ready woman  
Jull: you never know whether  
she is going to set to work or not:  
she seems very busy: & may be  
doing nothing

**f170**

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*Sanitary*  
*Nurses' Dormitories*  
smell ascending from *kitchen*  
(Albert block) of burnt grease, decayed  
vegetables, makes one gasp &  
suffocate x  
Only remedy proposed: to shut ventilators  
So that you must shut out air  
to keep out smell  
If windows not all open in Albert:  
smell from kitchen underneath overpowering:  
Unearthly noises: rolling of milk cans  
disturb Patients

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bad drain: Lambeth way: not river, tho'  
river sometimes smells too

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x Nurses complain of always having a  
bad taste in their mouths:  
always ill in Albert block  
Vennell Typhoid Fever  
Sister Albert never been well  
since she left Edward  
cannot eat

**f170v**

cannot use *Linen Shoots*  
because they go into *Dust hole*

nothing was done from Saturday  
till Tuesday about Coalman's  
W.C.

*no W.C. for Sisters* (except for  
Edward Ward) unless they go up  
128 steps to Nurses' Dormitory  
Sisters of Female Wards keep  
one W.C. locked for themselves  
If Sisters (Male) have Diarrhaea,  
terribly inconvenient

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**f171v**

No one can believe what that Hospital  
is:

*Tank in Operating Theatre* supplying  
Dispensary with water one slime  
(climbed up ladder to look at it)  
not like water:

*Urinal out of doors* leaked into  
*Linen Shoot* of Albert Ward  
smelt urine: complained  
remedied after a time

*Coalman's W.C.* under Albert full  
to upraising seat: complained  
remedied after a time

*Mr. Mckeller & Dr. Turner* report  
Sanitary Report to *Treasurer*  
every Tuesday & cases of *Erysipelas*  
he reports to *Almoners*  
cases do not do so well in *Albert*  
as in *Edward*

2 cases of *Pyaemia* (both fatal) arose  
in *Albert*

*Edward* has *Erysipelas* more than *Albert*  
only because it has more bad cases  
tho' *Edward* has 4 (Out Patients) W.C.s at least  
& is nearest *Infection Block*  
more healthy than *Albert*

**f172**

Sister Albert's ways:

see Miss Aston,  
Francis  
Enderby  
Hull

3 *Towels* in Lavatory

*Hands Bed Pans Basins*

renewed twice a week

little bay with *soap* & always a

bottle of *Glycerine* for ~~Patients~~/*Probationers'* hands

[P.s often get poisoned ~~hands~~/fingers by want  
of these precautions]

this *in no other Ward*

\_\_\_\_\_ often only one *Towel*: or at most two -  
*two bays* at the head of *each*

*Patient's bed*

one for his *brush & comb*

one for his *soap*

this *in no other Ward* but *Mary*:

\_\_\_\_\_ *no utensil* to be suffered under the  
bed during the day:

urinals (glazed earthenware chamber small  
or bottle for those who  
cannot use the others)

to be placed *on the Locker* when used

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& any Nurse or Probr going up the  
Ward to *empty*, rinse at *once*, &  
bring back:

*bed-pan with lid & Carbolic powder*

to be brought whenever necessary

& taken back & emptied at once:

generally at 12 & 2.

[bottle of *Carbolic powder* always

standing by *Slop-sink*:

nothing: not even a Basin: to

be emptied down *Kitchen=sink*:

*Slop-sink* washed with

*Carbolic*:

Probrs to do it: each time

Ward Maid does it every

mornng but "will not do it

properly if she does not see P.s'

do it properly":

Sinks mopped out, cleaned with *sand*:

3 *small mops*:

these mops in no other Ward

[Convalescent patients clean knives:]

*soft soap* always provided for *washing Basins*

this done in no other Ward.

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In a *Medical Ward* impossible  
to observe *same regularity* as in a  
Surgical because *bed pan & urinal work*  
such a part of the treatment:  
& because little bits of *cookery*  
have so often to be done for Patients  
~~them~~

But, in Albert, as far as possible  
*bedpans* to be given by  
Probationers at 12 & at 2,  
when neither Students' nor Visitors  
are there:

boys often call for Bedpans at all hours  
& say they have taken medicine:  
then we find they took medicine  
a week ago: we enquire:  
formerly Urinals emptied at 12 & 2:  
but now to be put *on Locker*  
& emptied *at once* as above said.

Impossible for a Night Nurse to  
do all this: so chambers stand under  
bed at night: emptied by Ward maids at 7 &  
7

These rules only observed in *Albert & Arthur*

**f173v**

& Elizabeth now:

[Have not obtained anything but the  
tin pail & lid & bucket of water  
carried round by Ward maid in  
morning: chambers emptied, rinsed  
by bed side, built up on Night stool  
& carried off to Lavatory for day:  
this in all the Wards]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sister Albert manages Ventilation  
herself:

one Probr wine & washing up: basins  
one dusting

\_\_\_\_\_  
No 21 {windows next

Gangrene & {beds wide open

No 23

Pyæmia case:

Chlorinated Soda or Carbollic Lotion  
dressings:

little bays filled with Carbollic Powder  
between dressings & lint.

Patient lay on Carbolized Tow under his  
sheet

All S. Albert's Disinfectants complete:

always a plentiful supply of Lint:

fresh lint morning & evening

never in any other Ward:

in Leopold: never lint enough: have to wash  
out Lint for evening: P.s poison their fingers

**f174**

Miss Enderby

went first to Mildmay Deaconesses:

5 weeks: never saw Mrs Pennefather:

Miss Bell. Lady Supt. went to Poplar

Hospl: very hard work: St. Thomas'

seemed nothing after it:

3 Deaconesses: Pr went from Mildmay

Home at ¼ before 7 every morng:

no accommn in Hospl very poor Hospl

\_\_\_\_\_  
then went to Reading: Mrs. Baster

1 month

then to St. Thomas':

Miss Hawthorn's Sister married  
her Cousin

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Miss Aston:

suicide case in Small Ward

Elizabeth

straight from Spurgeon

& Pyaemia

Nurse said of Suicide case: "sure to be

a man in the case" she confessed

immediately but perhaps not true

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*S. Albert*

always *clean Table cloth on Patients' Ward*

*Table: nothing* suffered upon it,

*not a basin, not even a pillow,*

*but their meals & the Ferns:*

[on the 3 Visiting days Table cloth

changed] ~~for~~

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Vennell coarse & ill-tempered

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~~first~~ in some of the Wards Surgeon's

hand towels, not dirty, handed over to

P.s: otherwise we must wipe our

hands on Bedpan Towels:

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[12:305-06]

**f176**

Miss Alice Fisher Jan 16/76  
came to us in Jany/75  
been absent 2 months from illness  
been Elizabeth Leopold done duty as Albert }  
3 months Sister}  
in Mary Arthur No 8 block: 6 weeks  
1 month

thinks Miss Crossland very superior in  
mind to Miss Machin: & better able to  
direct Lady P.s in studies:  
will say if she does not know a thing:  
wh inspires confidence from children  
upwards: Miss Machin made mistakes -  
Lady P.s do rather waste their time in  
study hours: tired  
I wrote, because if reading they disturbed me  
wrote out all the Bones from Marshall's  
Key & Druitt's Vade Mecum  
Mr. Croft (nor Dr. Peacock) gave no Lectures  
-except Clinical: while I was there

Miss Lees: Mr. Croft most *understandable*  
Lecturer I have known.

think Nurse P.s much better of their  
sort than Lady P.s  
Dancy Hodgson & Rice  
Cross Marsh  
M. Rice Skippage (not intelligent)  
Jull Hancock

**f176**

learnt most from Sister Leopold:  
nervous: fidgetty: makes Mr. Croft who  
is a nervous man fidgetty:  
not sure she has her heart in her work:  
(wishes to do it well:) never speaks  
with any tenderness to any Patient  
like her best *out of* her work:  
takes great pains with her P.s: by  
teaching them *the theory*: fails in  
*showing them how to do* things:  
but takes fancies against P.s: (M. Rice)  
most educated woman in Hospl  
wd rather talk with her than anyone  
there

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Miss Airy: niece of Astronomer Royal:  
Lady P.s don't like her: Nurse P.s do:

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talking seriously to Patients discouraged:  
Miss Cadbury & Miss Mackenzie do it:  
Miss Vincent thinks rather of the whole  
of her Ward than of the details (not true  
F.N.

Elizth Ward best managed ( under Hawthorn  
Miss Franks thought herself so clever for  
having got this Ward & to do it so well  
now toned down, thinks herself so lucky

**f177**

what tries the Lady P.s more than  
bed making is:

dusting the whole Ward (in their  
week

carrying heavy saucepans & heavy  
trays (with milk & beef tea)  
for luncheon & supper: Patients  
neither of these things teach Nursing  
Only in Elizth, Miss Hamilton did not  
let her Lady P.s dust:

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Sisters' food to bad:  
carrots, greens, turnips, done so that  
they can by no possibility be touched.  
even potatoes same  
meat inferior & ill cooked

Probationers food: very good: well cooked:  
only would like a little more of  
green vegetables:  
have cold meat for breakfast {not  
{hot

Sister Albert's kitchen best of all:  
she teaches Ward maid to make  
puddings:

Sisters don't like dining with them:  
Staff Nurses: Ns free & easy with them  
& talk cases all dinner time  
no interest in any thing else: would  
not read Miss Fisher's Times

**f177v**

very hard to expect Sisters to cook  
for themselves:  
Night Nurses do pretty well at breakfast  
one hashes up her cold meat:  
invites another to partake:  
Day Nurses do a little bit of bacon for  
their breakfast in Ward Kitchen:  
Night Nurses' supper: varies according  
to their cleverness: none provided

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Miss Lees: Sisters feel a little less  
well than privates{?} (French) in Hospl  
French *Officers* have twice as musket  
soldiers: ought to be the other way -

Miss Crossland, over-worked just now:  
will be better for her: when those  
who were her fellow P.s are gone:  
but quite up to her work:  
wants just now a week in bed:  
Miss Johnson: a friend of mine  
She would talk of eternal interests  
to her Patients

**f178**

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Miss Franks & tries to do it better:  
always has an answer; not always  
correct:  
always thinks she can do a thing  
She does not know how: & is generally  
right: Self-confident

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FN Ward takes the shine out of one  
both ways: by seeing how the great  
issue Death comes in spite of all  
one can do: & by seeing how the  
great issues of Life & Death  
depend upon the little issues of  
what one can do & how a blunder  
may be ~~fatal~~/determine it.

[end 12:306]

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(voice no tenderness in it when  
she speaks of any Patient

Miss Notcutt never seems to care  
about her Patients: never speaks to  
them about anything eternal.

**f178v**

*Mr. Croft*

Miss Crossland the right woman  
in the right place:

never in the wrong place

S. Alexandra: cases always clean  
whether I come day or night:

don't know how she manages it:

S. Leopold: cases never clean:

how *not* to do it:

arms not bandaged to the side:

not in a sling

Miss Hull in Alexandra:

Pilcher clever nurse: [end 12:306]

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**f179v**

No 8 block Mrs. Batstone: Sister  
saw hardly anything of her

no one knows how to read & write

but the Head Nurse of Scarlet Fever

Ward: want a Table in Dormitory

Chaplain (Robinson) more attentive to  
children there than elsewhere

In Leopold all the Patients asleep

in 10 minutes during his service

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Nurses' Dormitories uncomfortable  
& unwholesome: particularly

Sitting Room:

they try to be always out:

this is bad for them:

**f180** {left hand side}

Mr. Sidney Jones: fond of operations  
very kind to Patients  
can persuade them to anything

2 Necrosis Jaws: excisions

8 Deaths since July 1  
of which 5 Hernias

one an old woman: most gracious death  
not all so

Sister Charity &

" Leopold

taught them most:

S. Charity most devoted Nurse in

building: spoils Dr. Peacock:

gets up at 5 to ~~take~~/measure urine of all his

Patients on all his days:

teaches you everything on Patients:

Student Typhoid case: died: small ward

taught me everything about Typhoid on that  
took the case

let me take all the Temperatures, Pulses,

Respiration, on Dr. Peacock's cases

in Charity 3 months:

take her advice now even Surgically

She knew a great deal Surgical at Liverpool

notes, ff180-80v, pencil

**f180** {right hand side}

Miss Franks Jan 21/76

Sister Elizth since July 1/75

daughter of an Irish Stipendiary Magte  
moves about

sister aged 18 governess at Belgrade  
with Consul White

Nurse Wand (Day) rather recalcitrant  
not very kind to children at first  
except little one of 8

Carter (~~Night~~/P.) good

Miss Perrèsè (P.) slow but very anxious  
to do well

one of the best P.s

Nurse Davis (Night) very good but  
falls off in her religious ways

27 Patients of which

5 children

women not so good natured as men to  
children

1 a little General Servant at 9

now aged 11 hip

~~we~~ 1 a burnt child of 8

clever, impudent & naughty

woman next bed to her (mother without children

saves chicken for her

**f180v** {left hand side}

cooking for Sisters bad

Saturday Pork

Sunday cold

can't eat Pork: have Leg Mutton instead

other days Mutton

Tuesday & Wedny salt Beef

Davis can't eat Salt B -

has mutton chops

gave me one

bad cold: lost my appetite

don't like to trouble Mrs. Wardroper

about my Food:

devoted to Matron

Magdalen: Miss Hornby does not

Elizth come to dinner

Alexandra Ward Kitchen; S.A. does not

do much for us there

Ophthalmic: Hatcher never leaves her Ward

wants Druitt's Vade Mecum:

poor;

never had 2 Erysipelas cases since July: both died

but not of that: no Pyaemia

**f180v** {right hand side}

Brain: best P.  
trustworthy: careful  
young: well-educated  
takes cases well:  
thorough

Greenland: Extra: vulgar: good  
Nurse

Sometimes bad women:  
have to prevent other Patients  
from talking to them:  
Mr. Whitfield's case: Parsons: had to be Nurse  
my brother (soldier) always took in anything I  
had at tea to little General Servant  
2 Infirmary cases; must go back; can  
do them no good:  
~~Mo~~ keeping a little (child's) case  
till room for her to go to Walton:

notes, ff181-82v, pencil

**f181**

Miss Notcutt Jan 29/76  
has been with us 5 years:  
9 months' Probr  
4 ¼ years Sister  
Sister George } Years  
Arthur } M.M. 1¼  
Albert } ½  
Leopold } M.S. July 1873 2½  
11 boys to 27 beds  
youngest 6  
man father of ward 40 -50  
sets boys to sweep  
12-13 newspapers read  
I put boys together  
man *confined to bed* likes ~~bed~~/man in  
next bed to talk about newspaper  
but men very helpful for all that  
William: Erysipelas Ward No 8 Block  
had 11 Erysipelas Cases 1875  
11 " 1874  
I make men teach boys to read:  
hear them read:  
make P.s " " "  
but boys long in Hospl lose their  
scholarship:

**f181v**

A Schoolmaster for 3 hours a day  
in one of the empty Wards  
for the Boys  
would be such a boon:

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no dinner-hour for Sisters: cannot be ready  
at 12: & must be done before 1  
raw meat: blacked outside

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I try to interest P.s in cases:  
not because you are in a Ward  
where they are  
but because they are your cases &  
you should look after them  
They nurse so much better: if  
interested in cases: if they take notes:  
every one has time to take notes:  
P.s  
Miss Rye: takes a case directly:  
used to dirty ~~children~~ boys:  
takes to the duties  
Trelow: promising:  
slow:  
Nurse Ball: very good  
Night Nurse Hammock: good to bad

**f182**

cases: rather rough to Convalescents  
Miss Shillington: promising  
if toned down:  
sang at her work:  
that wd not do:  
Miss Aston: clever but conceited  
I harms them P.s more to be blamed  
~~pro~~ unjustly than to be praised  
unjustly  
They get too much blame:

Miss Notcutt has the true  
schoolmaster's mind:  
all her processes of thought & will aloud:  
teaches by telling, not by showing:  
wh drive one mad as a Surg. Sister

**f182v**

men begin to talk at 4 a.m. in summer  
 Mr. McCormac's noisy Patients  
 Nurse (Night) never sits down from  
   midnight till 9 a.m.  
 they have a hard life  
 Night Supt is as it were *under*  
   the Night Nurse  
 if she were a lady she would be  
   like a Sister in another Ward  
 sometimes Theatre operations in  
   night: not often  
 nothing between Mrs. Gamp  
   & a nun  
 20 years ago:  
 now the 'Sister' is a lady's profession  
 & he find other ladies in it:  
 (just as the governess is a lady's  
   profession)

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I feel cases doing badly more than I used

notes, ff183-85, pencil

**f183**

*Miss Notcutt*                   going to Belfast  
 My {?} Erysipelas: cause  
*Bandages washed in Ward Kitchen* by stairswoman  
   twice a week: (for Leopold & Edward)  
   *boiled in Caldron:* (sometimes put in dry: not soaked)  
   *over Kitchen Fire:*       with Chloride of Soda:  
 consistency afterwards   like mud broth:  
   then 'knocked about' in Lavatory by stairswoman  
 better if done by Ward Maid: more under Sister  
   foul linen sheets   too narrow to let down more  
 than a sheet at a time:  
   linen of the two Wards would thus get mixed:  
   laundryman only comes 4 times a week for dirty linen

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E. London Nursing

Dockmen go out: families lie in bed till 10 a.m.  
 don't want Nurses till noon

a.m.

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School board "Tyranny" makes them send their children by 9 or 9.30  
   to school

**f183v**

Miss Notcutt

Miss Hull has poisoned finger: first for a long time:

Nurse Ball asks: may poultice rags be burnt in Ward Kitchen fire?

My Extra Nurse Jones (not trained)

wd not do for Day or Night Nurse

free, not dignified, talky with the Residents & students

4 boys in two beds: 31 Patients in 29 beds:

Spray: Disinfecting bandages: Mr. Croft's case:

men don't like to be read to: unless blind: in Leopold:

I have a Watering pot with Carbollic Lotion:

I make a pious instruction: sprinkle sacking of bed:

Does Disinfecting mean more than de-odorizing -

when they have Pyaemia with all that spray

at Edinburgh?

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**f184v**

Miss Notcutt

thinks it would be very valuable

to admit LADY= as Nurse=Probationers

on condition of taking a year's duty as NIGHT Nurses

they wd be valuable *in Dormitory*

Night Nurses so often chatter with "the gentlemen":

the "gentlemen" lose no caste by ~~chattering~~/lightness with Night Nurses

Mr. Newby:

My Night Nurse Hammock always goes to bed in proper time

Sister in no charge over Dormitory

wd ~~make~~/create outcry if she were to do it now without charge

Our Night Nurses don't dine with us; we Sisters lead the conversation

2 Extra Nurses now to Leopold & Edward

put on ~~on~~/upon night duty upon special cases: with Sister's not

Sister called up - Night Supt's leave

[One Accident bed always left empty at night for Night Nurse]

in former times, no Extra Night Nurse, say 2 Heart & Dropsy cases in

Arthur: delirious: as soon

as one had been, got into bed, Night Nurse heard the "pad" of the others

foot on floor

**f185**

*Nursing Article*

Miss Notcutt

Nurse told me that 20 years ago  
there was so much less to do for Patients:  
they dressed their own wounds: & you made the poultices no syringing  
Antiseptic dressings: spray: subcutaneous Injections:  
taking temperature: all this, modern -

A Nurse *requires* training now to do  
things quite unknown 20 years ago

Training

Not left to puzzle out her work/experience for herself

notes, ff186-87v, pencil

**f186**

Nurse Bartlett March 29/76

Weeks

M.S. Airy	5	
ill: tonsillitis		5
M.S. Stains	5	
M.M. Vincent	8	M.M. 8
M.F. Cadbury	7	M.S. 7
F.S. Spencer	5	F.S. 5
absent	3	
M.S. Notcutt	1	
Obstetric	4	M.S. 11
Magdalen	1	
		8½ months
ill Tonsillitis	3	
absent	4	
		3½ months

Staff Nurse for a time in Alice

a nice woman: young:

has been Domestic Servant at Windsor  
friend of Ridgwall: who took her home  
rough: conceited

speaks with enthusiasm of Miss

Crossland's kindness during illness  
also of Mrs. Ward:

did not seem conscious of any defect  
chose Hooper's Physician's Vade Mecum

**f186v**

Miss Francis Sister in *Magdalen* did  
not care for Patients  
only for Ward:  
did not remain till Miss Hornby  
came back  
Young girl came to London with  
friend who promised her  
good place with good wages:  
brought her to a Common Lodging  
house: robbed her of every thing  
& left her  
then she fell:  
repentant:  
hopes Miss Hornby would  
get her into "home": wd not write  
to her mother: now dead: Bartlett fond of her  
girls sometimes noisy  
~~bett~~ more quiet since Nurse  
Taylor

**f187**

few Surgical cases in  
Adelaide: respectable women:  
  
Sister Ann now Sister  
  
enjoyed Miss Crossland's Classes  
attentive: writes well:  
  
talked of Nurse in Albert/Sealy married  
taking a dislike to her  
  
had feeling for the Patients: said  
she regretted some act of carelessness  
to one who died in Mary -  
Mother (in Warwickshire): moved her by  
telling her so  
  
asked Miss Crossland what devotional  
books she shd read at Canterbury

**f187v**

went to Miss Gardiner  
Canterbury Hospital  
charge of Male Surgical Wards  
April 4/76

appeared to me very untrained  
& unconsolidated

Miss Vincent thought her rough  
& talky & somewhat careless  
with Patients: did not seem  
at all aware of this:

Miss Spencer slow & not kindly:  
ditto ditto

Miss Cadbury the most religious  
Sister: took a great deal of  
pains with the dying Patients  
talked a good deal about Ventilation

not aware that she was thought  
bad at this

Miss Notcutt thought her more careful

notes, ff188-89v, pencil

**f188**

<i>Nurse Brain</i>		March 31/76	
Wards		Weeks	
F.M.	Butler	3	
M.S.	Notcutt	8	untidy
M.M.	Bull	8	thoughtless
M.S.	Airy	5	M.M. 2
absent			2
F.M.	Mackenzie	5	F.M. 2 mos
M.S.	Airy	4	still thoughtless
F.S.	Spencer	4	M.S. 4 mos
ill			1
	Ophth.	4	
	F.S. Franks	4	
	Obst	4	
	F.S. Spencer	4	mos
		F.S.	3

much moved by parting with her  
Father, an Exciseman, & sick  
Mother: this made her less  
conceited: only 21 -  
Father taught her: he leads Choir  
came from Poole; father now at  
Nottingham  
religious: joined the Church at Poole

**f188v**

often Patients sing well  
in Leopold Patients allowed  
to go & practise Glees in  
Small Ward

Miss Spencer says  
Brain often in a dream

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**f189v**

went as Night Nurse to  
Highgate April 3/76  
wished to go to Highgate  
asked me to pray for her  
& think of her at night

did not seem the least aware  
that she was thought slow, confused  
forgetful: thoughtless: not neat  
untidy: careless:  
said Miss Airy thought her much  
improved when she returned  
to Edwd this not the case'

a nice good tempered girl

Obstetric: Lady P.s allowed to do  
dressings: Catheter, &c

chose Tanner's Index of Diseases

notes, ff190-91v, pencil

**f190v**

Nurse Ridgwell                      April 7/76  
a dear little woman: a child

Wards	Weeks	
M.S. Airy	13	_____ mos
M.M. Bull	4	M.S. 3
Johnson	4	
F.M. Mackenzie	4	_____ mos
Cadbury	4	F.M. 2
F.S. Spencer	8	_____ mos
M.M. Vincent	1	M.M. 2
F.S. Hull	2	F.S. 2½
Obst.	4	

*Day Nurses in Obstetrics: Sister Ann*  
a most taking little woman  
sings from notes {cheerful  
                          {bright  
goes to corner of Home every night  
to hear prayers & singing (& CRIES)  
She & Pilcher both said: if the  
Home is a Home why may we  
not go to it?  
singing in all the Wards

**f190v**

lived with her Gdfather & Gdmother  
at Orsett Essex  
father married again  
friend of Bartlett  
took her to her home  
devoted to Miss Crossland

**f191**

sits in Adelaide Ward  
because no Students  
rather than in Dormitory

**f191v**

thought she had done very well  
on Ovariectomy case: Small Ward:  
Alexandra  
Miss Spencer did not think so  
chose Graily Hewitt's Diseases of  
Women

notes, ff192-93, pencil

**f192** {written on envelope}

Miss Hull	Weeks	Wards	
	3	S.F. Spencer	
	8	M.F. Cadbury {in margin}	taught
	4	S.M. Stains	slow
3			ill
	2	M.F. Mackenzie	
	2	S.M. Stains	quick
	5	S.F. <del>Sp</del> Sister's duty	S.M. 6/9
	3	S.M. Notcutt	S.F. 8

Sister

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7 ½ months		4 months
of which 1	absent & ill	in Male &
32 days		Female Surgical

6 ½ Months  
 lived with Grandfather  
 10 years her home

Probationer  
 Miss Motherwell  
 Wilson  
 Seemark

Rodgers - good  
 {written on the other end of envelope}

Miss Enderby:	Weeks:	Wards:
	3	M.F. Mackenzie
		no self reliance
	8	S.M. Stains
	4	M.M. Bull

8 Sisters Duty	Charity	No Staff
2	Albert	her CASES excellent
2	Alice	

Cases  
 Miss Enderby

33 days absent  
 {on envelope flap}

John Styles  
 10 days  
 elbow shoulder  
 strengthening

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**f193**

Francis Miss Weeks Wards  
S.M. 7 S.M. Airy excellent  
S.F. 4 S.F. Gordon quick  
Magdalen 4 Magdalen Hornby  
5 Sister for 4/36 days  
M.M. 8 M.M. Vincent fond of  
her own way  
such a sweet voice Sister for a week  
Edward

on ovarian case Elizabeth  
Night Nurse 3 days  
in Alice

2 M.F. Cadbury  
4 M.F. Enderby  
Mackenzie

Miss Aston wants to know not clever  
when they are told what no cases  
is thought of their papers did not do work  
Miss Pyne would have as Home sister  
a more disinterested love  
of doing good to Nurses &  
Probrs than Miss Aston

Miss Aston Wards Weeks ill tempered  
S.M. Stains 7 slow  
M.M. 1 mo M.M. Bull 4  
Children's 5  
5 weeks  
S.F. Spencer 2  
S.M. Stains 7  
S.M. 4 Mo M.F. Mackenzie 3  
Cadbury 4 does not observe sick  
M.F. 7 weeks 1 week Sister's duty in Alice

notes, ff194-97v, pencil

**f194**

Miss Hull Sister Leopold April 18/76  
came in July /75

Weeks	Wards		
3	S.F. Spencer		
8	M.F. Cadbury		
4	S.M. Stains		
3	ill		
2	M.F. Mackenzie	F.M.	10
2	S.M. Stains		
5	S.F. Sister's duty	S.F.	8
3	S.M. Notcutt	S.M.	9
			17

7 ½ months  
(of which 32 days absent & ill)

4 months  
Male & Female  
Surg

after 6 ½ months  
made Sister  
lived 10 years with Grandfather: her home  
he died: a grand old man:  
she was his pet: She had to  
seek a home: chose this:  
her present Probr

Miss Motherwell all raw but  
Wilson better for her  
Seamark than if they had  
Rodgers a good Pr. now in Alexandra been her own fellow  
Miss M. slow: puts off things upon others, but  
makes a good poultice Wilson good

Probr

**f194v**

Miss H. does the two worst cases  
 herself -  
 Wilson makes a good poultice  
 What Miss H. finds hardest to tell  
 the Probrs when they are wrong  
 & to keep the Sisters' Records

impossible to speak too highly of  
 Miss H. as a person  
 will have the highest influence:  
 (Miss Crossland's best help in the  
 Home)  
 will stand no nonsense  
 entirely above vanity or flirting  
 has nothing to unlearn  
 but has a great deal to learn  
 in *Ward Management* &  
*Ward Hygiene*  
 did not seem to know much about  
 her cases or much about theory  
 either  
 not enthusiastic at all about cases,  
 tables or case papers

**f195**

a staid self possessed modest  
 woman a noble sort of woman  
 but inferior to Miss Enderby both  
 in ~~knowledge of~~/capacity for *Ward Management*  
 & in knowledge of her work  
 not very energetic  
 doubtful if she will learn much more  
 now  
 chose Gray's Anatomy  
 did not know where the water was  
 emptied from washing Bandages  
 nor anything about how Erysipelas arises  
 did not like to look under the Beds  
 to see if Utensils:  
 but has Utensils emptied  
 at 7, at 12 & 2 & at 7  
 by Probationers  
 a Spurgeon-ite does not sing  
 men take in newspapers } *Nurse Jones (Extra)*  
 6 or 7 } sings for Patients  
 read newspapers on Sunday}  
 no books: does not like  
 them reading newspapers on Sundays:  
 did not know of any Hospl Library:

**f195v**

*Sister Mary (Cadbury)* taught me  
 a great deal: takes such pains  
 So did *Miss Sharpe*  
 [Miss S. thought her first slow  
 & then quick: but one of her  
 best workers:]  
 little nephew ill (Hernia in W. Brompton:  
 his mother staying with her sister now  
 lives in Northamptonshire  
 too timid to go out for exercise afternoons  
 takes a/her day a month  
 likes Mr. Croft {he offers to tell  
 {me any thing  
 & Mr. McCormac too  
 Mrs. Lawrie: comes round with  
 Mr. McC does not do anything  
 but get Convalescent Home letters for  
 Patients  
 I am much more frightened in doing  
 my cases than I choose to shew -

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cookery not bad 4 puddings a week:  
 & Tart on Sundays: rice pudding 2 days: fruit  
 batter pudding: good: I cannot eat much meat

**f196**

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Miss Hull                      Dinners  
 I go down to Edward for dinner  
 often we have only 10 minutes for  
 dinner 'cause of House Surgeon:  
 will be a better *Moral Trainer*  
 than *Ward/Work Trainer* to P.s  
 think *Ward Sisters* should have  
 more commn with *Home Sister*  
 about P.s    some things *Home*  
*Sister* only can tell  
 one P. ate the *Patients' bread & milk*  
 in my Ward Kitchen: & dipped  
 her bread in the Dripping: I was  
 cooking chops:  
 nothing shd be eaten out of  
 Home: unless I give them Coffee  
 but this *Home Sister* should tell  
 them:  
 Miss Crossland & I great friends  
 wife used to come & sit all day with  
 Patient    with nothing to eat  
 I used to give her Coffee -

**f196v**

we have Bacon  
mother sends me fresh eggs  
some of the P.s & some of the  
Night Nurses eat meat 4 times  
I can't  
*Nurse Hammock* cooks her own  
breakfast in my Ward Kitchen  
(of what is cut off for her day before)  
between 9 & 10 a.m.  
goes up to eat it in Dormitory:  
I went up after her, because I  
had forgotten to ask her about a  
Patient: bare: nothing but Table,  
Chair & Nurse Hammock  
not sure that Hammock quite  
trustworthy but it may be  
only manner:  
*Nurse Bull* very good:  
then Hammock goes out: then  
comes down again for pudding on  
pudding days: then goes to bed:  
nasty irregular life

**f197***Dressers*

Mr. Croft's 3 dressers:  
good, religious young men  
Olliffe does not think it right  
to stupefy a dying Patient with Opium  
"light may come to him at the end."

Mrs. Wardr  
very good to her:  
I said that with 3 raw Prs I  
~~she~~ must have an Extra Nurse  
  
tho' of more than average intelligence  
did not seem to have it in  
the genius of *Ward Management*  
or of *intelligence of cases*

Nurse Kent (Alexander) not kind to Patients  
[Miss Enderby] but one can't depend  
on what Patients say

**f197v**

cooked for Grandfather

he liked it better than any one else's  
cooking: but must not do this  
too much, because of servants, making  
them idle

make Probr get me all I want for  
my dressings: good practice for  
her

a noble sort of woman  
but tho' *of more than average*  
*intelligence* has much to learn in  
*Ward Management* above all in  
*Ward Hygiene* & even in  
*observation of cases*

She has however nothing to unlearn  
is a woman of the highest motives  
& without pretension:  
most anxious to do her duty by Mr.  
Croft & the Patients: ~~& by her higher~~  
Master

her P.s a little too much/ teachable for her  
She being *only 6 ½ months* old  
when foundation is right people  
sure to improve

notes ff198-99v, pencil

**f198**

Miss Enderby age 36 April 19/76  
came in July/70

Weeks	Wards	
3	M.F. Mackenzie	{did not learn much
8	S.M. Stains	under her because I was new
6	M.M. Bull:	taught me first day to test urine: not ready
12	<i>Sister 1 duty</i> Nov 15-Feb 7	
2	<hr/> Albert	
2	<hr/> Alice	

33 days absent sister Typhoid  
[sister fed for 6 nights every 5 minutes: 1 teaspoonful Brandy  
3 " water

ld: Sr. only spo  
mutton broth

alternately  
now in Alexandra S.F. [illeg sordas?] cleaned off teeth not  
with lemon but with white of egg  
[her case papers excellent & numerous beat up to a froth  
& wiped off

S. Alice says she had no  
self reliance: will not do any  
thing without asking

S. Alice said she had no self reliance]  
mother living in Somersetshire:  
has lived in Scotland at Peyte [Peyli?]  
with a sick friend: wd not have her  
bled: Dr. only spoke Italian: mustard  
& linseed to feet: relieved her head:  
cousin of ~~illeg~~/Capt Gordon, Sir Wm  
Baker's successor

~~Capt~~/Col Gordon sent for £10 of Warburg  
cured him: old Bachelor of 40

**f198v**

appeared to have a *genius for Ward Management*: & even *Ward Hygiene*  
& equally so for *observing & taking Case*: saw 19 cases of hers:  
far above *Miss Hull* in all this:  
but far below her in nobility of nature:

vanity of always talking about what a good home she has left:

complained of cooking & bad meat both in Home & Hospital:

"had to cut off in Charity for all the Nurses & Nurse Maids in Victoria

[*Davis, Night Nurse* in Elizabeth, said that what was left for her (in Alexandra) was a rag of meat & 2 black beetles, But Elizabeth gave her something" Miss Aston]

**f199**

should think her little capable of the highest influence:

looks upon *Nurses & P.s* too much like *useful furniture* of the Ward:

but not conceited  
said she did not dare to do the dressing when acting S. Albert  
Her reforms in Charity:

1 would not let the men *dress* except *behind Screens*:

gave it out at Xmas  
that as they cd not all go into a private room they must have Screens round bed to dress:

saw man putting on his stockings in bed in an indelicate position  
2 instituted *immediate emptying of bed pans*: no utensils left under beds: during day:

urinals to be emptied by Probr at 12 & 2

one man a paralytic Candidate for holy orders about 40 kept writing objurgated letters to her had pension of 20 from Incurable

**f199v**

Nurse ~~Martha~~/Louise Rice {Night Charity Nurse)

not quite trustworthy: flirts with men

The paralytic Patient wrote love letters to

her & Nurse Venables (*Extra*)

Miss Enderby tore it up before him:

told him, as he did not know

how to behave to women, she should

attend to him herself & did:

Dr. Bristowe's case: discharged after this

Nurse Louise Rice: not so trustworthy

as *Yeats, Night Nurse of Alice*:

a woman of high principle

Day Nurse                      Night Nurse

Alice            Table                      Yeats

Mary    Castle                      Carter

Magdalen Taylor                      Mrs. Watts

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Albert Keene                      Vennell

from Magdalen                      very coarse

succeeded Sealey                      ill-natured

(privately married) Typhoid

notes, ff200-02, pencil

**f200**

Miss Francis April 20/76

came in July/75  
from Hatfield Forest

mother & father died in one year:

Weeks	Wards
7	S.M. Airy (Gordon v
4	S.F. Gordon
4	Magdalen Hornby
5	Sister for 36 days
8	M.M. Vincent
1	Sister for a week Edward
½	on Ovarian case Elizabeth
2	M.F. Cadbury
4	Mackenzie (Enderby v.

wishes to be in Albert  
Alexandra

would not mind being a *District Nurse*  
wishes to persevere as a Nurse all  
her life if we will have her  
knows she is not intelligent: Mrs. Wardr  
has told her so:  
so brisk, upright, cheerful & self-possessed,  
without any mannerism, affectation or  
pretension: a pleasure to look at her:  
like S. Victoria (Miss Lemon) but not so clever

**f200v**

not quite so upright & compact  
do not think she would have  
influence (like S. Vic. over Nurses  
& P.s  
has not taken cases:  
thinks Mr. Croft's Lectures very  
difficult to write out: so discursive:  
takes her all her time:  
Miss Crossland helps her  
did not know whether the skull  
was a male or female one  
but said she did not know

Mrs. Wardr tells me I am not clever

very sweet voice

**f201**

Miss Cadbury the most *religiously* pains  
 taking of the Sisters: teaches the  
 little ones to pray: reads aloud  
 every evening: Scripture: tales: in  
 a loud voice: all that can  
 come round the Table:  
 Chorea cases: very interesting:  
 girl of 12 slipped about like an  
 eel: from Rachitis, starvation, & fright  
 from a drunken father:  
 got well: under stimulants & beef Tea/nourishment  
 showed Note book: Mr. Croft called it "only fair":  
 [Miss Cadbury [v. Miss Aston] "fidgetty"  
 with Patients & Probrs: not ~~Towels~~/clean enough  
 Nurse Castle: not trustworthy: said  
 to me she did not like Sister:  
 flattered her to the others  
 Miss Cadbury not so good a Nurse:  
 as Miss Mackenzie: too little experience  
 Miss M told me a great deal  
 about diseases of women:  
 only one towel: no soft soap for  
 basins: no soap for P.s  
 asked for towels: & was snubbed:]

**f202**

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Miss Francis                      *Magdalen*  
 girls get round the fire place  
 & talk about their former lives -  
 if this could be prevented.  
 also: one makes excuse to go to  
 another's bed side:  
 & then they chatter:  
 constant worry to prevent this:  
 if only *Magdalen* were not under  
*Dormitory*,  
 only sing till 12 o'clock. & again once in  
 eveng: better if they could  
 always sing (Moody & Sankey &c  
 they like best)  
 but must not  
 because of disturbing *Night Nurses*  
 few seem repentant:  
  
 Miss Hornby does not join Sisters  
 at dinner  
 fish & chicken in her room

notes, ff203-06v, pencil

**f203**

Miss Aston April 21/76

came in July/75

tried at all the Hospitals in London

Univy said St. T.'s too theoretical

Weeks Wards

7 S.M. Stains

4 M.M. Bull

3 S.M. Notcutt

5 Children's

2 S.F. Spencer.

7 S.M. Stains

S.M. 4 mos

3 M.F. Mackenzie

4 Cadbury

M.F. 2 mos

1 Sister's duty v Macke

now S.F. Franks

did not like Alexandra as well as Elizth

though S. Alex spoils her Patients:

so many little things to eat not ordered:

Elizth more orderly:

wishes to go back to Albert:

Miss Notcutt dirty, disorderly, ill  
ventilated after Miss Stains:

would like to be a *Surgical Male Sister*

wants to know when they are told what

is thought of their *papers for Examn*

(Mr. Croft): has not heard of

their Xmas papers

**f203v**

I think *Miss Aston* must very much  
have *improved at St. T.s:*

she says she has:

she says every body has been kind  
to her & told her of her faults:

Mrs. Wardr: Miss Crossland: Ward Sisters

she was quite serious about this:

she gave me a more intelligent  
account than any I have had

of *S. Albert's Ward Management:*

[whether *she could carry it out*  
is another thing]

not so much of the *Cases:*

does not appear to have *kept*

*Cases:*

something like *Miss Pyne*

the same sense of tact & some intrusiveness:

putting forward opinions  
likely to offend

does not see the impression she is making

less noble in nature than *Pyne:* because

wd not disinterestedly look

after *Nurses's* good

like *Miss Pyne*

depreciation of *S. Alexandra*

devotion of *S. Elizabeth*

**f204**

	Ward Management & Hygiene	Cases	Nobility of Character
Miss Hull	3	3	1
Miss Enderby	1	1	3
Miss Francis	3	3	2
Miss Aston	2	2	3

would like to hear some of *Dr. Peacock's* Lectures:

*Sister Bull* teaches Probrs first thing to test

Urine: no good: House ~~Surgeon Dressers~~/Physician Clerks

always test the urine [Miss Enderby}

she has much self-introversion, & is  
therefore liable to take offence: but ~~she has~~/this  
also gives her self-reflection: & she is clever  
enough to take advantage of this to improve  
& be candid.

but *Miss Pyne* would never see or own  
she is wrong

*Miss Aston* would  
cleverer than *Miss Pyne* & therefore  
clever enough not to give so much  
offence: because she sees more the  
effect she is producing

**f204v**

Miss Starling: beautiful dresser:  
so is Nurse Jones: but untidy:  
leaves dressings about  
all the Nurse maids leave their dressings  
& mess about; by each bed-side as  
they leave it: x  
we have had 40 children in Victoria  
3 in a bed: 1 in a bath; & 1 in a basket:  
28 beds: 2 in small Ward = 30  
Mothers generally come in with little ones:  
great uproar in Victoria:  
but children kindly dealt with  
thinks children better in Children's Ward:  
disturb women in Adult Ward:  
burnt cases cry so:  
Miss Starling taught me a great deal:  
gave me 2 of Mr. Croft's cases to myself:

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Burnt case in Elizh mother cd not stay  
with it: died: father fainted & fell when he  
heard it, with mother & friends who came  
back drunk: next case, a woman  
operated on much the worse for vacarme  
S. Franks up to the occasion

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x moment a child is changed in Victoria: wants  
changing again: than *all that mess* is left  
about:

**f205**

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Miss Aston:

*Home Sister makes the training  
what it is:*

more responsible post than any

Ward Sister:

She tells one *one's faults* from the  
highest motives:

So does Mrs. Wardroper"

So does S. Albert

there is not one in the Home now that  
does not appreciate what she is:

& feel grateful to her:

classes to Nurse P.s perfect:

Nurse P.s know more than we do:

She also comes in to our Study

hours: & helps us much:

some of the *Nurse P.s* have more

*book knowledge* than practice:

*O'Leary: Brain; dreamy:*

O'Leary will ask in the Operg Theatre

what is the reason of this & that:

best of Miss Crossland's Class

**f205v**

do not like Mr. ~~Simon~~/Croft so much

as Mr. ~~Croft~~/*Simon*

Mr. Croft's Lectures not intelligible

too discursive:

have such difficulty in writing them:

takes me a whole afternoon:

Miss Crossland helps me: showing

me passages out of books:

[Miss Francis: help myself out of Mr. Croft's Lectures]

read those

last Lecture brought a beautiful

little jointed Skull:

that was easier to understand:

think that perhaps too much

*theoretical training* for Nurse P.s

All the excellence of the training

depends on the Home Sister

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fist moment I saw Miss C. saw

that she lived with God:

told us our faults from the highest

motives:

**f206**

went to University Coll: first  
would have taken me: said  
there was too much theoretical  
training at St. T.s

at Guy's Sisters do not even do  
dressings: Miss Vavasour from Guy's  
knew nothing

Nurses at St. Thomas' higher class  
than Sisters elsewhere at Hospitals  
believe their taking gifts or drinking  
quite impossible:

have been often offered by patients  
as much as 2/6

*Masters*

*Cross*                    high-minded women

*Dancy*

*Rodgers*

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*Miss A* reflects more upon her  
training than most Probrs        F.N.

**f206v**

lost mother & father ~~in one year~~  
lives with Sister

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likes *Dr. Peacock* better than *Dr. Murchison*

he talks (to his Students) *down more*  
*to one's capacity*: he lectures: Dr.  
Murchison asks questions: & confuses  
the Students: who blush: "Now, what  
treatment wd you give that case?"  
Alkalies, Sir - 'For what reason: &  
what Alkalies?'

This is not so improving to P.s-  
[Dr. Peacock always taking temperature  
poultices *on rag*, not on tow.]  
I used to ask Sister to let me make  
notes of Drs. Peacock & Murchison:  
but there was no time after.

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like Mr. Simon better than Mr. Croft  
At Clinical Lecture Mr. C. behaved so  
badly to Miss Notcutt: confusing her: 'I  
don't ask you what diet was given my  
Patient: but what he took:'  
then same to Miss Shillington

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Miss Starling Cath: Apost: "does not like to  
so is Nurse Clark teach the children  
not of her religion  
to pray":

notes, ff207-10v, pencil

**f207**

Miss Stains: Wool: Salicetic Acid May 3/76  
a dressing between that Lister's Antiseptic  
& the wound Carbolic Spray

I always burn any Bandages with pus on them: at once  
in Ward fire: carry them straight to Ward fire:

I tell the Probrs that is the best economy: to burn  
Thought St. T.s the dirtiest place/practices I ever saw was in when  
I came: thought is that called for Training?

Nurses used small chambers for eye lotions:  
& put dirty dressing in hand basins

They seems quite aggrieved if they were told  
things much better now

Dirty linen not removed every day:

If we are so careful to take away bedpans directly,  
Surely this is still more important with soiled sheets -  
Dirty linen only removed on Tuesday

Thursday fracture pillow  
Saturday black flock full of  
Monday Erysipelas Fill of fowl

It lies e.g. in a ~~tub~~/basket with a good sprinkling of *Carbolic Powder*  
(which

I think injures the sheets: but I can't help that:)

3 times that in the 24 hours

from 11 on Tuesday morning when the porter comes for  
it, till 2 on Thursday in the compartmt/lobby next  
the 2 W.C.s with Urinals

if a Patient has a motion on his sheets at 12 on Tuesday  
there it lies for 50 hours -

There is no reason against using the *Foul Linen*  
Shoots except that there is nothing at the bottom  
to receive the linen

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**f208v**

that I often see trace of motions/pus on clean sheets:

not properly dried: have to dry at our own fires

perfectly wet: avoid at Kitchen fire: not pipes in Bath room

Stairswoman washes Bandages very badly: but I

only allow Bandages on Fractures &c none with  
discharge to be washed

first soaked in Lavatory with *Chlorinated Soda*

then boiled all night over Ward Kitchen fire

in soft soap, Soda & Chlorinated Soda: a quart bottle/a pint/diluted  
for No 2

then ~~rin~~ boiler emptied in Slop Sink in morning

Bandages rinsed (& rolled by Patients:)

in a tub hung on the hot pipes

We use chiefly *Chlorinated Soda*:

Mr. Simon likes it best: uses it for his own hands

after a suspicious case

says: ~~f~~ put Chlorinated Soda always for Probrs

to wash their hands: it destroys germs at the expence of the

Mr. Simon says: "*if it takes off the Cuticle  
it must be bad for germs.*"

But Mr. Simon calls *all Disinfectants* a

"*mystic rite*".

absolute cleanliness the only preservative/Disinfectant

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Miss Stains -

Chambers now only allowed from 10/8 at night  
till 7 next mornng rinsing pail  
then emptied & rinsed at bed=side Soda or Chlorinated  
(2 parts Soda

with lids: pail (to empty) with some Carbollic Powder  
in it) then carried to Lavatory

bed pans brought to bed side & taken away again  
at once: bedpans with Carbollic Powder in them lastly  
all have lids - not allowed between 9 a.m. & 12  
except there be anything the matter with Rectum or medicine &c  
glazed white urinals put on locker  
emptied at once

Urinals: ladies

sink worst

Edward

special towel Slop sink tin Carbollic Powder

sheet

3 Towels Hands Bedpans Basins

cleaned once a week 2a a week

Probrs have bottle Chlorinated Soda objectionable case

bottle Glycerine

always by to wash their hands.

Bedding: I think *Erysipelas* & *Pyaemia*  
produced in St. T.s by the uncleansed state of

Bed & Bedding:

we often have them back dirtier than they went:

We were going to have a bad case (Mr. Simon's)

he desired me to have bed & bedding ready -

I had to go again & again to Steward for it:

at last it arrived on a truck the very morning

it was wanted: the great St. T.s -

new sacking & rope

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2 mops

bedpans rinse down closets a little sand

swing basins & urinals bedpan mop sufficient for slop  
sink

ordinary with

basins bedpan mop

washed

with tow

f210v

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{in top margin} Salicetic  
Lotion  
warm water  
Carbolized Soda  
for him to lie upon  
change it  
cancer every hour

Charcoal employed with offensive cases  
under bed in pans or  
under limb (if slung) in the bed

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slop sink sluiced down with Carbolic  
Carbolic Powder  
in chamber

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Cooking under bed  
little bags of Condyl's fluid  
Carbolic powder in saucers:  
in bed don't much care

Rotten potatoes sometimes sent to patients  
not only ill cooked meat but bad meat  
sent to Nurses: pork often very bad.  
boiled beef quite uneatable  
1 Nurse may have chops  
but the Sister does not like to be eating chops  
when every body else has nothing  
every body can't have chops.  
a Joint sometimes sent up so small that it won't  
go round:

notes, ff211-12v, pencil

**f211**

*Nurse Masters* June 2/76

came to us July 28/75  
no father or mother, or sister  
married brothers at Hatfield  
baptized last week by *Spurgeon*:  
he asked her questions about St. T.s,  
very much pleased to hear there was  
such teaching: religious  
take Sacrament there next Sunday  
Elders asked me questions for my  
baptism: the *Society* admits  
*Nurses Jull, OLeary, Baptists*  
when I came to St. T.s, did not  
like to be told: thought I knew  
without being told  
Miss Crossland has done so much  
for me:

*Sister Mary & Sister Edward*  
have taught me most.  
only in Albert a fortnight: S. Albert  
wd not let me do any of the dressings

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**f212v**

to be Night Nurse in/at Montreal  
now Night Nurse in Mary/Edward:  
between 1 & 4 a.m. Medical  
Patients (Heart Disease) always very bad  
(Phthisis)  
have not noticed it in Surgical Patients  
we don't wake bad Patients/cases to give  
them their breakft (5 a.m.) if they  
have dropped asleep: we put off  
getting breakft wh. otherwise begins  
at 4 a.m. as long as possible  
& then we don't carry it to the  
sleeping bad cases:  
Sister Edward goes her round with Night Nurse  
every night at 10 p.m. telling  
her changes in case, changes in  
treatment, what she is to do, what  
she is to look out for: beginning  
at 1st case & going on to last -  
Delirious cases often in Arthur  
3 at once  
have had to have 2 Night Porters  
to restrain him

notes, ff213-18, pencil

**f213**

Miss Hincks: Night Supt June 8/76  
Highgate

Night Nurses have nothing to do  
except 1 case Tetanus: Chaplin's Ward:  
& Phthisis Ward:

patients sleep all night thro  
Night Nurses have no practice  
no Surgical Practice at all:

8.30 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Night Supt 10 p.m. 7 a.m.

not so many acute/heavy cases as Edinburgh  
but light cases

10 Night Nurses: 530 cases

only 9 now

4 Trained only

Maffey: easily loses  
presence of mind

Brain: young: likes  
her work: does not  
complain as  
others do -

never saw her ill tempered} Clark

thinks but delicate after Typhoid}

Pennington

No Classes for Night Nurses

I was to have given them a Class

but nothing has been said about it  
sleep in 2 Dormitories, 5 beds each

Miss Hull gives Probrs 1 or 2 classes  
a week

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**f214v**

Corcoran

0 Nurses will be coarse & quarrel

2 Night Nurses have 3 Wards  
between them

e.g. Pennington has 2 Wards

Brain 1

but goes in to help Pennington  
to make beds in one other Ward in  
morning

need scarcely ever, except in  
Tetanus case & Phthisis ward  
take Night Nurse's place to  
let her get her own meal 1 - 2 a.m.  
She can always get it: Patients  
sleep all night thro

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**f215v**

Night Supt's day:		a.m.	
breakft with Probrs		6.30	
returns to Wards			
takes report to Miss Hill		9	
dinner with Day Nurses		1	p.m.
bed	2		
	9		
Night Nurses' Day: Summer		a.m.	
off duty at		8	
bed	9 -		
	3.30	p.m.	
dinner	4.30		
exercise	5 -		
	7.45		

pass

only one door

not like St. T.s: where no one  
knows what Night Nurses do:

perhaps they hardly go to bed at all  
may be out all day, without any  
one knowing it: that greet place {?}

only one door to Highgate:

Porter with book at it: {puts down

no one goes out without a pass {time of  
{going in &  
{going out

**f216**

no notice taken if Night Nurses  
don't go out

*[then what do they do if they  
have nothing to do for Patients?*

you say they don't go to sleep.]

only one hot meal in common  
dinner 12 winter  
4.30 summer

not with Day Nurses

after dinner, cold meat divided  
between them:

drink tea at 8.30 in Ward Kitchen  
when they go into Wards  
at 1 a.m. Ward Kitchen  
breakfast at

I don't know what they have:

allowance of tea, sugar, butter, cheese  
eat it when they like

*My Address*

*The Lord, not the porter knows  
the time of my going in & my  
going out.*

**f217**

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Marsh	Wards	Weeks	
	Leopold. Notcutt	3	
	Edward	½	
	Elizth Franks	4	
	Leopold Notcutt	4/7	
	Edward	1 ½	
M.S.	12		
	Mary Cadbury	8	Staff Nurse 1 week
	Arthur	4	
	Charity Enderby	4	
M.M.	8		
	Alexandra	4/5	
	Elizth	4	Night Special
F.S.	13 Mary	2	
F.M.	10 <del>Obs</del> Adelaide	2	
{address on envelope: Miss Nightingale			
35 South St			
Park Lane			

**f218**

{written on back of envelope:}

With  
Mrs. Wardroper's  
kind love

notes, ff219-22v, pencil

**f219**

Nurse Marsh: June 27/76  
been with us since July 12/75  
brought up at Soldiers' Daughters'  
Home } from 4 to 16  
Hampstead}  
father ~~died~~/killed in Indian Mutiny  
many babies there: her own  
Sister at 11 months: wants to  
come to us:  
from 14 to 16 girls have charge  
of babies & of Infirmary:  
a week every 2 months in Infy  
she was always glad when her  
turn came for Infy  
[Mrs. Sullivan, at Scutari, her  
elder Sister}  
Miss Cadbury (Sister Mary) & Sister  
Leopold(Miss Notcutt) taught me  
most:  
5 weeks on Special Night duty  
in small Ward: Elizabeth  
one cut throat case: very kind to  
Pyæmia died

**f219v**

many deaths in Mary while  
there  
Miss Cadbury taught her use  
of Catheter:  
Miss Notcutt the Cards:  
not a high order of girl:  
a good Charity girl:  
but Dare to be a Daniel:  
she responded:  
Sister Ann has a temper:  
keeps her Ward beautifully  
clean

**f220**

Miss Williams  
Sister Alice (Butler) & Miss Pringle  
the only Sisters when I was there  
[Miss Williams] who went  
round every Patient in her two  
Wards morning & evening  
asking each how they were,  
checking the Night Nurse's Reports,  
& knowing from each what  
to tell the Doctor:  
8.5 a.m. it began:  
if Dr. Peacock came before she  
had done Mary, she went  
down to Alice & then finished  
Mary:  
8 -10 p.m.

**f221**

Nurse Marsh  
thinks children do best in  
General Wards:  
7 children under 2 in  
Elizabeth:  
women so kind to them:  
only one woman complained  
of their noise: & she was  
not very ill  
the little (child's) bed used  
to be wheeled up to the  
next woman's or girl's  
bed at her own desire:  
& she would amuse it all  
day -  
Of if the infant could be  
taken out of bed, a woman  
Patient who was up would  
nurse it: or if in bed  
would have it on her bed

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**f222v**

time when children would  
cry most at 8 p.m.  
when gas turned down: &  
they were expected to go to  
sleep: then they thought  
they ought to be attended to  
& taken up & nursed:  
otherwise they did not cry much

Miss Perrès used to take  
a poor little burnt case up  
& walk it up & down the  
Ward

notes, f223, pencil

**f223** {written on an envelope}

Miss Hunter 29 July 1/76

Wards	Weeks
Leopold	8
Arthur	8
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M.M. 2 mo	
Edward	4
M.S. 3 mo Elizabeth	8
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F.S. 2 mo Mary	6 (2 as Sister)
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F.M. 1½ mo Sister of Home	3
Elizth	1
<hr/> 1 mo	1 fortnight absent

{address on envelope}  
Miss Nightingale  
35 South Street  
Park Lane  
Forw'd by  
Miss Michards

notes, ff224-25v, pencil

**f224**

Nurse Webb                      July 11/76  
  came to us August/75  
Baptist: from Hitchin: General  
Servant: to a Missionary: gone  
to Madagascar:  
friend of Nurse Masters  
  truly devout & religious:  
mother: no father:  
  very little education:  
7 weeks on Tracheotomy case:  
  Tumour under Tongue  
suffocating: Elizabeth Small Ward  
*has done no D. Staff duty:*  
a good specimen of training:  
not much original power:  
this may be said of  
  Masters  
  Marsh  
  Webb

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**f225v**

Nurse Ball: (Leopold): taught  
me most:  
she talks to Patients very nicely  
Nurse Rutherford (Elizabeth?)  
beautiful dresser; very sharp to  
me: taught me nothing:  
Sister Edward: very nice to  
Patients: very good to me:  
wanted to be under Dr. Murchison  
asked to go to Arthur:  
Sister Arthur taught me most  
  of any: taught me Cards:  
but Sister Victoria taught me  
  a good deal:  
I had 3 lithotomies side by side  
in Victoria given me  
very fond of children: should  
like to have a children's ward  
think children do best in one  
did all one side in Victoria  
& helped on the other in evening  
in other wards/change sides every week                      so I saw all the cases

notes, ff226-26v, pencil

**f226**

Miss Whitton

9 years Matron of Blackburn

Infirmary: Dec 14/76

11 ½ lbs Uncooked meat

make 4 oz thoroughly cooked meat

to 20 Patients (middle Diet)

23 lbs to 40

And roughly 2 full Diets (6 oz)

to 3 middle

1 lb Neck Beef to every

1 pint Beef Tea

/6d a lb

/9d½ a lb meat all thro' by Contract

/2d½ a qt milk 53 qts a day

"Some one coming up Novis told

me I shd be clammed here

But I bless the day I ever saw yers."

Whole Mills subscribe 1/ or 1/6 twice a  
year

**f226v**

Night Nurses sleep out

Blackburn Infirmary has more

Patients on an average

& gets them out sooner

(a less average of days)

than Preston Halifax York

Hull or

notes, f227, pencil

**f227** {arch: [1875-1876]}

Miss Lees; Sisters' duty

Obstetric

return bad ones to her

Nicholay

Suckling

Gibson 22

Morris

Miss Perrssè

O'Leary

Miss Hornby, Miss Hull, on holiday

Carroll practical

Morris theoreticaly

notes, f228, pencil

**f228** {arch: [1876]}

X Miss Cotterill 5 ft 3 35

5 ft 4 Dr.

daughter of a London Solicitor died 20 yrs ago whose son her brother  
speculated & failed

2 years Nurse in Hip Hospital  
enthusiastic friends recommend {good  
{antecedents

of course recommend of Matron Hospl for Hip Disease  
(wanting) is the one of most importance

Miss Crossld has seen her. ?Mrs Marsh  
? Miss Pearson 18 Queen Sq  
why not refer to?

Miss Coleman 5 ft 1 ½ 26 pays

farmer's daughter Sandwich Kent  
helps at home & in parish work

one of those cases where references tell  
nothing but that they are fond of her  
have you seen her?

X Miss ~~Pearson~~ Jamieson 5 ft 2 7 st 12 26

9 st Dr

taller than

Miss Coleman orphan

or Miss Gilbert from Wistownshire

paper very languidly filled up

antecedents good

2 yrs at Hospl for Hip Disease: *Miss Pearson* Lady Sup

untrained trains 18 Queen Sq

she thinks her healthy

they say the small women always manage sick children best

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**f231v**

Miss Rowan Unitarian 31 5 ft 5  
daughter of an ruined Ironfounder  
this is a case where all her references tell  
& probably can tell almost nothing  
that she is a Sunday School teacher & reads Medical  
books  
Miss Notcutt describes her by negatives x  
must earn her own livelihood  
can't pay  
she may be anything or nothing  
x "not impressed with the idea that her  
"mission is to reform entirely every  
"institution she may honour with her presence"  
paper badly filled up

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Miss Larkin 30 Wesleyan  
evidently ill-tempered & touchy  
& ~~overbearing~~ "lofty & important acct to Mrs Day,  
7 years governess to Mrs. Day  
3 Mrs. Sand  
"much too ambitious  
not to succeed"

paper ill answered

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Miss Herbert 40  
may mean anything or nothing

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**f232**

Miss Jarvis Shaw 28  
father Draper Wolverhampton  
Miss Lowndes her present employer  
not recommendation from  
ought not be asked to pay  
for a time  
wd give it up if father ~~does not choose~~/strongly disapproves  
bad writing/& answering on questions  
has been a governess for 3 years  
France & Gibraltar &c  
worked children too hard

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**f233v**

Miss Kay 31  
 niece of Dr. Kay head of Theological College  
 at Calcutta  
 Hebrew Scholar  
 daughter of Ironmonger at Knaresboro  
 governess at Miss Sewell's Middle Class School  
 at Ventnor  
 ? High Church  
 2 Sisters national schoolmistresses Finedon  
 brother a Missionary in Tangore  
 Dr. Kay seldom have so good a letter  
 ready to understand what others mean to say  
 Miss Dolberg: Finedon Hall: Wellingboro'  
 free from all pettiness & foolish pride  
 & remarkable for common sense & truthfulness  
 The Manor House  
 Barton  
 Cambridge  
 is her "present employer", is it not?  
 why no reference to this?

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**f234** {written on envelope}

Miss Pyne	38	came	Jan 7/76	
	Wards		Weeks	Sisters
	Leopold		8	Notcutt
	Alexandra	4		Spencer
	Magdalen		2	Hornby does every
	Alice		3	Mackenzie thing well
F.S. 10	Alexandra		6	Day Special
M.S.	Albert		4	Stains
12	Magdalen		3	Sister's duty
Magd 5				
F.M. 3	Mary	3 days		
	Arthur	5	4	Vincent
M.M. 8	"	3		Sister's duty
	Obstetric	1		Holloway
Obs	1			

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{address on envelope:}  
 Miss Nightingale  
 35 South Street  
 Park Lane  
 W.



**f236v**

a child of 6 months old whose mother  
was in No 8 in Alice in a basket  
did no badly: always sick: Hospital  
atmosphere & close= Alice always telling  
upon it: bed with bottle:  
children in Elizth fed with the bottle  
{written on the other end of the envelope}  
Mason: at St. Mary's  
no sand, Chlorinated Soda, Nitric Acid,  
Carbolic, mops or brushes for  
W.C.s &c  
Nurse does no Nursing  
Probr does what dressings there are:  
& makes beds alone in Convalescent  
Convalesct Ward looks upon her as  
their Nurse  
Men don't strip their beds  
Sister mostly in her own room  
but Nurse does not go round with  
any Dr.  
Mason has  
charge of  
all the Urine  
for the Hospl  
24/1/77  
{written on the side}  
[illeg] Nergher's Characteristics  
Wagstaff's Osteology  
{address on envelope}  
Miss Nightingale  
"Sister's" Reports  
of  
Nurse Mason  
Tearoe

notes, ff237-38v, pencil

**f237**

Miss Stains Jan 18/77 [12:316]

Albert after Notcutt very offensive:

had Tables placed by a Patient  
who had been a carpenter: &  
afterwards had them kept clean.  
If Sister does not take a pride in  
them, Nurses, Patients & Dressers  
will not.

~~washed~~/scrubbed the W.C. pans with  
strong Nitric Acid: ~~also with~~  
getting all round outside arching{?}

scraped the Urinals with a knife:  
all furred: also the W.C. slop sink;  
scraped with knife

that had to be scrubbed with  
sand & ~~Acid~~/Chlor. Soda twice a week:

I do the Urinals every morning little bedpan mop  
myself: let the water run thro:  
scrub with the WC pans

Stairswoman washed them twice  
a week with Chlorinated Soda &  
Sand: Closets pans; Urinals: & slop sink,  
Probationers mop also the two Lavatory basins  
week & week about: Stairswoman scrubs  
twice a week with Sand  
I keep 8 bed pans: 4 in use: 4 in store  
mop for bed pans. New mop for Lavatory basin

**f237v**

if ~~on~~ a fifth is wanted, we take  
it out of store & put it back  
again:  
new small mop hangs over  
Lavatory basins: for P. to use  
in washing them -  
old mop ~~slops~~ over slop sink for bedpans:

Keene was carrying all these  
things to use in Leopold:  
old bottle brush handles for bedpans  
Edward filthy when I came into  
it after Miss Cameron:  
new bottle brush kept in Kitchen for  
bottles

1 Extra Nurse to every Surgical Ward  
3 or 4 perineal Sections  
Nurse every other Sunday from 3 till  
the next mornng  
if for own service afternoon or evening

**f238**

Extra Nurse might go to ~~Med~~ Wards  
3 Nurses to 2 Wards Arthur  
Albert

3 services

Alice worst in Ventilation/foul air Dr. Peacock /quite sick

Charity next worst: under S. Bull:

Victoria next worst: children not kept dry:

Elizabeth next worst: P.s put up the  
windows to do the dressings  
& forget to pull them  
down again

S. Hawthorn pulled the  
whole down & end windows  
twice a day: as far as they  
wd go: that might

produce Erysipelas

When a Lady Probationers can clean the

Lavatories, W.C.s herself so  
that she has not ~~been~~ to be told  
& has not to be sent back to do  
them again, she may then be  
considered trained enough to teach  
train others, & need not do that  
kind of her work any more But  
if she cannot do it well enough

**f238v**

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without telling, how can she  
tell others how to do it?

**[end 12:316]**

notes, ff240-, pen

**f240** {written on an envelope}

Mason	31	Nov 11/75	
Weeks	Wards		
7	Leopold		
4	Alexandra (Hull		
6	Magdalen	(Staff Nurse	
6	Magdalen	1 week	
2	Edward		
8	Alice	? ventilation	
6	Charity	(5 days <i>night</i>	
1	Arthur	(Night	
2	Elizth		
3 4	Arthur	(Shillington ( 5 nights	
3	Alice	Enderby (8 nights	
11	F.M.		
1	No 8	Block	well educated
			took some cases
			Hull
11	M.S.		Aston
		3	night Special Ovarian
10	F.S.	1	
1	Obs		
3	Children's	3	Victoria
		1	Arthur Vincent
11	M.M.		

fond of children: little Tracheotomy died in her arms:  
nursed another in Special Ward:  
very much interested in Magdalen ~~cancer~~  
a poor girl who at her father's death  
was touched & consented to go back to  
her ~~Father~~ Mother: died a fortnight  
after: perhaps makes the  
Magdalen talk a little too much of  
their past lives  
thought Alice & Elizth taught her most  
wd not admit Albert had ventilators

**f240v**

Whayman	Oct 9	24		
thought			Weeks	Ward
Edward & Mary			2	Albert
taught her most			4	Elizabeth
baptized			8	Edward
& confirmed?			4	Alexandra
			1	Leopold
	<u>        </u>			
	M.S.	11		
3 Operations			2	Mary
Charity			1	Ophthalmic
	0.1	<u>        </u>	8	Charity
rather open perhaps to			8	Mary
men's influence: & alas!	F.M.	10	4	Alexandra
in a Hospital men's				
influence seems	<u>        </u>	F.S.	12	(2 Night Staff
				duty
always to be bad:			4	Arthur
	M.M.	<u>        </u>	12	Night duty
admitted she				a shallow woman: very
would stand no				amenable to good training
nonsense if				influences: also to bad
Nurses complained				sincerely anxious to do
to her of a little				justice to her Godmother's
scrubbing				& to her Matron's teachings
				not very intelligent: but full of
good purposes: young & hopeful: & cheerful at a joke:				
thinks the Night Nurses want				
the hot meal (ready done for them)				
most when they come off duty				
tired at 9.30 a.m.				
not so much at 9.30 p.m.				
not very strong: feels the want of a				
good hot meal ready done for them at				
9.30 a.m. when she comes off night				

notes, ff241-42v, pen & pencil

[12:317-18]

**f241**

Miss Stains - May 29/77  
Mr. McCormac}  
Croft } won't like  
Simon } Nurse Adman  
refer to their Sisters  
in every thing  
Mr. Sydney Jones not

change of Medical visit to afternoon  
good thing for cleanliness of Wards  
impossible to get the wards ready  
S. Arthur used to get up at 5.30  
on Visiting mornings: help to make  
the beds  
I breakfasted at 6.25: was in  
the Ward by 7.

Erysipelas all the cases of one  
dresser: dirty hands: Out Patient  
Dressers' went backwards & forwards  
from to Wards: want of  
towels & soap on/in Out P.s Dept  
Puerperal Fever all the cases  
of one man in Out Lying in Dept  
Night Supt only in charge of  
Nurses, not of Nursing, in St. T.'s:  
She is an Assistant to all the Night Nurses  
They tell her what to do: Do  
not see why there being Sisters  
should make this

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**f242v**

Night Nurses have only to make  
their beds  
  
not to dust wards or wash basins

notes, ff242-48v, pen

**f243**

Miss Stains May 30/77

[13:63-64]

Day Nurses supposed to get up at 6.15 & breakfast at 6.45, each in her Ward Kitchen to make her own breakfast & to be in Ward at 7.

seldom down till 7 half dressed unwashed, hair not done, own bed not stripped, own slops not emptied

goes into Ward: makes one or two beds: comes back, drinks her tea standing: into Ward again: between 9 & 10 when Ward work done, goes up into own room, any washing done then, dresses, does her hair, supposed to make her bed.

very hungry at 10, having had no breakfast, comes down into Ward Kitchen, cuts enormous hunches of cold meat, can't dine at 12

have been into Dormitory, found beds not made or stripped slops not emptied, chamber not emptied in middle of floor, & led in another place, every drawer a little open

Day Nurses have 22 rising to 25 no Tea or Sugar, no Laundress, no Uniform (should wear washing dresses) they wash their own clothes often in

**f243v**

foot pans IN Dormitory:

I have found the clothes soaking  
& the water quite smelling:

they don't wash collars & small  
things which want ironing which  
would not signify but the great things

no supervision over Dormitory  
one Nurse at least should be  
appointed every week in charge  
supposed to go to bed at 10

Gas to be out at 10.30

no one to see the gas put out:  
often a row at night, generally Ward  
maids: keep the others awake  
then can't get up next morning

Dormitory air not good  
Ward Kitchen has ward air  
Nurses should have a Home  
& their meals supervised  
Ward Kitchen sitting down to dinner  
with ash-bucket & dust pail

3 fires in Ward: 1 in small Ward  
1 Kitchen  
1 Sisters' Room  
6

good many ashes collected in morning  
in zinc pail not lined - by Ward Maid

**f244**

put in Kitchen: porter empties it  
into wooden boxes in Lift: in which  
~~dear~~ operation cases come up  
moister materials remains from  
Patient's dinner &c collected  
in evening same way:  
often left by Porter bottom of stairs  
till morning  
zinc pails come back into Kitchen  
~~to~~ with a little Carbollic Acid  
to be cleaned } according to energy  
by Ward Nurse } of porter  
dressings collected by tin Zinc pail  
not painted (but Carbollic acid  
wd soon destroy paint) carried  
off by Porter: these burnt in furnace  
- dressing pail has to be cleaned -  
also by Ward Maid  
pails ought to be of glazed earthenware  
to wash inside & out  
impossible to clean the zinc  
smaller dressing - pus - not poultices  
burnt on Ward fire: dust swept  
up three times a day to each Ward  
fire & there burnt

**[end 12:318]**

Home alway looks cheerful -  
Sister should dine together: they  
get brutified  
& Nurses together with Miss Fisher  
to supervise

**f244v**

Miss Airy    blush of Erysipelas  
              Erysipelas in her Ward

Night Nurses often come in ~~on~~ to  
  night duty at 9.45. tired & hot  
~~to~~ having been out till last moment  
- used sometimes not to come till  
10.30

slept in the morning: gone out afternoon  
  & had meals with their friends  
health of Nurses suffers from  
irregular hours

Day Nurses' hours too long: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sister goes to bed as soon as she  
  has given orders to Night Nurse  
  at 10 -

Sister always makes morning round  
  & asks every Patient how he does  
  - this can't be done between 7.45  
  & 8 a.m.

Sister can't go out (v. Treasurer's letter)  
  immediately after Medical visit  
  (first turn) wounds to cover: Nurse  
goes for medicines: Sister must be in Ward  
then abscesses have been opened, Chloroform

**f245**

*Edinburgh*

Day Nurses too hard worked  
    too much confined  
    & if one is let out          another has to  
    work double  
Miss Spencer has spelling classes for  
    Ward Assistants  
Miss Pyne classes for Night Nurses  
    Prayers for Ward Assistants  
        Night Nurses  
        Day Nurses  
    all together          Separately  
New Hospital beautiful  
    small Wards  
one should be for Nurses  
    Sister's two rooms  
large Wards      16 Patients  
Convalescent Home: Mrs. Balke's  
    nicely furnished rooms with 3  
    beds for Conv't Nurses  
Night Nurses go there to sleep  
    when they have a day out  
    to be quiet  
Treatment of Patients: no English  
    or Americans could bear it  
Typhoids get up, have tea & bread & butter  
    no sponging

**f245v**

operations same: must be  
Scotch to bear it:  
more drinking, teas, education  
than in England  
Nurses much less educated than  
at St. T.'s  
spelling is bad

Mr. Bell: his clinical Lectures  
worth all teaching put together  
once a week/every Sunday: 9:45 to 10.30  
then he & nurses go to church  
he makes the Nurses diagnose the  
cases: sometimes they are right  
& the dressers wrong: takes  
the trocas & shows Nurse to be  
right:  
makes Nurse describe the wound  
what it has been: what it will  
be: Mr. Croft does not do  
this: he only tells:  
Mr. Bell give course of Lectures  
besides

**f246**

Miss Mitchelson good: [n12]  
capital Nurse  
free of speech:  
so are all the Scotch: the Doctors:  
Miss Pringle knows how to manage  
these people: Miss Pyne don't  
Miss Pr. knows how to make herself  
obeyed: Miss Pyne don't:  
Miss Pr. knows how not to let  
things worry her: Miss Pyne don't  
Miss Pr. Nurses so afraid of being  
spoken to by her: I can't go:  
said one summoned to her:  
she spoke to me before I  
can't bear it again  
One feels the Highest Presence  
with her as she goes about the  
Hospl  
Managers will do anything for her  
but she looks very tired:

**f246v**

Night Nursing better at  
Edinburgh than at  
K.C.H.  
because Night Supt more experience  
Miss Spencer takes charge of  
the Nursing as well as of  
the Nurses

Medical & Surgical attendance  
infinitely better than at St. T.'s  
because the Professors come every  
day, they are heads, & they do  
order the treatment  
(as at Paris)  
at St. T.'s the Residents order  
the treatment  
No wound undone but by  
Professor's orders, or in his  
absence except he orders it -

**f247**

Capital error  
in St. Thomas'  
Night Supt  
Night Nursing  
Clinical Teaching  
not so good as it  
might be  
  
in King's Coll: Hosp:  
Nurse Probs no lectures,  
no Classes,  
no training  
Scrubbing the first 3 months  
Changing Ward Sisters  
about  
Lady P.s separated  
from Nurse P.s by  
everything thro' the  
whole course: dress,  
table, occupation.  
in Edinburgh  
Day Nurses too hard worked  
too little time off

[end n12]

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**f248v**

Univ: Coll: Hosp:  
Nurse in room with Medl Officer  
for half an hour opposite Supt's  
room:  
not nice looking women:  
Chambers unemptied:

notes, ff249-50v, pen

**f249**

Miss Stains May 30/77 [13:63-64]

Bartholomew's

Mrs. Drake (Matron) does not  
wish anybody to learn anything  
she is good at discipline &  
cleanliness she is

no Supt of *Nursing*

there is no *Nursing* done in  
the place

Sisters rough but competent  
competent to get thro' a great  
deal of work: not to nurse

Mrs. Drake rough: won't hear  
of Nurses complaints

Nurses ~~mere~~/like scrubbers:

Night Nurses combine Night Nursing  
& scrubbing: very few hours in bed:  
have no room to retire to:  
none of their own:

night nurse one week out of 3:

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Probrs scheme

they don't invite ladies: only  
respectable women:

I ~~don't~~ think if ladies go they  
will have the nous not to  
stop: they will find themselves  
hard worked & learning nothing:

**f249v**

if they ~~will~~ go, they will go  
as ladies, intending to take  
it easy: & will find it not so  
Probrs will only be *untrained*  
Nurses there.  
with the choice of remaining in  
B.s if a vacancy after  
their year:  
I have known ladies go to Univ:  
Coll: & find they don't learn  
& not stop:  
they go into Wards at 9 a.m.  
dressers do all the dressings  
they learn nothing.

**[end 13:64]**

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**f250v**

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given: haemorrhage or sickness  
may ensue: Sister can't leave  
Operation days: ~~can~~ 1.30 a

notes, ff251-52v, pen & pencil

**f251**

Miss Hunter age 29 May 31/77

(my successor)

students, Dressers, House Surgeons, speak  
so very disrespectfully before the Sisters  
of the Visiting Staff:

this is so demoralizing

Miss Franks

Aston best sisters now

Airy

Mr. Mason leaves too much to Sister  
& his Dresser

Mr. Sydney Jones gives his orders  
down to the minutest particular

I would have 2 years' Obligation  
not more

Nurse Ann (Obstetric) uncertain  
keeps tremendous order & silence  
but without gentleness or sense

Nurse Ridgewell (very nice) can  
scarcely get on with her, tho'  
she is obedient

Nurse Ann rough with the Patients,  
who are of a superior class

**f251v**

Dr. Gervas very good indeed  
calls the Patients Mrs.  
which they like

Nurse Upton (Night Nurse)  
very like Nurse Hunt

they two cotton together:  
Nurse Hunt talks so loud  
when she goes in & out of Wards  
at night that she wakes  
the Sisters

Religion wanted: Mr. Large  
should talk more religion to Patients  
& give Communion: only give  
once in 5 or 6 months:

Nurse Cargle good Probrs [prob Carlisle?]  
Bassington

Miss Hunt  
Mayne should be good  
Shaw

Miss Lees'

Boole too young (unmannerly)

Cooke too delicate

Booth too young

Lütichan: not liked by English patients

**f252**

Miss Franks goes a great deal  
of work herself & teaches  
Probrs well.

Ward very heavy:

6 Hernias

6 )Patients from fall of scaffold

Ss Elizabeth &  
Alexandra

never go out during their fortnight  
Accidents

S. Elizth does not go out for 5 or 6  
weeks together: ought to take their day  
out a month

I was Sister in Albert for a week  
several operations

Mr. Croft all Antiseptic  
too much wine given in Victoria  
without food: wake the children  
at 8 p.m. to give it

Miss Starling very good: can't with  
a Harelip wanting 2 Nurses to itself  
& Croup in small Ward keep order

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Nurse P.s devoted to Miss Crossland  
All in the Hospl loyal to Mrs. Wardr

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will take a national view of Nursing  
some day:

`friends of mine have been to Charing X  
& Kings Coll: do what they like & learn what

**f252v**

Miss Stains

Miss Hay Dalrymple

Matron at Children's

Hospl Gt Ormond St they like: that's not  
so excellent training:

we can't go thro' with  
this work, except for God

'fanatic tea-totaller':

all Supts should look back  
to their Mother house & pull  
together & help one another

My Father made his own way  
as a merchant

Now I have lost all immediate  
relatives:

years of Nursing & Parish work

will be a founder, thinker about Training  
& reformer

Lady Prs. should have their tea hour out one or twice ~~in~~  
a week instead of once in ten days

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in intellectual grade Candidates for Hospl work  
have much improved: but not in moral or  
devoted or heroic standard: formerly when few  
took it up it was taken up from heroic motives:  
devotion to Go & man as a call: now as a fashion  
or livelihood

notes, ff253-54, pen

**f253**

Nurse Laura Wilson: age 34 June 23/77

from Aberdeen

slow deliberate: Baptist:

spoke of Crimean War:

did not think the Sisters taught so little.

Miss Notcutt went 9 days after

she came: taught her most:

after her, Nurse Ball who had

got quite in her ways:

showed her the reason why of things

what the appearance of wounds means

why oil dressings were exchanged for

warm water & so on:

after her, Miss Cadbury asked her

what Dr. Murchison said

after her, Miss Mackenzie: first to

teach me the cards

after, Nurse Wand:

Miss Vincent's Ward best managed

& cleanest - but she never

volunteered to teach

No more did Miss Spencer: she

so good in talking to the Patients

No more did Miss Franks:

Miss Perrière doing duty in Elizth

so good to the children:

3 weeks Night Staff duty in Elizth

11 children: very bad cases:

assisted by Victoria, Night Nurse:

**f253v**

thinks children do better in Adult Ward  
women like to have them on their  
beds after they are washed &  
breakfasted at 5 a.m.  
children jealous of each other & quarrel  
sometimes crying waked adults:  
not often:  
children wanted to be noticed  
as soon as breakfast began:  
Miss Perrse always brought  
something from her breakfast  
for children: saved their lives  
Miss P. taught them hymns: we had  
no time.

Sisters not teaching does not signify  
so much: because Miss Crossland  
teaches it us. cleanliness  
ventilation, poultices, enemas,  
glossary &c &c  
also the cases: showing them us in books  
I have kept no case-paper:  
always tired.

**f254**

Magdalen  
Miss Rye keeps capital order:  
sometimes they tried to sing immoral  
songs when I there, Miss Rye, in  
small Ward, & Nurse Taylor away  
I fetched Miss Rye  
Bible lesson every Wednesday  
not allowed now to sing songs:  
don't think ~~they~~/singing would wake Night  
Nurses above: only prevent them  
from going to sleep

Leopold  
I did Nurse Staff duty without  
knowing the cases with two  
raw P.s under Miss Shillington

learnt difference between Medical  
poultice to be for warmth & drier  
& Surgical poultice in Arthur  
impossible to keep Surgical Ward  
in such order as Medial  
dressers about all day:  
never under Miss Stains

notes, f255, pencil

**f255**

{written on an envelope}

Nurse Wilson	34	came Feb 21/76
Wards		Weeks
Leopold	6	10
Alexandra		8
Charity		1
Alice		3
Elizth	8	3 Night Special
Arthur	4	5 nights Staff Night
Mary	4/8	
<hr/> F.M. 11	Alexandra	2 Nights
	Charity	1
	Obstetric	2
<hr/> Obs 2		
	Ophthalmic	2
<hr/> Oph 2	Elizth {Night	4
	{Nose-case	
<hr/> F.S. 26/20		
	(7 Night Albert	2
	Special	
	Arthur	3
<hr/> M.M. 9	Leopold	4

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M.F./S.16

{written sideways}

*Nurse Wilson papers*

{address on envelope:}

Miss Nightingale

35 South St

Park Lane

By Nurse

Alexander

notes, f256, pencil

**f256** {arch: [Aug. 1877]}

Madame Linecke 42 widow 5 ft 4  
12 stone

Mrs. Offord's letter which is a very graphic one  
gives a very clear idea

"IF she gets thro' the first year  
"liable "to force her way"

"bringing about worse evils than we cure: not willing to be  
misjudged" while doing only the best we can

She must be a very grand woman indeed  
if she ~~will~~ does well:

She must either be ~~very~~ troublesome or very good *indeed*

Will Institutions like a foreigner for a Supt?

If Mrs. Wardroper finds after probation Mme Linecke  
fit for a Sister & Mme L. will accept a Sistership or  
the like, (she seems to look only to *superintendence*) to begin with,  
that

would make a  
difference:

Her Housekeeping & Management qualifications are apparently very good  
indeed

I do not see Mr. Croft's Imprimatur  
on the very vague Medl Cert

Does the Dr. call 5 ft 4 above the average height?

Is not 12 stone very heavy for 5 ft 4?

Is she unwieldy?

Mrs. Offord's ? answers are not signed.

She nowhere gives her Father's name, I think

notes, f257, pencil & pen

**f257** {arch: [1877]}

Miss Machin: Boston: have we any invitation from Boston?

From *Highgate*: *Miss Whitton*

Nurses Brain }

Skippage } going to Miss Stains

Newton *would* she do for Miss Stains?

Barnard ill

Barnacle going to Miss Fisher

Miss Johnson would she go to Miss Lees

Miss Brown

Miss Jackson has left Switzld after a year

Lanhan: only Prob left: year's training up in March

Dr. Benton 1 copy Notes on Hospitals

will return 2 cop Notes on Lying-in

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Miss Lees: Capt. Fortescue taken up Supts time

Say once a month interferes with supt genls authority

*Miss Hunter* must go

only 1 Candidate

Mrs. Wardroper Sisters Miss Aston

not one knows Warman Nurse Ann

what a nurse is or how to make one

Sisters let Probrs copy Dressers taking records

*Shoots &c could House Comm: do this? My printed paper*

*Night Nurses Food*

(momentous year this next to resettle whole of our income

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is it unpractical to put up two Candidates

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Dr. West has sent me pamphlet x

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Sir W Muir

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S. Bertha should I give ~~be an~~ name to Ascot Hospl: am a Subscriber

we must work now for our bread

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Miss Crossland Dr. Bristowe ) No Clinical Lecture only a lecture

Ord

Bernays best Mrs Wardroper Mr Croft does nothing for

us

notes, ff258-60v, pencil {arch: [1876-1877]}

**f258**

Greenstreet & Co:

Deceits are their "rule"; deceits repugnant to  
common honour: let alone Xtian honour

A soldier would consider himself dishonoured:

And they ought to consider themselves the  
soldiers of the work

As for letting Miss Meyer into St. T.s  
with all this dirty code of morality on her back:

& to put her dirty rags on other silly probrs'

backs, that is out of the question

Netley dishonours:

a direction & discipline outside your direction & discipline

**f259**

There is but one feeling among us all about her  
that she ~~was~~/lived as a noble Christian girl & that she  
has been permitted to die nobly ~~as-a~~ in the  
post of honour as a soldier thinks it glorious  
to die, so surely do we Nurses in the midst  
of our work

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**f260v**

When we obey all God's laws as to cleanliness, good habits, good air  
& water, good dwellings, food, work & exercise,

health is the result: when we disobey, sickness

110,000 lives are needlessly sacrificed every year in this kingdom

by our disobedience: & 220,000 people are needlessly  
sick all the year round.

And why?

Because our people will not know, will not obey,  
simple health laws.

No epidemic can resist thorough cleanliness &  
fresh air.

notes, ff261-63, pencil

**f261** {arch: [1876-1877]}

Miss Boole: not a lady: uncouth:  
independent: cleverer than  
Miss Cooke: attend Lecture  
at King's College: "that attending  
of Lectures instead of home  
education makes people  
independent." (stretches out her legs  
Miss Cooke: good: thorough  
gentlewoman but delicate  
Miss Desserre: delicate: timid  
shrinking: nervous: frightened  
Miss Hunt: really good but is  
delicate: requires constant  
care, always some diet  
expressly for her: or Diarrhoea  
& Vomiting  
Miss de Lüttichan: awkward:  
unhandy: cannot be trusted  
with dressings: Patients beg  
that she may not come near  
them: She not the least  
aware of this: thinks every  
thing to be learnt in a day

**f261v**

thinks she's not learning:  
"That's why, I think, says Miss  
C. the ladies ought to be  
made to do everything  
throughout:  
Miss Nicholay: not the worst:  
good little worker but silly:  
(dancing) lectures her fellow P.s  
Miss Meyer: high minded:  
room like an Oratory:  
will not make her fellow  
P.s like her. but fine  
creature  
Thought of a separate sitting-room  
for Lady P.s: won't do:  
Nurses a salutary check upon  
Ladies: Ladies a salutary check  
upon Nurses: if Ladies had  
a separate room, the silly ones  
would make a clique: & the wise  
ones wd retire to their rooms

**f262**

Miss Hunter:

a sensible capable woman:  
the one I can best consult  
both about what feelings are  
& what shd be  
rule of life retires to her  
room after supper:  
[had an alliance with Mrs. Suckling  
much better after Mrs. S. gone]

Many Nurse P.s better at theory  
than ladies

Mason }  
Styring (Yorkshire - well educated) } best  
Wilson }  
better than any ladies

Jull: notices other Nurses' deficiencies  
& irregularities: now she is tried:  
best discipline possible

**f262v**

Miss Hull: very defective in Ward  
Sanitary things: horrid woman

Miss Rye would make a good  
Sister Magdalen

Miss Aston better than any of  
the present Sisters  
likes teaching Probationers

Miss Shillington wd not do for  
a Sister

Miss Spencer: & present Sisters  
don't like saying a 'disagreeable'  
thing

Miss Cadbury: energetic but fidgetty

**f263** {arch: [c.1876-1877?]}

One Patient

Night Nurse

Nurse

Kate

pad Out Patients' Splints

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Miss

Rye

10-5 Day Nurses 3

P.M.s

& Dead House

list from Add Mss 47762 Adam Matthew reel 83. Pt 4 microfilm, 263 folios; quite a few too faint to read from mf; these mainly notes, extensive, on nurse visits 1873-75

f1 too faint

f2 FN pencil note, visit of Miss Worthington Jan 24/73 done

f3 FN pencil note, visit of Miss Beresford Jan 25/73 done

f4 FN pencil note Miss Hornby Jan 27/73 done

f5 FN pencil note Nurse Papps Jan 29/73 done

f6 FN pencil note Miss Stapylton Jan 30/73 done

f15 18 Feb 1873, Mrs Rhodes done

f45 Miss Barker April 17/73 came April/72 done

f125 Miss Stains May 22/74 done

see f139 good done

f146 visit Jackson done

f148 visit Jenny Taylor done

f150 visit Blower done

f157 visit Maria Sealey done

ff157- register of nurses 1874 (ignore to f166)

f167 visit Sister Albert done

f176 visit Alice Fisher done

f180 visit Franks done

f181 visit Notcutt 21st done

f183 ditto 29th done

f186 visit Bartlett done

f190 Miss Ridgwell April 7/76 done

f263 end

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Add Mss 47763, microfilm, 286 folios, 208 pages, notes of interviews with nurses, Adam Matthew reel 83

**f1** notes from a meeting with

Miss Johnson Highgate: Jan 17/78

Mrs. S. untruthful - about Probrs  
tyrannical

not wanting in Ward Management but  
in character management

has 8 Prob: one a rejected Ward ~~Maid~~/Asst  
Male block

Men come in again & again from drink  
Ulcerated legs solely from drink  
Delirium tremens: seldom or never give  
up drink

Say they have nowhere to go to -  
generally single men in lodgings but not all  
a good lodging is where they may sit at &  
poke the fire

but generally they must not  
No coffee rooms where they can read  
the papers & have games

Curious games at draughts for 4 they  
invented

Used to send me word when they  
got work & kept out of mischief

Cabman

Used to get drunk over the palings in  
the Long Walk - Send a little girl for it  
on the other side of the palings  
Friends sent them money in the stamps

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**f2v**

palings not raised till after Miss Hill's  
death. Well forbidden

Very difficult to occupy men if not  
well enough to scrub -

Drink the cause of most of them  
being there. They know it: hardly  
thought it wrong

What else could they do?

Model Lodging houses make model  
men, if they can get lodgings there

But how few?

how few Model Lodging houses!

how few Coffee rooms -

Lodgings & Coffee rooms these  
are what is most wanted.

Men Patients would sing: such fine voices  
so fond of singing -

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Thieves - but I lent them a watch  
in a Ward where was no clock  
so careful of it & wd not touch it

Left my door open no one ever  
touched my silver spoons

Ward of 8 beds for Syphilis

men come in again & again  
sometimes married men: no patience  
with these very rough lot one threw  
a tin porringer at me

but generally single men in lodgings

**f3**

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scarcely knew it was wrong -  
had slept with their Sisters,  
3 generations in one room.

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Dr. Benton kept capital discipline.  
learnt it of Dr. Dowse.

Mr. Henry (Steward) says: never saw  
a place so rapidly going down in  
my life: Patients now have no  
Master

Dr. McCann does not know his  
business: might as well send  
for a Gardener.

Miss Lees  
sin with their own Sisters very common  
in Germany not one house in 3  
where it is not  
in London often 3 generations in one room  
masturbation

Even in noblemen's families Doctor  
called in - nursery maid let the  
children do it to keep them quiet

Can tell it from the big bust &  
eye - O Miss Lees can God punish us  
for what we didn't know was wrong?

do you fail now - & lead them to  
believe they have some remarkable  
disease

O Miss Lees you can't talk about fallen women, these  
women have never risen

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**f4v**

Homes for primipares unmarried  
these women generally domestic servants  
This Home near Gray's Inn Lane  
*Nurse Mason* - does not admit  
prostitutes  
nice motherly Matron

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Miss Johnson

Sir Sydney Waterlow enough for him  
to recommend for Board to go  
against  
wd not take a St. Bartw's man on  
this account  
my Patients have done me a  
great deal of good: I wish  
I could think I had done  
them as much good as  
they have me

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**f5**

Nurse Jull: March 21/78

2½ years

prefers Night Nursing

day Nurse Leopold: (Warman:)

Leopold gone up to Clayton

prefers Medical Nursing

Dressings all done by dressers [12:339-40]

now (in the morning

Mr. McCormac Antiseptics: but

not so in Edinburgh:

spray first & then oil

one (each) of the 3 Probationers

busy with each of the House

Surgeon or Dressers

9 to 11.30 a.m. with {Carbolic

{Spray &c

{Engine

very hard work Irrigation Engine

(Miss White, Miss Fryer, Cox) &c

3 new Probrs

Miss Wilson got her injury in that

ward: doing Scalp wound)

[Nurse Probrs not what they were

3 or 4 years ago: think things

beneath them: too dirty for

them to do. People say it is

the classes: Miss Crossland a

splendid woman:

Miss Stains & Miss Vincent splendid

**f5v**

trainers

Sister Warman teaches Prs to give

Subcutaneous Injections:

not much else.]

To return:

Prs. complain that they have  
not the dressing to do: but

Dressers do them all:

I say: give them the dressings  
& let me do the Nursing:

the arranging the Patients in their  
beds - the supporting their

limbs & backs: the putting them  
in the best position

the feeding them when they are  
faint

That's why I like Medical Nursing

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Mr. McCormac 24 beds in Leopold  
Mason 6

Mr. McC moves them up to Clayton,  
because case of Pyaemia: drinking man  
with small wounds in elbow: but Post  
Mortem showed old abscesses in  
brain & lungs:



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**f6v**

Dean of Christ Church: New Zealand  
(Jacobs)

(about Miss Wilson)

"qualified also by that skill & knowledge  
which *proper training* alone can give to instruct  
& direct others

"It is just what many of us most earnestly desire  
"to see lady of her position not only setting the  
example of systematic devotion to good works  
but"

Jan 10/78

to Dr. Symes  
Xt Ch N.Z.

Sydney & }  
Hobart Town } Hospitals both officered by  
trained Lady Nurses

Christ Church Hospital to be so likewise -  
the Hospital will be handed over to the  
Municipal or County Council, as they are  
to pay for it in future, instead of the expence  
being defrayed by the Provincial Land Fund  
Our late Superintendent, Mr. Rolleston

x appointments are at present made  
from Wellington

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f7

Miss Jackson Ap 29/78

[15:837-39]

2 months at Adrianople: till beginning  
of last winter

Lady Strangford's: about 40 Patients  
Turkish men & Officers

private house exhausted men  
from Shipka Pasha sent them,  
Pasha inspected & Turkish head

Medl: an Englishman inspected: that was right, but only asked  
the Men whether they were comfortable

men exhausted to the point of  
indifference. Pasha first sent  
them dirty: then cleaned? in his

Hospl but always swarming with vermin most excellent Patients,  
particularly Officers: great mortality:

"they were not/did not go away much better for us,  
except those that went to their graves"

Medl Staff Mr. Stevenson: 20 yrs old

Nursing " myself: Mme de Rosen  
from Augusten Stift

Nurse Brott: Nurse  
every fourth night one of us took the  
whole Night Nursing: & never went to  
bed: but for one hour just to change our things [red und]  
Nurses could appeal to him, go into  
his room, did not obey us:

~~when~~/if my Patients got worse, I did not  
have the blame of it, I had no responsibility  
-no responsibility fixed anywhere

Nurse did not answer to me: She went  
to Doctor & he gave her any stimulants she

**f7v**

*liked & any orders she liked*  
*Dr made all the Nursing rules & arrangements*  
*- he did Matron & we had to see*  
*that HE did his work*  
*used to go out riding with Lady S.*  
*& never so much as see the Patients*  
*did not know anything about Nursing*  
*[I did not think Lady S. knew*  
*so little about organizing a Hospl*  
*She said she would work under me:*  
*do the Stores: & I be the Nursing head:*  
*I never heard about Mme de Rosen*  
*nor she of me till I got there:*  
*nobody was under or over anybody:*  
*nobody knew what anybody had*  
*to do: Lady S. told me to be amiable*  
*& that was all*  
*abundance of stores &*  
*everything: great expence:*  
*then we had to leave the Patients*  
*& dress & come to dinner at 6 p.m.*  
*(in the hall of the open house: all the*  
*Patients groaning) with every body*  
*[Lady S. sent round at 4 to ask*  
*all the Doctors & everybody in Adrianople]*  
*& then go into the garden & smoke*  
*a cigarette*  
*such confusion, such nonsense:*  
*then sit up all night:*  
*2 Nurses good girls from private Institution*  
*half trained (at Guy's) - no idea of Hospital*

**f8**

*Nursing*: had done *private* Nursing  
irregular: not up to mischief:  
Lady S. said her nurses of year before  
in Bulgaria dreadful: from Mrs. Wynd's  
in Oxford St.  
I think these private undertakings  
without any rules or organization  
a great & useless expence doing  
little good in proportion  
*Dr. never did* a dressing  
*Stafford House Doctors*  
not the right sort.  
very young men only went out  
for practice: came & dined with us  
6 in a wing of Turkish Hospl at  
Adrianople:  
made to do all the dressings (that was right)  
under head Turkish Medl Officer  
no Nurses under them  
Turkish Medl Officers came to see  
them at work  
Stafford House stores beautiful:  
Liston's splints: everything

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Lady Strangford went up to Sofia  
with all her goods & Nurses  
except me afterwards  
now at Constante working in the  
Turkish Hospls with Mr. Stevenson  
Mme de Rosen (& x capital friends:) she  
is at Badek with Maria Hirsch  
x but *each* thought she was to be the head

**f8v**

French Hospital at Adrianople with  
French Sisters of Charity for refugees:  
refugees crowded into Adrianople  
principally women & children  
could not go out without being begged of  
-camped all round Adrianople  
Starving  
Circassians camped outside all round  
them Not so much Fever as might have been  
Turkish Compassionate Fund did a  
great deal of good: Mr. Fawcett  
Consul very active: but what is that  
among so many?

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*Augusten Stift*: does good work:  
Sisters do everything: all "noble"/adelige women  
(may return to their homes)  
but Empress comes nearly every day -  
they must break off to attend to her:  
they must go to Court  
very good Drs

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Private Institutions not good: direction  
not intelligent:  
Good Institutions where there are Rules  
& men obliged to attend to their Patients  
best to work under x  
I would not take anything in War again  
plenty of Bulgarian servants: inefficient      cooking good  
[x I thought of Scutari. F.N.]                      **[end 15:839]**

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**f9**

x A Selection of  
12 ~~9 pages~~ sheets  
of Private Notes  
written for myself alone:  
*Please return:*

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also re *Miss Crossland*

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You must not think that the  
*names* at the top are my  
only or indeed my main  
witnesses.

The notes are written down  
*as & how I could* from  
numerous witnesses whose  
name is 'Legion'

F.N.

1/7/78

I should indeed be glad to have  
*all* my "Notes" returned  
sent to you to day.



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**f10**

~~Miss Solly~~ ~~age 29~~ June 5/78 [12:343-44]

~~came to us~~ July 2/77

{diagonal strokes through the above lines}

only 2 Wards Albert & Charity

where tickets for Towels

Hands Bedpans Basins

are kept up

Miss Aston (Alexandra) ['tho she was to have

made it a 'point of honour'] does not

keep it up

Night Nurse almost everywhere wipes

bedpans on Hand Towel

Nurse, Probationers (Lady as well as other)

do so.

Nurse Kent (Alexandra) would not

Nurse Minet: Night Nurse: not very nice

Nurse Wand (Elizth) would not

Nurse Jordan: Night Nurse

[Nurse Rogers - gone to Albert] conceited: not very nice

-Miss Wand

In Alexandra Miss Sutcliffe & Miss Robinson

(Miss Lees') came to Miss Solly [Miss Solly is

going to take Sister's duty on Saturday for Miss

Aston for a month] & said: what are

we to do? *there is no towel to wipe our*

hands: I made Sister serve out one.

Towels are always served out once a week:

& as much oftener as is required

*-no lack of Towels*

Lady Probrs (Miss Ware & I) always take

a plentiful supply of pockethandkefs into

Ward to wipe our hands upon:

Elizth & Edward best discipline

Albert: best Nursing but no discipline

Patients do just what they like

laughing

at Mr.

Robinson:

boys:

good

influence

**f10v**

Arthur: dreadful: or rather none  
at all: but she teaches well about  
Typhoid: & knows *the* reason why of  
what she *w* is doing:

but she cannot see: she leaves dirty things  
about herself: then scolds the Probrs for  
having done it: has no system  
running about from one end to the other  
of the Ward is all the training the  
Probrs get: her theory better than her  
practice:

Alice: Mis Mackenzie: neither taught  
anything or did anything herself:

Miss Mayne: not clever: is implicitly  
obedient to the best of her ability  
without knowing the reason why of  
what she does: conscientious: always

busy: much better than Miss Mackenzie [faint blue line]

Mary: Miss Cadbury: fussy: talky:

religious talk to the Patients cant  
funny: not understanding in her work:  
does not know the reason why:

cannot say that Patients are ever lost  
for want of feeding up in Medical Wards  
but there is real Medical Nursing  
perhaps there can't be with 28 Patients -  
no coaxing of them to eat: no shifting  
of the pillows: no cheering of them  
when querulous:

I used to

ask

Sister to

let me

read to

them

& then they

missed

it the more

when

I couldn't

do it

In Mr. Croft's 2 Wards he provided a  
Glycerine mixture [not in any other Wards]  
to stand in lavatory for Nurses' hands.  
[F.N. not so good as Carbolic Oil, 1 in 20, for  
everything where grease is required]

[12:343-44]

**f11**

*Washing helpless Patients*

feet washed once a week  
bath, if possible, once a week  
hands & face washed every day: neck,  
& down the back if by a helpful Nurse:  
-not chest or abdomen: they won't undo  
their shirts: I roll them on their sides  
to do their backs: not under armpits, not  
flexure of thighs nor private  
parts

[children of course one can do all over  
many little boys in Edward Ward:  
great advantage in discipline  
one can speak to them better than  
to the men] e.g. if they laugh at Chaplain  
one speaks to the boys & the men hear.]  
But we don't wash any Patients

between washing blankets: **[end 12:344]**

we simply take the Mackintosh  
& draw sheet over, & then draw  
the draw sheet & not always that: some  
times we wipe on draw sheet  
[F.N. But can't the arm pits, &  
at least once a day private parts &  
flexure of thighs  
be washed, ~~at~~ these are so important

The pr pts can only be washed  
between towel, the towel, while dry,  
with which the Nurse is going to  
wipe the Patient  
between towel &

*Mackintosh*

But the Patient won't be washed  
The District Nurses are told to wash  
the Patients otherwise, give them up,  
if they won't be washed]

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**f11v**

qy F.N. Typhoid & Rheumatic  
examine Patients at least the  
into cleanliness &c Probationers might be told  
of Sisters' arrangements to wash their *Typhoid* cases  
& training before all over: between washing blankets.] **[end**  
**12:344]**

giving gratuity  
see our own "Sisters' Records"  
Adelaide Ward: Yes: Sister Adelaide  
used to make me do all the  
*poulticing*, all the syringing,  
*give* all the suppositories, Medical  
pessaries, myself: while she  
cleaned the windows & scolded  
the Patients.

You know she is quite a common  
minded woman, much inferior  
in everything, education & all  
to any Patient she ever has:

I was quite delighted to do all  
these things: but I was only 4 or  
5 months old then: I was quite  
raw: she never showed me any  
thing: She makes an excuse -  
puts on her spectacles & says  
her ~~ill~~eyes are not so good as they  
were

And then I used to see her round  
face peeping in from the Corridor  
- Cleaning the glass doors.

**f12**

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Sister Adelaide

Yes: She takes her place as a Sister when there is an operation [the Operations are performed in the Lavatory fitted up for them.] & in reporting to the Doctor.

Dr. ~~Jarvis~~/Gervis very kind to his Patients oily - Sister worries him to that degree he would give anything to be rid of her -

She is very coarse with the Patients, loud, common, bullies them does not know how to behave & not so ~~ver~~ good as a Nurse - never makes a poultice or gives an injection (syringing) never gave me any hint whatever as to not poisoning my fingers when syringing

[F.N. And a Vagina is the thing of all others to poison your fingers.

You did not know that when you were ~~syringing~~ or putting in a syringe or suppository, you must cut your nails close, fill up under the nail of first & second fingers & thumb with soap & then oil those 3 fingers with

**f12v**

Carbolic Oil (one in 20)  
or with common sweet oil -  
You might have poisoned not  
only yourself but your Patient  
twenty times over: you might  
carry Poison from one Patient to  
another:

'No: I never knew: never was told  
never did it.']

F.N. to Hy B.C.

If we print & 'serve' with  
directions against poisoned fingers  
we must have some kind of test  
or Examination to see whether  
they are observed - or they will  
become a farce like all the rest.

I say that a Nurse who poisons  
her finger is not fit to be a Nurse:  
if she can't take care of her own  
cleanliness, health & life, she  
can't take care of her Patient's  
still more do I say this of a  
*Sister* -

I should never give a *Sister*  
a *gratuity* in whose Ward a

**f13**

Probationer had not been trained  
but poisoned:

On the other hand, I should fine  
a Probationer with a poisoned  
finger, where it was 2/6 or 5/  
- *Sister* to enforce the fine  
& keep it - reporting it  
in her Weekly Report to Matron  
(but to lose her own *gratuity*)  
But it is perfectly unpardonable  
that the *Sisters* do not ~~at~~  
report a poisoned finger  
at least in their Weekly Report to  
Matron. They ought to report  
it *at once* -

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**f13v**

Over-sleeves of brown holland:  
for Wards

PUT ON your cuffs for meals  
never eat in oversleeves or  
apron you have had  
at work

Calvert's Carbollic Soap:  
Civil Service Association  
Wellington Street  
Strand

3 bars for 2/  
Permanganate of Potash: C.S.A.  
by the lb.

**f14**

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~~Mrs. Nicholas age 31 June 17/78~~  
~~came to us June 30/77~~

{diagonal lines through the above 2 lines}

Round Towel for Hands: but  
Patients use it when sent to do any  
thing in Lavatory

Sister can't prevent it: or doesn't  
long Towel for Bedpans

Round " for Basins  
the 3 hang together

Now: if the Towel for Bedpans  
hung on the left side of Bedpan  
sink it would be much more  
likely to be kept to its purpose,  
whereas the Hands Towel is  
dirtied as soon as clean -

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Rule 3 sheets a week to each  
bed: each bed gets 2 sheets  
but Sister obliged to give 1 in the 3  
to those who want it most.

clean upper sheets put on on  
2 Doctors' visits days:  
put on for Doctor & not for  
Patient  
so dirty sheet can't be used for  
drying after bath

We bathe helpless Patients one  
or two days when we can  
always dried by lying in blanket  
-must act as a poultice 3

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**f14v**

Towels all marked but not to kept to their purpose for [blue]  
lack of tickets

Many of the Patients bring  
towels always a very small  
one /troublesome Sisters get what they please  
in towels or otherwise  
non helpless Patients may have  
a bath whenever convenient

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soap by no means always  
provided for Probationers' hands

[12:345]

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F.N. Probationers should always  
carry in their own bag a soap  
(Carbolic) in tin, Permanganate  
of Potash in pen box

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we have not time to do more  
than dip our hands in Condy  
between each dressing

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Washing helpless Patients:  
feet always once a week  
face, neck & hands every day  
not armpits, nor flexion of thighs  
nor private parts  
sometimes down back  
wipe him *on his own draw-sheet*  
& roll up the ~~corner~~/side where ~~wipe~~/wet  
-we don't remove the draw-sheet afterwards  
~~Do~~ Sometimes, not always, roll  
him on his side so as to wash his  
back

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**f15**

Probrs trained to uncleanliness not to cleanliness in St.  
T.

F.N. never wash Typhoids & Rheumatics  
all over

Doctors would not like us to  
roll a Typhoid case over

Leopold - Warman where I learnt most  
there the Nurse (Jones) did most  
of the Ward work & left us  
most of the Patients' work to do

Edward (Miss Hull

Albert Airy

Nurses Probrs ~~illeg~~

& Prayers

left us Probationers most of the

Ward work to do & did the

Patients' work themselves

Miss Airy too busy with Patients

herself to see to this

But afterwards it improved in

Edward

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F.N. She seemed to think well  
of the Wards exactly in proportion  
to how little she had to do

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Nurse Kent a splendid Nurse

I was 3 months in Alexandra

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Never used any precautions for  
cleanliness of my hands: had a

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**f15v**

poisoned finger for 10 days -

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Magdalen:

no precautions - for syringing  
Patients put nozzle in themselves  
& you fit in syringe  
Miss Rye takes most moral care  
of individual Patients  
& after her Miss Hornby  
but they are not grateful, only  
if she gives them a new suit  
of clothes

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Cook rheumatic & insane in  
Small Ward: my special case  
that I liked very much - Insane  
Patients so interesting - I could  
manage her without touching her  
& afterwards she remembered me &  
thanked me -

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Nurse Warman (Leopold) keeps  
best discipline among dressers -  
she orders them away when  
nothing more to be done in Ward  
Miss Mayne good clever Sister  
(Alice)

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Bull (Charity) very particular about  
Towels: but otherwise so wrapped up in Patients  
does little for Probrs  
but for excellent Nurse Pike  
who does Ward work

**f16**

~~Mrs. Nicholas~~ -2-

very little done for dying Patients  
(generally insensible)

2 *Pyæmia* cases in Albert  
one a scalp wound getting about -  
another not serious case at  
other end of Ward

both arose in Ward

both died

Mr. Sydney Jones' - not antiseptically  
treated

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Leopold seems to think it her  
own fault when *Pyæmia* arises

Syringe

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Mr. Croft always treats his  
ovarian cases antiseptically  
now And they recover

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*Miss Solly*

Yes: I think Antiseptic treatment  
makes one more careful as to  
cleanliness One considers what  
Antiseptics are for - & one  
tries to remove every bit of dirt  
to make Antiseptic more useful  
Antiseptics no use without  
ventilation. It's as good as  
taking a walk in a wind  
going into St. Thomas' wards

**f16v**

there is quite a breeze blowing  
with the open windows

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I take two afternoons of exercise  
or one a week to sleep -  
I have not enough sleep

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Yes: Patients taken out of  
Bath in a blanket & left in it  
half an hour to dry in bed -  
no towels -  
children: it is easier to wash  
& dry - one can dry them  
with a towel

*Mrs. Nicholas*

the 'troublesome' Sisters get  
what they like

Sister Charity: she seems to  
think main virtue economy:

I never took a case

*Miss Solly:* I began several: but  
was always shifted to other side  
of Ward or to another Ward

Dr. Murchison's lessons to students  
first-rate: but I never could find  
time to get them down after he  
was gone - Patients' next meal comes  
or something

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**f17**

*Miss Solly*

F.N Bath Towel for each  
Patient -  
top soiled sheet to dry them  
after bathing

Yes - but clean sheets not  
put on on bathing days

*see Mrs. Nicholas p. 1*

Round Towel for Hands

2 Towels ought to be in a different  
compartment where they can  
only be used for basins & hands  
not by bedpan sink

Yes but the 3 Towels hang  
together

Bedpan Towel ought to be on  
the left hand of Bedpan Sink  
*see Mrs. Nicholas p. 1*

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Charcoal Respirator  
behind screen  
for offensive cases

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**f17v**

Miss Solly

Charity goes to Christian  
~~over Arthur~~

Florence occupied by

Miss Fisher & {Sister's  
Miss White {room &  
{Small Ward

George (over Arthur) occupied by Bathman

Female goes over Charity to

Clayton

small

&

{But Edward now in Clayton]

Ward

F.N.

MISS JOLLY

I wished to go into Victoria

But I have not.

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I don't think we are taught to watch  
Salicetic. Sister generally gives Medicines  
herself. If she were to entrust a Probationers  
to give Salicetic, she would give all directions  
- so also to Night Nurse -

I like Surgical better than Medical Nursing  
in St. T.'s because it is impossible to do  
Medical Nursing & it is not done, for each  
Patient in a large Ward at St. Thomas' -  
Mrs. Nicholas - & if you do do it, you neglect  
the others

Sister tells you you may try & then when you give  
it up, Patient misses it the more -



**f18v**

2.Sick Cookery: there are no proper  
cooking utensils: gridirons & frying  
pans are burnt: "copperas" saucepans  
(as the grand Ovariotomy cook  
called them) taste of copper:

Ovariotomy case in small Ward  
Magdalen: I was Day Special with  
her 5 weeks:

people used to bring her fish, sweet  
breads - I had to cook them for her  
we are not taught Sick Cookery at  
all: it was she, the cook, taught me:  
she was such a bad Patient & so  
querulous but sometimes complimentary  
[Nurse Stubbington her Night Nurse  
talked to her sometimes in a way  
she did not like. I tried not to hear  
complaints.]

I got her a small Zinc sauce=pan  
& then we got on better  
Patients

bells  
towels  
Kent  
Hatcher  
Penrose noisy  
Sister Franks  
is good  
taking cases

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**f19**

3. Bells

In the small Ward you have to go  
thro' two swing doors to summon help  
Small Wards in the worst place in  
the whole building near the Road & so noisy & so sun=hot  
outside the kitchen opposite the stairs  
door outside 2nd swing door locked in the night  
time in the day time you can knock at the  
kitchen walls & somebody may be there:  
but in the night there is no one there  
& you have to rush thro' 2 swing doors  
to summon help:  
cannot think how there is no  
dreadful accident:  
oozing with my Ovariectomy case:  
wound came open: at night: but  
Miss Rye happened to come in  
Aneurism case: a Patient sat by day  
with the Nurse/Probr, nasty, smelling Patient,  
convalescent with her clothes on,  
dresses at night with the Probr  
expecting Aneurism always to burst  
in my Ovariectomy case, we were only  
2 Probationers: no Staff Nurse  
under one Sister  
no bells: it is dreadful:  
Night Supt supposed to come in  
& Staff Night Nurse

**f19v**

4. Towels

no hand Towel in Arthur at all  
[She has put Soap, Towel & basin in  
Kitchen cupboard for Probationers alone]  
now *Patients* take Hand Towel to wipe  
the basins  
No Tickets at all in any of the Wards  
I have been in            for Towels:  
Towels used indiscriminately  
We are never told what towels  
are for what

Women Patients generally have 2 towels:

one we keep for hands & face:  
if there is any application to be washed  
off then we wipe that on draw sheet  
Patients washed ~~on~~/tow; Typhoid cases  
not washed all over.

Sister Arthur makes us *wash backs* twice  
a/~~all~~ day & Zinc ointment afterwards:  
men can't bear to see the two coming  
In all other Wards but Arthur, make  
beds at 6, *then supper* & washing  
after        In Arthur *beds made after*  
*supper* & washing

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~~Miss Ware~~

Of all the Sisters or Nurses I ever  
heard speak nicely to a case in danger, *Nurse*  
*Kent* the ~~most~~ one: she came & spoke  
to my case before Ovariectomy in  
Magdalen small Ward

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Sister Hatcher I liked very much  
she used to read an hour to the  
men Patients - every evening: & an  
hour to the women: she read  
Dickens - I read my own books  
Since Dr. Liebreich is gone, every  
thing changed - many operations,  
all under Aether in Theatre -  
many Patients recovering from Aether  
- no time - no Nurse to be with them  
all a drive - no time to read to  
Patients

[end 12:346]

Sister Adelaide: common woman  
coarse: Some Patients talk ~~about~~  
~~su~~ coarsely & improperly *respectable*  
men are shocked & miserable  
SISTER *no check* or discipline:

Of all Wards *the one Obstetric that most*  
*want a lady*

Nurse Penrose: now gone to Guildford: Staff Nurse in Albert  
most noisy: would shout all  
the way down the Ward at Dressers  
& Surgeons: Mr ---- what are you  
thinking about? *Miss Airy* never  
did it herself but never checked her

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**f20v**

Sister Elizth: most discipline of any  
Ward I have been in: best Sister  
she is so cool: never in a hurry:  
beautiful Dresser: so tidy & compact  
better than Miss Airy

[O Miss Airy never controls or teaches  
anybody - never represses Nurse  
Nurse represses her -]

Sister Elizth shows us things by  
letting us follow her & see what  
she is doing

Miss Rye: far & away the best Sister: so loved:  
so obeyed: without a word:  
such influence:

Miss Hull: good Sister

Miss Mayne: much better Sister than Miss Mackenzie

Miss Cadbury: queer: does well with some & not with others.

Sister Arthur: only Sister who  
really teaches: teaches theory

only one who really made me read  
the Cards: that is, know why  
medicine changed at such a  
crisis - what such a medicine  
is supposed to do - what symptoms  
you are to watch for on giving  
such a medicine: Salicetic Acid  
of Soda

head tightness, temperature

Clerks' notes kept in a tidy little bag  
behind bed=ticket (her doing:  
she teaches the Probrs in this way not  
by telling but by asking  
but then her practice is so bad: our  
Nursing is rushing about Ward

**f21**

she asks Probrs, now suppose  
a Typhoid case comes in, what have  
you to ask or warn or observe:  
what questions is Doctor likely to  
ask you?

*Case-Taking:* oh Medical Nursing  
has twice the interest of Surgical  
but then you can take a Surgical  
case, altho with difficulty for  
wound is only open for 2 minutes:  
you try to see it: but Surgeon & 5 or 6 Dressers  
are there: & you have to hold the  
strapping & warm it on the hot water  
can: & see what they want  
But in Medical cases you can't  
think the difficulty almost all  
diseases involve: the heart or liver  
or lungs: that is ascertained by  
auscultation or percussion:  
you can find that on the Clerks' notes,  
if you look -  
I used to take notes after Dr. Murchison  
- he clears up everything  
I should like to be a Sister in Dr.  
Murchison's Ward  
I never finished one case taking but  
my Ovariectomy case in Special Ward  
then you are moved from side to side - in  
every Ward now  
No real case taking possible

**f21v**

Nurse Milne: fellow Probr: in Arthur  
very nice: Scotch; well educated  
wants to go to Africa as a Mission  
Nurse to Livingstone after her  
4 years:

Nurse Dicks: Day Nurse: Arthur:  
very nice: but had better be in an  
unflurried Ward

Nurse Hope: Night Nurse: gone  
Heasman: come

Nurse Rogers: ~~Night~~ succeeded Penrose  
Arthur/Albert (Day) not nice: conceited

Nurse Ball: Edward: very good:  
Sister Arthur looks after dying Patients  
morally but not cleverly: does not  
hit it off.

I think as much is done for dying  
Patients as if they were private cases  
except not letting them sit up in  
chair with pillows & hang over arm  
sometimes done in chair by bed side  
then they want to get back in bed directly  
- they are propped up in bed  
- nutritive enemata disturb them  
(sometimes) in dying: are given to  
the last -

4 Deaths in Arthur - death so  
easy at  
last: so  
suffering  
before

on double pneumonia - leaning  
out of bed to pick up something  
haemorrhage - died in 3 minutes

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Sister have so much influence - a little kingdom  
-not only over Patients but over Probationers

**f22**

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~~Miss Ware~~

My illness/knee - not a moment wasted  
taught me so much - what Patients  
want: hot water for washing:  
position - pillow one half inch to  
right or left

Mr. Croft such a beautiful dresser -  
Sister & Mme Linike dressed mine  
Carlisle: a little hurried & quick but careful  
did not dress mine

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My year at St. T.'s all such a *gain*  
to me:  
feeling something is done every day  
not miscellaneous information for oneself  
being brought in contact with *Patients*  
doing & feeling for them for a whole year

I wanted not to make Nursing life  
a profession: but to stay my 4  
years & then bring it to approach  
the poor as Christ did thro' their  
bodies: to know what to do for  
them

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Cooking for Patients no Sick Cookery done not appetizing  
Chicken comes up in dish with  
other meat  
not hot or clean  
it is the look more than anything else  
it is well cooked

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**f23**

a nymph  
at play with  
Hospital work  
No a nymph devoted  
to ~~He~~ Nursing the body  
as a means to reaching the soul -  
a nymph who thinks & feels

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**f23v**

Miss Wilson

has been ill 6/5 months:

1 month at work: 1 mo did it:

And now doubtful whether  
she will ever be able to return  
feels it herself

scissors  
should be  
round  
pointed  
-not sharp  
pointed  
& with  
sheath

Sisters walk between the blocks in  
the evening: beautiful walk on  
summer evenings

Nurses feel acutely being cut off  
from the Home

Nurse *Sarah Smith*: best of all the Probrs  
Sister Arthur has asked for her (as Staff  
during Nurse Dicks' holiday Nurse)  
gone to Mary

Nurse *Garrett*: day Nurse *Adelaide*  
nice quiet body  
both she & *Nurse Dicks* much come out  
Since they became Staff Nurses &  
responsible

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learn much more in 2 months as Sister  
(so much more about the *Patients*)  
than in a year as *Probr*.

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**f24**

*Nurse Dicks* Day Nurse: Arthur  
came to us May/76 for the last year:  
June 26/78

{diagonal lines drawn through the above lines}

no Tickets to Towels - never seen any

Patients do use Hands Towel for  
wiping ~~Bedpans~~ anything

Mop for Lavatory Basins }separate

Mop for Bedpans }

Carbolic put in ~~Basin~~ Bedpan before  
brought to Patient: then carried away  
directly, emptied, sluiced with carbolic  
& hung up to drain

Urinals: small chambers always carried  
away as soon as used:

Ward Maid empties morning & night

Probrs don't empty after tea:

Typhoid Dr. Murchison orders sponging  
with Condy twice a day: we don't  
do it ~~with~~/between Washing Blankets. we don't  
damp the sheets sponge wrung out  
dry:

(no washing Rheumatic Patients all over.)

Typhoid generally have a clean sheet  
every day - & drawsheet - generally  
do the sponging just before changing  
2nd Washing: 6 p.m.[supper] &c always before  
bedmaking at 8  
supper beef tea, milk

Sister has always quantities of  
towels everything for use of Patients  
books who have none

**f24v**

*I was not left to learn the house  
work, the Ward work by myself*  
Miss Vincent, (Arthur) was my first  
Ward: we have no such Sisters now-  
but we always like our first Sister  
the best. A Probationer who  
was going off when I came on  
& was new) showed me: to  
dust & wash basins, & what to do.

I don't think Sister shows  
the new Probationers: I generally  
do it: but we have had  
many new Probrs: Probrs  
never  
seem to  
take notes  
of Ward  
work

Miss Ware beautiful bed-maker  
& so clean: {Pr. change sides every week:  
{make beds one side with Night Nurse  
one side with Day

Miss Fryer elderly  
illeg Milne in small Ward  
2 boys: 1 Meningitis  
good boy  
1 spine

Probrs do all the washing up:  
I help in the dusting: pipes &c  
Probrs keep Lavatories clean: brush  
Urinals: there is a set of brushes  
for Urinals

Dr. Murchison such a teacher (I'm not much of a writer: (she did  
(not seem to know her cases:) I try to  
(listen to Dr. Murchison sometimes  
an hour over a bed

Dr. Stone: not so careful:  
Miss Ware running to fetch ice to case: fell on her bad  
knee: case broke a blood vessel & died in 5 minutes

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**f25**

*Windows of Small Ward* look  
out into *Street*: very noisy: very  
hot - If Nurse Milne told off to it,  
Nurse in Arthur does not go in. Sister goes in.  
*Patients put out on balcony*: this heat  
some in bed: some on chairs,  
two quarrelled: very sorry for it  
afterwards: but it brought on his  
Pericarditis again.

Nurse Hope: Night Nurse: gone  
Heasman: come  
Female Medical: to  
should like to go to Mary  
but Nurse Sarah Smith has got it:

Nurse Carhale did not like to go as  
Night Nurse to *Leopold*: but very  
well satisfied now.  
O it was such a grief to me to leave  
the Home: to be cut off from  
Sister: never to see her except at  
Chapel: I liked much better being  
a Probr than a Nurse because of  
Sister.  
(much worried by Miss Hornby  
but did not mention her)  
Nurse Milne is to come in my place  
during my holiday -

**f25v**

*Dormitories:* only 1 table & 2  
Chairs: no book shelves: there  
are the books you gave us: I am  
reading the Daisy Chain now, I  
like that (books lie on Table)  
then Home Sister lends me books which  
you sent: but we don't sit in  
Sitting room except in winter.

I have my own little things  
in my own little room & sit  
there reading or working: each  
has taken another chair out of  
Sitting room into her own room  
which has but one: (sometimes reading aloud  
(not often: not off duty  
(at same time

2 Staff Day: 2 Staff Night: &  
3 Extra, not employed in block  
in our Dormitory: (pipes make our bedrooms  
(warm enough even in winter  
some Sick Cookery done in our Kitchen,  
only beef Tea, barley water, & now  
& then a Custard pudding by Probationers)

Sister Arthur (Miss Hornby) has put  
up pictures of her own, & texts  
in Ward: don't exactly know what  
they pictures are

Nurse Dicks: parents live at Warminster  
in Wiltshire: has a sister wants to come  
to St. T.'s I told her

1. to bring no Probationers
2. to teach new Probationers (specially ladies) *Ward*

**f26**

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~~Nurse Dicks~~

Monday & Thursday on duty all day:  
2 Doctors (Murchison & Stone) come  
on these days if they come together, I  
go round with one & Sister with  
the other  
Sister has such an advantage: she  
not only goes round with Doctors  
but with House Physicians  
Miss Ware  
except Monday & Thursday I have  
every alternate afternoon & evening  
off Nurse Dicks

If private parts & flexure of thighs  
are to be washed, Sister or I do it  
ourselves: Sister does not put  
Probrs to it: but none are done between  
washing blankets  
But there is Glycerine for Patients'  
hands in Arthur  
Probrs don't wash much under armpits

Miss Ware  
Sister gives Salicetic herself or instructions  
with it to Probr or Staff Nurse  
Probr not allowed to give Medicines  
under 6 months  
I think Probr always *expected* to  
know Ward work unless she is new  
*She is neither taught Ward- work nor*  
*washing Patients: expected to know. F.N.*

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**f26v**

expected to know of herself  
one of the most important  
things she has to do

**f27**

Madame Linicke: age 42, \_\_\_\_\_ July 1/78  
came to us August/77

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1. no Tickets to Towels
2. hardly any/not much training given in Wards
3. Sisters should be chosen very carefully

& then more confidence placed in them  
spirit of discontent among the Sisters

- Matron says: 'everything must be told  
me' & then goes the way to prevent  
anything being told her:

no improvement can be suggested, for  
if you do you only provoke 'row',  
& the question at issue is never  
reached.

so the Sisters & even the Home Sister  
\_\_\_\_\_ leave off suggesting improvements:

they cannot even reach the  
\_\_\_\_\_ matter of importance, for long

before you get there, Matron has  
turned off upon some side issue:

this is not your business: or ~~why~~  
this is your business & not mine -  
or why did you tell me?

& so you have not time to explain

Home Sister is getting worn out  
under this -

e.g. Matron will 'row' the Sisters  
before the Wardmaids & before the  
not Probationers for something  
taught Wardmaid has done: Sisters  
washing  
helpless

**f27v**

have no power over Ward maids:  
they can't dismiss them: they can't  
go to Matron about them, for  
long before they get to cause of  
complaint, Sisters have been scolded  
by Matron themselves for it  
love of power

E.g.

4. Probrs in Alice: 1 fresh just  
sent in: \_\_\_ in Mary ~~1 Prob~~/Nurse gone out  
on a holiday; 1 P. in bed with sick  
head-ache: a woman dying - to have  
brandy every half hour: Sister Mary  
came to beg me to send one of 4  
P.s in Mary/Alice: [Sister Mary/Alice said  
she did not know what to do with  
them; treading on one another's heels]  
7.30 a.m. till Mrs. Wardr could be  
seen - must never be disturbed till ?11  
Afterwards when I saw Matron, I  
told her: she was so angry. I  
could not explain: she said, I  
had no right to interfere with her  
P.s: made me send the P. back  
directly. *The woman died.*  
If I had not told her, she would  
have been quite satisfied.

**f28**

2. not much training given in Wards

- you are not shown: you are  
made responsible for doing well  
what you did not know how to do  
- you are jeered if you ask to  
be shown how to do it.

[-you are at once laughed at for  
asking to be shown] the way expected]  
& you are scolded if afterwards  
you have not done it in the way  
expected

Miss Hull particularly (Sister Edward)

Most of the Probationers, all the  
Lady P.s, have never washed a  
(helpless) man before: you are  
told the first morning you come in,  
wash No 5,7,9,17/13 -

you ask that a Nurse may do  
one first, before you: & you are  
jeered: but persevere:

I was scolded as indecent because  
I did not cover a man's face who  
has Hernia when I had to do him.

I was covered with confusion  
that I should be thought bold:  
& I ought to have thought of it -  
but I never was told:

Men are very imperfectly washed:  
but there is no time:

you are so hurried: it would take

**f28v**

ten minutes to wash a man in  
the way you say: that would  
~~betwee~~ be 6 Patients in an hour:  
impossible:  
you are making beds as fast as you  
can: *after* bed-making you wash  
as many Patients as you can:  
pin down quilts: do dressings:  
*remember* you have 14 beds on your side all before  
9.30

*Nurse Jones:* in *Leopold:*

Such a bad bed-maker: wd do them after  
was ashamed to pin quilts after her:  
great mistake removing } *would rather*  
Jull. Jones not good woman} *have made*  
} *the beds myself*

*Carlisle Night Nurse* good little  
woman: so attentive; almost  
too much so; always brought me  
a can hot water in the morning  
wants a word of encouragement  
was just getting reconciled to ~~M~~  
*Leopold* when a fresh row  
occurred & she was accused  
(not rightly: their explanations  
are never listened to) ~~of going~~ Jones  
had taken her out to wrong places  
*Rogers: Albert:* a flirt with Dressers  
not reliable: not a nice woman  
*Night Nurse: Albert - Smedley:*  
nice woman: not clever:  
bad puts wet sheet man had had  
bedmaking an accident on at top:  
not enough linen

**f29**

1. no tickets to Towels: [12:346-47]

but Towels unhooked: every one  
used the cleanest at the moment  
for anything: I have put the  
cleanest on the ground to pack  
the bedpans

Urinal: we never see anything  
of ~~Sis~~ never go into that compt

No soap for P.'s hands  
if piece of soap put, a Patient  
purloins it; or even a Nurse  
or it is left in Swing basin &  
dissolves or it is used up at once,  
so many washing their hands -  
but it is never there the 2nd day  
A careful Sister has soap & Glycerine  
in a bag hung up but soap is  
never put back in bag: it disappears  
all the same: no bracket or table  
for it.

Condy I have never seen: it is never  
provided for Probrs' hands  
the only Condy I have ever seen  
is the little blue bottle for Mr.  
Sydney Jones' hands

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you carry basin for Surgeons' hands.  
no provision for Probrs.  
soap II then if you provided a  
~~Sisters' rooms~~ table, condy &c for Probationers'

**f29v**

hands, you must have Condy  
renewed from Dispenser -  
a great deal would be used, &  
there is no order given for that: or  
likely to be.

A Sister could not do it herself

I always carry my own towel.

Yes: Patients often wiped on  
their own draw=sheets:

but worse than this, if Patient  
has an accident, his sheet  
put on quite wet as top  
sheet & smelling

Nurse Smedley said it was the custom:  
when I was doing temporary Sister's  
duty in Albert:

great lack of linen, as appears  
to me:

Sisters not encouraged to make  
improvements, even when  
they ask Matron's leave:  
not encouraged but very much  
discouraged to ask her -

'blown up.'

**[end 12:347]**

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**f30v**

Time for dinner 3/4 hour  
which is really 35 minutes  
for 5 minutes is taken each way  
going & returning (to wards)  
for Probationers not enough  
Great drive under new hours,  
10 hours in Wards.

Does not answer always to let  
Probrs read & attend to dying  
Patients: perhaps they neglect  
the others.

Vousden a great turn that  
way: rather preachy perfect  
good woman

**f31**

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No respect shown to chaplain (Large)  
& he feels it.  
he makes very nice addresses to  
women Patients: but they are  
not encouraged to respect him:  
& they derive no good from him:  
[Mrs. W. goes on talking to Ward Sister for  
¼ hour when he comes in for his  
service in Mary]  
I never saw Sisters comforting dying  
Patients

*Sisters' Rooms;* so gloomy: look  
on roofs: catch morning sun: a glint  
too large & high:  
I prefer small Ward: am sleeping  
in Albert small Ward now -

great lack of linen it appears  
to me  
Yes: Patients often wiped on draw  
sheets

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**f32**

{arch: [c.1877-1878]}

Result & Date of Result

ought always to be recorded

on the first page

Miss Rye: Case 2 good

Jull not bad

-Miss Shillington

very defective in detail

Medicine sometimes entered under Nourishment

& what nourishment not entered at ll

tho' where Patient as we are told capricious

this is very important

keeps it to the ear

& breaks it to the sense

Bartlett

very poor

2. very important

& self contradictory

Minet

S Charity

See my Remarks

last page

Perssè one

good

ask Night Nurses

equally important

for both

Each Case should be filled up every day

if the Case is to be really reported

Wiltshire 3rd case better taken than Miss S's

sleep not how many hours

Motions entered beside Remarks

& not under Stool

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Treatment shd never be copied from card  
but put in English in Pr.'s own words  
capital exercise

F.N.

see remarks  
on Case I

History

Miss Aston's 3 good on the whole but might be better  
Enteric Fever no history written

11 on Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday

mystic rites

Carbolic Powder

in mystic rite

Chlorinated Soda

takes off the catch

bad for germs

### **f32v**

1 General Servant  
can't do the work  
+ a charwoman

### **f33**

Washing allowance

Supt to buy Uniform

[Netley Nurses buy  
uniform for themselves]

Mrs S. Stewart's Nurses

paid for their own washing: & for the sheets

She paid (& pays it now) & towels

Grs washing & bed cases

table cloths

dusters &

everything used for Grs -

the quarters are furnished

that ~~every~~

properly

before the Nurses go down

[black handled knives & forks  
same as Patients

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**f33v**

Nurse the Highgate style not vulgar  
Corcoran called after her  
Ward not loyal Skippage - not steady enough  
told tales with/about her Sister  
Miss Enderby Medical Barrack steady  
Aston \_\_\_\_\_ Yeats: Night Nurse in Alice  
too young  
Miss Jackson  
Hincks tomorrow Masters  
~~Alice Fisher~~ Miss Stains Friday  
not a bit of a Nurse -  
Miss Williams  
Miss Francis: no good in  
not the manner of a military hosp  
Miss Lees would do in a Medical  
one now Arthur to Miss Francis  
one a Midsummer Miss Anne Fisher  
page wd not do  
Miss Shillington: no worker  
obstreperous  
manners horrible  
Miss Jackson - Military work Miss Mackenzie  
might do  
Aston \_\_\_\_\_ Keene - capable  
Enderby: most obedient  
Hincks: Medical

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Qrs unfinished except Infirmary & Sleeping Rooms  
married Serjeants Quarters present  
after Cadet Hospl Military Reg dress  
state of Qrs very bad very objectionable  
ridiculous peculiar

Infirmary: 3) Hospl beds & bedding  
furnished: no carpet washing machine  
better than anything

Furniture: Nurses' rooms: very fair St. Thomas': Nurse:  
Kitchen dress: not washing  
Supt Rooms quite unfinished but as good as  
Dining room Barrack room chairs shd be better  
dining Table a bench  
no cups & saucers: no breakfast service  
no knives or forks or spoons  
Carbolic Acid: Disinfectants  
Washing Bandages  
Night Nurses

Infectious (women's) block Ward sculleries  
? fomentations: beef Tea  
Ward

mornings [day & night] hot water  
not after  
Not after 6 p.m. [allowance] coal & wood

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**f34-34v** pencil notes on env

Nurse Owen *E London Children's Hosp*;  
never will be able to work again  
March 3/79 "self-sacrificing"  
Miss Mackenzie wants 1 or 2 Nurse probrs  
20 or 22 "fairly educated"  
Berryman Matron Huntingdon . "Matron had an idea  
"that the place was for them & the officers generally  
{Patients Secondary nay thirdly consideration or no  
consideration at all" (to nurses & servants generally: the  
queerest things happening  
this as a matter of course spread  
Cheeseman ?Matron Taunton 7 Somerset Hospital  
not happy. 13 Nurses under her.

In flap:

Miss Notcutt: Belfast  
'Our religious sentiments bring us many  
Patients. St. Patrick's day mutilated policeman  
Guildford Hosp. Mrs Wardr's s.

F34v

Miss M Gordon: Workho Infy Lpool Supt £75  
Miss M Browne do do do Matron £75  
Miss L.M. Gordon R. Infy do do asst matron £75  
Miss Biss  
Spragge: Matron  
youngest Sister. Nottingham  
Governess to Gertrude's  
children  
Clendon dead  
Kay now under Spragge at  
Genl Hosp Nottingham

**f35** {arch: [Nov 1879]}

Miss Hutchins	came Jan 24/79
Weeks	Wards
5	Leopold
4	Edward
4	Albert/Airey
4	Elizth/Franks
3	Magdalen
2	‡ Alice
	F.N. 2
4	Sister's duty Leopold
	M.S. 17
3	" Elizth
	F.S. 7
3	" Magdalen

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57	Magd	6	
4			Charity
			Arthur /Carroll
	M.M.	9	_____
		41	

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**f36** {arch: [c.1879]}

Miss Perssè                    Bp Meath:    District  
                  have they been to you?            Nursing  
yes meeting

Cr. Princess                    Empress of Germany

Mr. Greenstreet:    St. Bart's -

Mrs. Carroll

Mildmay Deaconesses Poplar Hospl

Children's Hospl

{written the other way}

Good

S. Smith                    Day Mary [illeg]

Dicks                    Day Arthur like David

Constable    Day Edward

Vousden                    Day Alice

f37 faint, rough

**f38**

Miss Wilson

June 30/80

[12:357-58]

benefit of a Med.s Sch to a Nurse

Training Sch (there *only* can Nurses/they be properly  
trained

the hearing the cases described: the

hearing what the Professor says to his  
students

the being kept up to the mark in

dressings & doing for the cases -

you do not do it - only that the case

may NOT go wrong - but to do

it in first rate style so that

it will bear showing - not to cut

the dressings too large &c &c

Otherwise when the case is opened

before the Students/Professor, woe betide

the unlucky Probr she is sure

to hear of it.

Nurses find Provincial Hospls dull

& are very much *under* trained

(Lincoln)

St Th

more surgical

trying than

Edinburgh

**f38v**

Surgical  
Miss Pyne  
want of dignity  
tact  
in a bustle  
Miss Spencer so attached to Miss Pringle  
would never leave her  
but wants more money

**f39v**

Antiseptic  
more gone thro' with  
& longer at Edinbro'  
but Study to do it all  
No 1 overworked Dresser on Monday is too glad  
to give over his cases they came to on  
Saturday at St. Th's to the Nurse  
smaller Nursing Staff in proportion at Edinburgh

**f40**

Surgical training at St. Thomas'  
much better than at Edinburgh  
where there are so many Dressers  
they do all the work  
At St. T.'s after the first left to  
Nurses  
{written the other way}  
Any body  
reads praises  
nothing consecutive  
never known  
what is to be read  
Liberty Hall  
Miss Pyne likes every body  
to do as she likes  
if no Probr  
Probrs St. T.'s strictness of  
same habits discipline - no chapel - everybody goes when she  
but more likes - less esprit de corps than at St. T.'s  
in Home every Patient to be  
time to then they will be spoken to every  
day  
do niceties a little less strict & given an  
opportunity  
washing Patients even in the Home of making  
a complaint then with their Probrs subscribers  
not part when they become not necessary at St. T.'s  
of Staff women Miss Pyne's classes as  
study hours

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Edinbro	at Edinbro no time	good as Miss
C's		
under nursed	to train	but Miss Pyne
	has less	
Probrs in	Wards not so spick	influence over
		Nurses
charge	& span as under ladies	in Home than Miss C.
St. T.'s	Lavatories not [illeg]	in Hosp.
superior	Patients not washed	
class	Dickson (Dr Bell's) [?]	
both ladies	good Nurses not trained	
& Nurses		

Add Mss 49623

**f40v**

Sister Victoria  
Jovingston [?]  
Cath & Apostolic  
goes to service at 5  
this alters nurses hours

**f41** rough notes, all over page

Mrs Barker not good manager  
Patients out all day long  
in grounds, male & female together  
Convalescent Home  
woman got a pass - went out & never  
returned - joined men. Was to tell Mr Fasson. Supt over Conv  
could not grounds be divided?  
Maternity. Dr MacDonald. Simpson Memorial  
Midwife only Housekeeper x  
Miss Peter & I took our classes while I  
with M Pyne - loathsome work  
x 10 new Probrs every 3 mo- did not know  
even how to put out the things for the Drs  
I got my midwife's certificate.  
I had 2 cases: Miss Peter &  
were sent to - one died of  
internal haemorrhage previous to  
delivery 5 hours after delivery  
We knew nothing about it. Young Dr  
came & thought it was going on all  
well. Stopped our stimulants. Perhaps  
nothing could have saved  
her but nothing was done  
to save her. I saw Dr MacDonald deliver cases - And  
I had a Certificate as *Midwife*.  
/Extra Supts  
you must be with your head  
throughout  
/Dr Bell's Clinical.

**f41v**

only one  
lady of Probrs  
yet tried on night duty

Night Supt only on from  
10 pm to 6 am  
bed from 6 to 3 p.m.  
then rest of dy to herself  
no super  
one can't go & wake the Night Nurses  
to see if they are asleep



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**f43v**

Edinbro'  
Wards all  
varnished polished new  
& bright  
but when St. T.'s wards  
~~are~~ floors have just been polished  
they are better  
great deal of cleaning to be done by  
Probrs at Edinbro'  
Scotch way is to clean a thing well twice a  
week & to let them go nasty in the interval  
St. T.'s things more uniformly nice

[end 12:358]

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Patients better looked after - especially as to washing  
~~Are~~ Don't like the little rooms at Edinbro  
difficult to keep nice

Convalescent Room glazed half way up  
to the passage - then open  
Convalescents can't do anything  
without being seen -

{f44 blank}

**f45**

think it best to  
begin in Male Surgical  
better atmosphere: better health  
Medical Wards less well ventilated  
we have to do more about the cases  
in Medical than in Surgical  
washing paralytic, rheumatic & typhoid cases  
if you lift up a man in his splint you're all right  
but a rheumatic case you can't move without pain  
& a paralytic case you don't know how to set about it  
& as x male ~~in contradic~~ v female better male  
the plunge at once into a Female Ward than go on something for  
the time when you will have to go into  
a Male

~~Not~~ I began in Leopold  
& notwithstanding my disaster (arm)  
I say this -  
{written beside the foregoing}

Miss Pyne  
does not delegate her  
authority - things are not  
returned to her  
place enormous to look after  
5 minutes walk from Surgical to Medical  
{at the bottom of the page}

Miss Pyne does not come in contact with Doctors x  
very popular with the Nurses - don't know how she  
would do as head Miss Pyne is so considerate  
Miss Pyne ~~sees~~ sees a thing wrong - sets it right  
without considering whether people can do it  
her way x want of tact chiefly  
shown with Miss Pringle & Miss Spencer  
- want of dignity - schoolboy  
manner - in a bustle  
Miss Pringle & Miss Spencer  
never in a bustle -  
Miss Pringle's dignity  
crushing with an  
impertinence to  
Nurse

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**f46** {arch: [c.1879-1880]}

Wine Marsala  
Certificates after 3 years? Medals  
we must pay: how many? 6 or 8 12  
Cooking we must pay  
Thermostats  
Savings - not deferred annuities  
Miss Hutchins } see  
Macdonald }  
Miss Wainwright's death  
Mr. Croft's Lectures: arranged  
No: half by Miss C  
Making: 5 books - Read ask  
Mrs. W.  
?5 dinner 11.45-12.45  
5.30 prayers  
milk pails all right  
Miss Norris Miss Vincent  
Edinburgh: Miss Wilson  
Medical wards much to do?  
Miss Austin  
in what have we most to do?  
Failure of Lady P.s  
Clinical Lectures  
Sarah Smith Pavey on Food  
Bumpus On Fever Nursing  
2/6

**f** {black-edged} {arch; [1880]}

M.A. Spreat York County  
Alice Green Hospl

Miss Solly: a Surgical book

Miss Wilson: Materia Medica  
{written the other way}  
Mr. Croft  
~~does~~ puts  
nothing

son (Wardroper)  
~~does~~ copies  
out from Records  
into Register bookings  
not nice not regular  
every month

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**f47v**

pictures Nurses'  
Dining room

doors  
chocolate

St. Stephen's  
School Commtee  
grief  
Miss Franks  
{written the other way}  
Craigie  
in charge of Ward  
Westminster  
discharged after 3 mos.

**f48** {black-edged envelope}

Jan 10/81

Linenry F. Cornberg  
Room - where they keep the instruments  
round the whole Hospital  
Magdalen Ward for a ~~week~~/month  
Children's "  
Night duty for a month  
with Mrs. Fellowes  
if not in Female Medl  
Obstetric to see  
Male Medical for a month  
Rules for Probrs Precautions  
In German Hospls Doctors make the  
Nurses dip their fingers in Carbolic  
by the bedside *in the Doctors'* presence  
before the nurse are allowed to touch the Patient  
{on the envelope flap}  
Miss Mayne F.M. Charity takes care of her dying  
- teaches Probrs cases  
Miss Goodman - Elizth oppressed by her  
Nurse (Wand)  
Mrs. Fellowes: my mother

Add Mss 49623

**f48v**

District Nursing

{the rest upside down}

In German Hospls Probrs always go round  
with Assistant Medl Staff as well as  
with Visiting Staff -

Matron- like a Superior Sister goes  
round with all the Staff - takes  
directions, then teaches Probrs  
(who accompany her) to execute them  
To "Sister" - much more practised  
in German Hospls than at St. T.'s  
-everything hard to do & all,  
saturated with it Nurses  
not Students work it. Nurses  
must dip their hands in Carbolic  
in Doctor's presence before they  
touch a Patient

No *Separate* Night service in  
German Hospls: Nurse watches  
every 2nd night

German Nursing Staff much smaller  
In German Hospls dead removed  
immediately

not "edel" as in St. T.'s

{on envelope flap}

German Hospl Nurses more like a family  
St. Thomas' too large & too busy: no time  
no theoretical instruction in  
Germany: nurses wd not understand  
it. No ladies except in  
Augusta Hospital  
gt advantage  
to St. T.'s

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**f49**

Miss Hogg                      Feb 6/7/81  
    from Edinburgh  
Miss hall will teach those who wish  
    to learn  
I was 6 months in Surgical

Dr. Bristowe & }  
Dr. Ord            } instructive in the Wards

at Edinb P.s don't learn in Wards  
as at St. Th.'s  
dressers & students do so much more  
at Edinb  
no dressings to be learnt there  
except on Students

St. T.'s Probr should be put on  
Staff Nurse duty if only for a few  
days before she is put on Sister's  
duty - better to learn of the Sister  
than to learn of the Nurse one's duty

**f49v**

St. Thomas  
    If discipline too strict in the  
Home, for the ladies, then will  
not be able afterwards to exercise  
the superintende they are  
intended for:  
    they lose self reliance  
    they cannot answer Mr.  
    Croft's questions

    Sisters all sit together at meals  
    hour of study together  
perhaps they wd like a separate  
sitting room  
Miss C. an enthusiastic & perfect  
teacher - cannot leave off when  
she is teaching to ladies  
    appealed to the Probrs during  
Miss Crossland's absence       on  
their honour to do as they  
would have done in her presence  
and they did  
otherwise loud talking on stairs  
no talking after 10 allowed -  
this had to be kept up.

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**f50**

This is observed under Miss C.  
no baths allowed before 5.45

a.m.

you can hear everything in the  
home

you can hear Miss C's voice on  
another story

rather too hard upon the ladies

Edin: I do not preside at

Probrs Table

cannot tell whether they are there  
count their backs

3 Tables. Miss Pringle at one

Spencer "

I "

**f50v**

Miss Pyne Feb 2/81

2 reasons why Miss Merryweather  
did not succeed

1. she did not get on well with the  
3 young House Surgeons, & they  
have no master at Westm.

And they report badly of one to  
their superiors

2. she did not live in Hospital  
could not feel its pulse

Miss Firth: 150 Nurses  
in 7 homes

they have all they get

2 gs a week

sometimes make £100 a year

-pay her:

not she them

{printed address, upside down:]

10, South Street,

Park Lane. W.

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**f51**

Fräulein v. Cornberg      Ass      1881  
Heidelberg                  500 beds  
    3 sups Nurse (from Gd Duchess)  
all quarrelling: quite uneducated  
but good nurses  
    some 15 Nurses under them  
all country women, uneducated  
some good, some bad Nurses.  
Night Nursing month & month  
    about  
no Matron  
    all under Doctors  
    (did not tell Gd Duchess)  
Pforzheim: some 70 beds  
    1 Supt Nurse  
    6 Nurses  
each of them on duty 40 hours  
    all but 4 then night in bed  
because she must be there to tell  
the Dr. at morning visit all  
that has passed during night  
she gets up after 4 hours' sleep  
    to do the same at night visit  
each takes 2 wards ~~at~~/on night duty.

**f51v**

all from country - very strong.

Miss Crossland's teaching  
    worth all the Doctors' lectures  
    put together  
    both to Nurses & ladies

Do our Sisters teach  
    according to their "Instructions"?  
                                F.N.

**f52**

Nothing done for Magdalens  
(except for bodily case)  
in German Hospls

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**f52v**

*Antiseptic*: more perfect at Heidelberg [13:463-64]  
German Hospls than with you -  
Doctors make Nurses dip their hands  
in Carbollic before them before touching  
Patient. Doctors at St. T.'s {printed address:  
take scissors, use for dressings, 10, South Street,  
without dipping in Carbollic - impossible Park Lane. W.}  
in Germany  
You are cleaner in washing Patients  
Private Nurses: we have a great  
store of Nurses ready for War -  
we are obliged to use them as private  
- very unruly - but now Doctors &  
Patients alike have to report about them  
- uneducated women  
want of linen at St. T.'s drawsheets  
used wet & foul

instruments: always handed by  
Nurse with us: Doctors so  
used to it try to make us go out  
to give instruments in private  
cases  
*freiwillige*: i.e. not R.C. Sisters or  
Deaconesses these get all the  
educated women & the ladies -  
the *freiwillige* generally uneducated country  
women [end 13:464]

**f53**

Nurse Kent  
Maunder Goff Alexandra 27/5/81  
Milne  
Little  
Miss Bloomer  
" Peterhim  
Miss Pringle: no management  
Bird: all theory  
Nichols: above her work  
Ashbee: unkind to Patients  
bad manners to them

accident in Albert small Ward [12:359]  
from want of Bells  
cut throat Patient - Policeman with him  
threw himself 35 ft out of window  
reopened the wound 29 [end 12:359]

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**f54**

Miss Ashbee  
in Home you may go to bed directly after  
supper such a good thing that nobody  
may come into your room after that  
If they did, there wd be such a noise -  
nobody cd sleep - nobody cd pray -  
because you hear everything all over the  
house - And the young Nurse P.s are so  
inclined to chatter -

Victoria block -  
young nursemaids make Dormitory  
(Christian & Charity) noisy  
{written upside down}  
Nurse Vousden Charity Miss Mayne  
formerly Alice

**f55**

Miss Ashbee  
Cook good 28/5/81  
Nichols " Magdalens  
Scott "

Mackay Aberdeen 1 year  
learnt nothing

**f55v**

Mrs. Fellowes  
Miss Caulfield others think themselves on  
her level  
Nurse Grey from Lpool not a lady - thinks  
Military Nursing no nursing x  
Mackay - a widow - flirt - improper  
no lady

x only dress the worst ulcerated legs cases - no fistula, no hernia,  
no perineal sections come to them - superintend  
the cooking & the wards - don't give the bed-pans -  
know nothing about the  
motions.

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**f56**

Miss Ashbee

May 28/81

One can hardly say she is not remarkable for intelligence - for she is rather remarkable for the want of intelligence. But loyalty with her seems to take the place of intelligence, & ~~for she has~~/loyalty gives her more insight into the working of the Home, into the necessity of the rules of the Home, the quiet after 9 o'clock p.m., into what is best, than intelligence gives all the rest. The same as to the Hospital.

One cannot believe that she is 'unkind to Patients', for she gives a

**f56v**

capital account of them, such as she could not give if she did not care for them. deficient in Ward discipline patients on liquids taking cold fish Patient putting another into hysterics

She gave a great tribute to one Nurse who gave a bad one to her, (Wand) which I think speaks well for both.

She gives a good account of Probationers & is more alive to their virtues than their faults.

(Mrs. Nichols)

I think she would work well the better, the more responsibility learnt more during two months as Sister than during her year's training

Her making Miss Mayne her ideal as

a Sister is the worst part & Nurse Hunt as a Night Supt learnt most of Warman

Warman makes & keeps her own strict rules as well as makes the Probationers keep them - the best regulated ward in the Hospl after ~~th~~ her, learnt most of Mayne & Bull likes Medical work better than Surgical male than female cried in Alexandra before the Doctors catheter

Add Mss 49623

**f58**

Miss Pringle                      May 36/81  
ophthalmic in such admirable  
order - ~~Nurse~~/Sister Hatcher collects the  
men, reads to them, makes a  
home for them - while the Nurse  
has to do the same for the women  
blind (bad) boy reclaimed by  
S. Hatcher & sent to Blind School  
by Mr. Nicholson, one of the Dressers.  
can now earn his livelihood  
comes back to her every Sunday  
best preparation for my 3 eye cases  
(cataract) in paying block - darkness  
arranged for them.  
gentleman/man with cancer in tongue died  
pain in abdomen  
much upset by this  
& by Sister - would not speak to me -  
I tell Miss Bird she must let herself  
be seen/known - must not act out herself worse  
than she is - To pretend to be a

**f58v**

misanthrope as bad as pretending  
to be an angel.

Perth - learnt there how to wash  
patients all over      without  
exposure

I think the theoretical instruction  
in home perfect

**f59**

Food of Patients      (Miss Ashbee)  
not well cooked.      Steward comes  
every day now

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**f59v**

Home  
if we come in at 10 o'clock, obliged  
to go upstairs, put on our aprons  
& have something to eat in Dining-room  
when I had rather go to bed.

But this is right -  
(the greatest boon is that no one  
can come into our rooms after  
9 o'cl - (Miss Ashbee) Home Sister  
goes up & down stairs seeing that  
no one does - young Nurse Probrs great  
temptation)  
found Sister's Bible lesson on Friday  
evenings instead of prayers - 20 min. before supper -  
(compulsory) a great fatigue  
when I wanted to go to bed  
found classes & lectures in addition  
to the Ward training a great fatigue  
But all this is most necessary -  
the fault was in myself -  
*it was my own feeling* of fatigue  
we all of us make use of Lucile as a  
mother

**f60**

June 3/81  
Tanners Index of Diseases  
Nurse Jordan  
Under the Surface Shadwell  
Miss Havergal

Eucalyptus ointment burns  
Prbrs

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**f61**

Miss Fryer          June 9/81                      [13:273]

    a good deal of intelligence,  
    friendliness} & certainly goodness  
Miss McKie    }  
    & conscientiousness - with some self  
    command - (her brother, clergyman,  
    founder of Home for Magdalens,  
    Southwark, dead of Erysipelas)-  
    observation Erysipelas & Typhoid  
    in Manchester Hospl  
yet a little silly in some respects,  
    perhaps most in manner  
all that she said about Manchester  
    sensible & with judging  
brother a hard worker

Telephone communication - wish  
    we had it at St. T.'s &  
    Marylebone Infy

They have it at Manchester                      [end 13:273]

silliness whether of mind or of  
manner would prevent her  
having influence over the Nurses -

**f62**

Miss Ashbee only just out of her  
year's training - the most  
responsible & *unsupervised*  
post of N. Supt too much for  
such an one - doubtful her  
being ever qualified for such  
an immense post as yours.

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**f62v**

Miss Ashbee June 1881

fussy - worry you about wanting  
this & wanting that for herself -  
does not see how that does worry  
& make you anxious - far more  
than it does herself -

nervous about herself -  
& as the maids don't see that if  
they call Sore Throat Diphtheria,  
they give you a start & make you  
ask yourself, *Is it Diphtheria?*  
So *she* gives you a start

This is better than it was -  
affectionate

Night Supt at Highgate allowed  
once a month 2 nights in bed &  
intermediate day. Night Nurse  
ditto.

day off every month for Sisters

It is *His* work

it is *our privilege* Mr. Greene

**f63**

Huxley's Medicine & Surgery - Miss Airy  
Notes on Nursing June 23/81

Druitt

Book on Therapeutics Nurse Jackson

Life of Arnold June 25/81

Tanner's Index of Diseases Nurse Kent

Life of

{written on side}

3 things

Miss Pringle

book

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**f64**

Nurse Jackson began at 22 age 34 June 25/81  
3 years at Derby as Private Nurse -  
3 years at Lincoln  
Male Medical {long case  
                  { 20 months  
but frequent Operations &  
Surgical cases - sent in/up by  
House Surgeon  
Erysipelas - Surgeon did not  
like accumulating operations  
in one Ward -  
2 Erysipelas cases sent up  
to me. Stump with  
Gangrene got up & looked  
at them - had Erysipelas -  
Nurse Hurley - a Nightingale  
under me - had been a  
housekeeper - did not like  
serving second. None of the  
Nightingales do - I had rather

**f64v**

have a Probationer  
Nurse Hurley has now  
wards of her own at Lincoln  
Nurse Hall too a Nightingale  
served under me  
did not like it  
foundry accidents - very bad  
nervous  
devoted to Miss Vincent  
did not like Mrs. Carroll's  
government & Mrs. C. did not  
like me.  
home in Gloucestershire  
took Nurse Taylor to her home  
(an orphan) now her  
Ward Nurse at Marylebone

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**f65**

Miss Murphy June 27/81  
daughter of Derby Dentist - (Transvaal  
a year's training at Liverpool  
Workhouse Infy  
very dirty - insects in beds -  
had to do all the beds with  
Paraffin - & move the old women - two  
a bed on one side  
Miss Gordon - very young - to  
have the charge of this great place  
very good  
gives classes  
Miss Huguenin's classes better knows more  
*Dr. Alexander* - gives good lectures  
73 old women under my  
charge as Probationer -  
5 or 6 "crib" cases -  
had to wash them - could  
not keep them as clean as I  
liked  
only pauper women from the House

**f65v**

under me -  
When Night Nurse  
night women (also from the  
House) under me -  
did not like to wake them  
70 ~~Nurses~~/women (Head Nurses &  
Probationers & women) for  
1500 beds - many on floor -  
about 12 Head Nurses  
i.e. 125 beds each  
very hard work -  
1st time I was told to give a  
hypodermic Morphia injection  
Head Nurse told me - to do it - ~~& went~~/Then goes  
~~away~~/off duty & ~~left~~/leaves me - I had to

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**f66**

ask another Nurse to come  
in & show me - Miss Gordon said  
I might  
So it ~~is~~/was with every thing-  
no regular showing  
we ~~have~~ were told to do a  
thing we had never done  
before - & had to ask  
somebody else to show us -  
Galvanic battery: Catheter  
for women: yes  
I know how to test urine from  
*books* -  
Doctors did that in Hospl.  
[Jackson - I found great difficulty  
in doing pulses & respiration  
right] Miss Airy took great pains  
in making me take case-papers]  
Miss Murphy: could not remember  
printed headings- medical history  
began her case papers - Temperature  
yes. she took temperatures

**f66v**

200 Surgical Class Sick Nursery  
most hopeless & most painful  
class of all - almost 11 Syphilis  
-children in with their mothers  
no leaving to Matron now even  
House Medicine - all put on the  
Patient's "page" by Doctor -  
3 Medl Officers to 1500 beds  
no, no one teaches one the "Cards"  
or cases

often had Patients straight in  
from ships.  
Infy sends Patients to Workhouse  
Workhouse to Infy

Mrs. Hassall Brixton [?]  
Miss " Pendlebury

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**f67**

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had the Male Surgical  
many operations  
several amputations  
1 Tracheotomy

Surgical & Medical separated

I do not know how to  
report to Doctors -

I shall ask Miss Vincent  
to put me in a Ward with  
one of the Nightingales  
to see how she does it

**f68**

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Miss Murphy June 27/81

Lying in Dept Lpool Workhouse  
about 30 deliveries a week -  
Every Probr is there one month  
If she has 10 gs to pay, & stays  
3 months, she may be certificated  
as Midwife -

There is a Midwife who  
does nothing herself - never  
delivers a case - the Senior  
Probr - you know there must  
be one or two who have been  
there nearly 3 months - teaches  
you - I delivered the 2nd cases  
myself - then 7 cases without  
assistance -

"I don't hold much by  
taking away the Placenta  
before 20 mins." (sic)

"There was a Student there

**f68v**

"he said to me: 'what do you think? -I shd take away the Placenta now: it is 10 minutes."

"I said: Churchill says, 20 minutes - and I shan't touch it for 20 min."

And do you have no one to help & to show you? You say you delivered your 2nd case yourself -

"Oh we have books: we have Churchill: we go by him."

"Oh very often the cases ~~are~~ deliver themselves - they are all right, the child is born before we get to them - There was one woman,- she

**f69**

was not my case - she told me no one was by me when my child was born -

"I slept at the end of the passage - when I was called. I used to slip on my Ulster & run - Very often the child was born in 2 or 3 hours - sometimes in 10 minutes -

"Almost all the women bad women" -

"One poor bad woman - child was taken from her piece by piece -

"But generally all well, all right directly.

"If ill afterwards, sent into the Infy"

**f69v**

"I shd have been certified if I could have given the 10 guineas.

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**f70**

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Derby

Nurses' Home

Nurse Jackson there for 3  
years: trained at Huddersfield  
[went first - *Miss Phear* - to Leicester for 3 months'  
training under Miss Burt - but Miss Probyn (Derby Infy) takes  
in ladies without payment - to pull up]  
generally sent to Brownlow Hill

Lpool for month's Lying in  
training

cannot send them to Derby Infy  
(Miss Probyn) because the two  
Supts interfere with each other  
about the training

Also: Workhouse Nursing as good  
as Infy Nursing - jealous of one  
another

Miss Murphy: Derby

Miss Bramwell is doing a great  
work there - Nurses' Home

**f71**

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Miss Murphy June 27/81

*Buxton* - My sister, Mrs.  
Hassall, has had the Matronship  
for several years. I took it  
in her place for some months  
O capital - nothing could  
better - I was so happy -  
She goes away now because  
the House Surgeon wants a  
Trained Matron - [Dr. Robertson  
a nice man] But they are  
going to have a man & his  
wife for Master & Matron -  
neither trained -

A woman came, but she did  
not like the Accident Ward -

amputations  
reporting to  
Doctor

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**f72v**

*Pendlebury*

My niece Miss Hassall there  
as Sister: trained at Chelsea  
wanted to come in at St. Thomas'  
too young - you got her in at Chelsea

O all the Sisters are trained  
Lady Supt (Miss Cobbe) has nothing  
to do in the Wards - never  
enters them - Doctors are the  
Supts of the Wards - but  
they report to her anything wrong

Sisters a great deal too  
young - take Probrs who come  
there only to flirt with &  
marry the Doctors - great  
deal of flirting in the Wards

but beautiful Hospital -  
children well done by -  
my niece has a little money  
of her own.

**f73**

Miss Bird July 2/81  
Kirke's Physiology  
Hoblyn

**f74**

Miss Bird July 2/81 [12:364-65]

Paying Block: ladies Ward:  
gentlemen in 2 small Wards  
5 breast amputations  
1 case in antiseptic treatment -  
affected her breathing seriously -  
73 - it had to be taken off.

1 Infantile Paralysis - 16 -  
amputation of infantile leg -  
suffered very much after -

Reported to Doctor myself -  
Miss Ashton seldom came down  
in time to hear the cases from me  
beforehand  
She & I alternated on duty in afternoon  
St. Bartholomew's Nurse under me  
quite what she should call untrained  
-could not go on with her work  
alone without asking me

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**f74v**

mischief of mixing Medical &  
Surgical - Mrs. Bellew, asthma -  
violent fit of asthma in night  
-every cranny closed -  
breast amputation suffered severely -  
so faint in the morning - said she  
was dying - opened the window  
& she got better

impossible to keep up good  
ventilation - Patients wd not let you  
open the windows & shut them if you opened  
them  
ward so stuffy as to be far  
more unhealthy than General Wards  
- besides, ground floor Wards unhealthy

[end 12:365]

Mr. Traill: haemorrhoids - small  
ward

**f75**

affectation become a second  
nature

Learnt nothing but from Sister  
Leopold (Warman) - *she* is the  
disciplinarian - makes her rules  
& keeps them herself -  
& from Miss Mayne -  
She praises you when you do well  
-other Sisters indifferent -  
Obstetric - did not learn much  
Home Sister did not like me -  
learnt nothing from Lectures except  
Dr. Bristowe's - those were capital  
-used to lie on the sofa reading up  
instead of taking exercise

**f75v**

One feels so very sorry for  
Miss Bird - She has nothing  
but Miss Bird in her - sees  
nothing but Miss B - out of here  
grand central self -

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**f76**

Mrs. Fellowes July 3/81 [12:365-66]

the first 3 months one thinks: how  
much I have learned: the next  
3 or 4 mo - one thinks: why I  
know nothing - what an idiot

I am -

Miss Whyte very poor creature

" Hoff quite unfit to be a  
Sister - absent - hums as she  
is going up the Ward & forgets  
*what* she is gone for 2 or 3  
times - hot tempered - always  
in hot water with her Nurses  
when doing Sister's duty in  
No. 8, but a splendid teacher

All our Special P.'s half ladies  
it is said you don't like ladies  
Matron so questioned me about  
my health & everything - & then  
when I came to see the Special P.'s  
who were admitted

**f76v**

Your ladies are too much kept  
under control - rule not to  
speak to a dresser - I used to  
ask Dressers & House Surgeons  
questions

At lecture so damping to a Lecturer  
no one speaks - every one seems  
indifferent - *Lecturer* does not  
*ask questions* & if he did they  
wd be too frightened to *answer*  
*They don't ask questions of him -*  
Heard Dr. Bell's lecture on Inflamm=  
=tion at Edinburgh - He asked questions  
& they were *well & freely answered*  
It wd be of no use our having  
Clinical Lectures like Dr. Bell's  
for no one would *dare to answer*.  
Would it be well to mix the Classes  
of gentles & simples?  
Simples much better of their rank than  
the gentles  
So difficult to be just between gentles & simples

**f77**

Dressers very careless - not  
under the control of the  
Visiting Surgeon - will open a  
Patient's dressing - Perineal  
Section - then go away &  
perhaps not be back when  
I go to bed - I have to put  
up the Patient as best I can  
& then send for Ho: Surgeon -  
No 1 Dresser in Leopold a  
Hindoo: Mr. Croft's dresser  
You have to be very sharp with  
your Dressers -  
Sydney Jones - excellent operator  
does nothing for his Class -  
Mr. Croft muddly - they laugh at him  
Mr. McCormac -does little as teacher  
Mr. Pitts & Mr. McKellar the only ones  
successful or painstaking with  
their Classes - Dr. Ord too, Medical side  
excellent as teacher

**f77v**

Night Nursing girls of 23 or  
24 lose their nerves when put  
on Night duty - the immense  
responsibility (so much greater  
than by day) of having a Ward  
on one's own shoulders without  
any help all at once [end 12:366]  
Hunt a noisy useless women  
comes in & strikes a match  
close to a Patient just fallen asleep  
or pulls down the clothes to  
look at him (which she's no  
right to do) & talks loud  
You should have a *rule* as at  
Edinbro' *all Probrs to have a*  
*first year on Night duty -*  
*if desired*  
Admixture of gentlewomen -  
put two on Staff Night duty of  
those young girls  
Louisa Rice - Charity - her nerves  
quite gone

**f78**

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Miss Bloomer wd not have come  
for love of the work - a great talker  
thinks she knows a great deal  
& does not - very slow - talks a  
great deal about what ought to be  
Redd Nurse in Leopold - 4 years  
in medical F - knows nothing  
of Surgical - leaves dressing to  
Probrs & out of maliciousness will not  
get ready for an operation  
Herzog - pattern of a dresser - & puts  
the Sisters in a right place -  
Herzog & Leavesly in Albert - 3 months  
Night Nurse alternating  
I always like the Patients  
Mr. Pitts - takes all Mr. McCormac's  
cases now - extremely careful  
insists upon knowing every detail  
from Sister - Colostomy case - how  
does it look, Sister? - capital to  
have to do with  
Mr. Mason 7 beds (Leopold

**f79**

Mrs. Fellowes Netley  
Cases of Hernia, Fistula &c  
& all cases of internal injury  
such as Perineal Section,  
don't go up to the Sisters' Wards  
at all.

[15:243-44]

They do nothing, see nothing  
of what wd be considered a  
little indelicate at home -  
They never give the bedpan,  
never see the motions, are  
never asked questions about  
them. [Mr. Pitts, Leopold Ward,  
so particular about this, but  
not a bit too much - Sister, who  
has to describe the motions exactly  
to him, whether there is blood, (Pus)  
&c &c

Gant's Surgery  
R. Free Hospl

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**f79v**

The Sisters simply superintend,  
walk about, report the  
orderlies if drunk, look after  
the Beef Tea &c

Miss Caulfield, (daughter  
of an Archdeacon) says - no  
Nursing, no training at all

[end 15:244]

**f80**

How *can* they train  
Probationers with Orderlies?

They *must* be trained in  
Civil Hospitals- They *must*  
learn to give the bedpan, to  
know the motions, to know  
all sorts of cases - & to know  
~~what~~/all that is to be done with them  
How can they be taught all  
this with Orderlies by?

**f80v**

Dr. Bristowe shows us thro' the  
Stethoscope - not that we are ever  
to use the Stethoscope

**f81**

Natal Newcastle        *Mrs. Fellowes*  
3 battles - average of 500 severely  
wounded in Hospl  
no Hospl or Medical appliances  
excepting on a "peace footing" -  
P.M.O. (P.Maritzburg) says it was  
Sir G. Colley's fault/order - Sir G.C.  
were he alive wd probably say it  
was P.M.O.'s fault.  
P.M.O. managed to send up Morphine  
& Chloroform & Ether by Post Cart  
after Majuba - (Post Cart took  
newspapers in preference to every  
thing else, even Nurses.)        Some  
wounded 4 days unattended to  
~~?in consequence of peace footing~~  
~~arrangement~~ because they were so shorthanded  
N.B. M.O. in charge of Fort Amiel  
delighted with all arrangements.  
(see his letter to Longmore -  
Orderlies atrocious

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**f81v**

Col. L. Lindsay, again writes  
to me "everything provided"  
nothing wanting"  
*provided, yes, at Durban:*  
it may even have got as far as  
P. Maritzburg  
He little knows -  
I dare not tell what I know  
~~for~~(from P.M.O. Maritzburg),  
for fear of costing men their  
promotions

[Balaclava & front,  
Crimean War in little,  
wants in little,  
all over again.]

**f82** note on env, pencil

Miss Gordon 5 the old  
women

bell:  
4 babies in Lavatory  
info to what time  
thinks we think of Ps as  
too much as C.  
Mr. McCormac - antiseptic  
Mason septic breast  
case erysipelas  
{written the other way}

Miss Nichols, Florence Rome  
Paris  
struck with pauperism in  
London neglect of parents  
nothing can come up to St T's

{postmarked London DA Ju 18 81}

f82v {envelope, postmarked Paddington 12 Ju 81}

Miss Nightingale  
10 South St  
Park Lane  
W.

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**f83**

Miss Isla Stewart S. Alexandra  
25/8/81

2 basins  
Lavatory arrangements  
Towels: Mops: Bedpans:  
Medical Patient Stores  
washing & helpless Patients cleaning teeth  
bed sores  
undressing Accidents - receiving cases  
2 Basins  
dressing - hot poultices enemas  
catheter: cleansing  
temperature - observation  
bandaging - preparation  
cooking: beef Tea for operation  
cards - thoroughness  
ventilation - windows - ovariectomy  
tidiness  
Sister to question Probr to see if she has  
been shown things to take her on her own rounds  
to ask her has she bandaged or washed  
helpless cases

**f83v**

Sister charges Nurse to teach Probr  
this or that  
then enquires what the Probr  
has been taught  
case papers  
~~vent~~ discipline of Patients  
what is the Sister who taught  
you most  
do you teach as much to yours?

finger poisoning  
2 basins  
antiseptics  
wash hands between  
{written the other way}  
She has the (very young) absolutism  
of one who knows not how to govern  
& is impatient with her Probrs  
for not knowing how to be  
governed by her.

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**f84**

Miss Isla Stewart      Aug 25/81  
S. Alexandra  
wishes for an Ovariectomy book  
perfectly candid entirely in the  
dark as to herself & her Ward

tidiness, cleanliness  
2 basins  
enquiring into Medical symptoms  
doing important dressing herself  
& teaching all important dressing  
to P.s by herself or Nurse -  
of all these she considers herself  
an especial mistress  
considers herself a professional in  
all the Instructions which she  
had never seen -  
yet not conceited  
Ward Gurney & Bailey -  
disliked Nichols & Fuhrmann  
yet candidly said I must not

**f84v**

take her opinion -  
no guile -  
good woman under Home  
Sister - & then as Sister fell  
with little or no other supervision  
completely under Miss Aston's  
influence  
when doing pro-tem Sister's duty  
in many Wards, Miss A. was  
her *referee* in every thing  
& "taught me everything of  
Sister's duty"-  
then & since she has had Alexa  
she has always met Miss Aston  
outside walls of Hospl whenever  
she went out till Miss A. left  
London -  
(news to me)  
so amazingly frank with me  
I feel confidentially bound -

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**f85**

see me on Miss I. Stewart's  
Sisters Records -  
have not seen her own notes  
on other Probrs  
nor her Diary -  
She has had no Matron but  
Miss Aston

**f86**

Miss Fisher  
Miss Murphy (training  
Dr. Evatt (Ly Strangford's  
certificated Nurse  
Probationers at Woolwich

Miss Rawson  
Bells  
Separation of District & Hospl Nursing  
Lpool  
Mr. Croft Clinical Surgery Profship  
" his complaint against Alexandra  
& O'Neil

Standard of Sisters lowered Miss Whyte  
no supervision -Bloomer  
Miss Aston Miss Ashbee  
Fuhrmann best discipline  
Ophthalmic &  
Adelaide

Miss Maitland }  
St. B.'s } N

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**f87**

Miss Fisher August 2 1881  
Addenbrooke's  
Hospital 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.}

150 beds - 120 full -  
8 head nurses (of which  
1 extra  
(6 in charge of 1 in charge of  
Wards Fever Wards  
(only Nurses paid) when opened  
2 old ones

25 Probrs  
of which 8/6 Night Nurses -  
2 Probrs to each Ward - 1 day  
2 months 1 night  
Month & month about

1 Night Supt (paid) my own maid  
Night Nurses these are changed  
every month  
only two serious cases for night  
nursing in whole Hospital  
i.e. cases which require the  
Head Nurse -

Scrubbers - 1/a day & their food  
not allowed to speak to Patients  
work from 6 to 6  
floors & grates

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**f86**

8 Lady Probrs out of 25  
pay us £1.1 a week  
made £500 by our Lady P.s  
last year

17 Nurse P.s all paid for  
by their Assocns which send them  
to be trained for Private Nurses  
Edinburgh  
Newcastle  
&c &c

3 from Miss Twining for Workho, Infy  
serve a year with us very bad

Dr. Humphrey principal Surgeon  
Dr. Paget Physician

Miss Paget is with us  
Dr. Humphrey's niece has  
been with us but ill  
we have many sisters of  
Undergraduates  
lawn tennis ground we share  
students & Probationers  
they meet in my room -  
Nuns have don't go to their  
no religion brothers' rooms without  
Sisters not much a chaperone

**f87v**

Miss Cumming gentlewoman - very handsome  
tall 23 going to Miss Perrse  
very prudish

went for 2 months to  
Brompton Consumptive -  
could not stand drinking nurses  
nor tone of Doctors to Nurses  
(Dr. Fowler - Middlesex & Brompton)  
was at Addenbrooke's

Miss Cameron knows of Nurses  
drinking & lets it be

Miss Turner 29 sister of  
2 Medical men  
would like to come to St. Thomas'  
father softening of the brain  
healthy & vigorous

Miss Frere niece of Bp of Lincoln  
no use at all

Miss Gordon

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f88v

Physiological Examn from South  
Kensington (Art & Science Section)  
Examiners sent out to Centres  
(Cambridge) Examn same for  
men & women

K.C.H. Sisters don't give the female  
Catheter but are good x  
Lady P.s don't give the bedpan or  
anything - certainly not  
don't take the temperature  
x learn everything *after* their training  
County Hospl whose Doctors have  
been in K.C.H. won't have lady  
Nurses for K.C.H.  
our Nurses don't learn to pass the  
Speculum or the female Catheter

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**f89**

Miss Stains Registered Dec 19 1881

A Supt of Night Nurses no room  
for her  
in Hospl

none but Probr Night Nurses - often not 4 months old  
must leave them same ward because she must  
have known cases. So some are left in same ward  
all their time & some are moved every day  
*supposed* only last 3 mos. of P.'s year on nights

A Physician (Hanover) not Resident who may  
be a young scamp to attend the Home

*Night Nurses* shd be Probrs a year old  
15 Night Nurses - that wd take 15 off the  
40 Probrs P.s £14.4 a year including uniform  
*Nurses* £18/ £20 no uniform

A few more servants in Home -Night P.s now  
do work of Home till 10.

5 Night P.s then to remain or duty in Hospl till  
Housekeeping 9 or 10 a.m.

Another house for Private Nurses under a good housekeeper

7 rooms 80 Private Nurses - 20 may be in Home  
for Pr. 2 or 3 have been loafing about for months  
since last Xmas doing nothing *supposed* to be  
ill -Now there shd be a Physician, not a  
young Resident to take these in hand &  
decide whether dismissal with a gratuity -  
- or how? to decide with authority

A few more servants in Hospital

~~Prob~~/Wardmaids never in their Wards  
called off to do duty in Servants Hall 16  
to do servants ~~duty~~/work  
to do Out Patients Dept duty

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12 Wardmaids

2 Doctor's servants

3 kitchenmaids 2 housemaids 1 Laundress

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Probrs do all the Wardmaids work except scrubbing & cleaning for  
grates

& Porters duty  
carrying linen up & down tea urns up  
cleaning brasses  
even fetching coals in rain & snow for 2 wards  
from yard - carrying coals from scullery  
coal box to do 5 fires - 4 in Ward - 1 in Nurse's  
Wardmaids won't even sweep up hearths  
Wdm does condescend to carry cinders

Porters to be put under somebody's charge  
to relieve Probrs of all fetching & carrying  
6 Porters doing nothing (lift for coals  
( illeg)

Accommodation for some Private Nurses (papers  
still to come to Matron) - in house in Ashton St.  
-also for servants in small house near

No inch of accomm. more in Hospl [In Home 2 in a bed  
Night Nurses' rooms occupied at night

No one does for Patients  
Night P. has to begin at 3 a.m. to get Patients  
ready for 7 - she is alone - Nurse & day Probr  
on duty, i.e. are *supposed*, at 7 a.m. -Nurse does  
not Nothing is done for Patients after that

Private Nurses shd *be separate* from Probationers  
so demoralizing - Hospl Nurses say - Private  
Nurses don't earn their money  
Great want of accommodation

Great waste of time is: Accts Miss Baker

A *Home Sister* wanted to take meals with Probrs  
at Edinburgh all 3 do this take turns at tables

**f91**

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Resident - quite a young man supposed to be in  
charge of House Surgeon - Porters ovariotomy  
He is in charge of Obstetric & ovariotomy - how can he  
attend to his Patients?

A Secretary or Steward or House Governor want to be in  
charge of Porters & drains & everything  
Urinal smell all over floor - enough to knock one down

We put the Private Nurses 2 in a bed for ourselves convenience  
how can we blame the Probrs sleeping 2 in a bed?

Path & Corridor: wanted from Home to Hospital  
Duty of Home Probrs do all the dirty working  
Home & Hospl far below the Wardmaids  
Wardmaids sit knitting in afternoon in Wards

Underfeeding nothing for breakfast but bread &  
butter milk watered 40 lbs meat a day

16 Day Nurses only a scrap for supper 6 cabbages a week  
6 70 on duty all meal in Home  
no contract

Another lady wanted in Home to do the Private  
Nurses Pr nurses always bolting back  
They have been "put upon" Employers writing  
They never sere so glad to get rid of any body Young

**f91v**

Wardmaid

Night Probrs (Nurses) shd be on duty in Wards before  
9 a.m. breakfast (hot) at 9.30 a.m.  
go out at 10  
go to bed earlier  
they only have supper now with the rest a little cold meal

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**f92v**

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Private Nurses nurse gentlemen in great Adolphe  
Hotel [Conversation between ladies maids & coarseness{?}]  
at table disgraceful  
& in public houses -

Lectures by Professors very bad  
confused inaccurate  
2 Classes a week Miss Gordon{?}

Patient wet directly after 7 a.m. wd not be changed  
by Nurse: Nurse never in Ward by 7 - never does anything low  
"please the Doctors"

Any change among the Wardmaids wd be met by them  
all resigning

Wardmaids sleep 16 in  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  rooms - not a chamber  
only 2 basins

A few Sisters in new building must begin the  
work - A few minutes in Wards from Miss Aston or  
me {illeg} the old Nurses will do nothing

W {illeg} 2 Nurses opium from {illeg}  
poisoning  
in a month

Wolverhampton. 2 nurses opinion from illeg  
Poisonng

Miss Pyne [list] faint]

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**f93**

St. Thomas' Miss Stains C Dec 19 1881

Night Supt far below the Nurses -  
she may only help when the Nurse calls her in  
e.g. to change a wet Patient  
She must not reprove a Nurse - must only  
report her to Mrs. Wardrr in the e Night Book  
no lady would undertake this -  
the Night Supt is only there to see that the Nurse is  
there

I don't see why there can't be a ~~Lady Supt~~/Sisters with Night  
Supt a lady - I have not had my clothing off till  
morning for 9 nights with Patients - very wrong indeed  
But if there had been a proper Lady Night Supt  
Batstone nothing the Sister points out such & such  
Rose Upton not much cases to the Night Supt  
more

Bad Night Nurses in Albert when I was there

Food in Home: cooking rough  
joints charcoal - without raw within  
not much boiled beef - chops given to those who can't  
eat it so very badly done  
fish when given so very coarse  
too little vegetable  
cold meat at breakfast no eatable  
(milk & bread & butter at 11 -)

**f94**

Haywood Xmas Day 1881

Needlework is a class subject - (not a special subject)  
but it is optional

Next year it ceases to be optional -

Grammar & Geography I give to boys

Grammar & Needlework to girls

At Clay Cross mistress substituted geography for girls  
for needlework, because it was optional

Needlework must be taught in all Schools-  
but only so that it may be said to be taught -  
optional as a class subject - but not after this year

Physiology, Literature, Physiography, Latin, French &  
(16) special Subjects

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**f94v**

St. Thomas' Miss Pringle C Dec 22 1881  
don't see at all why there shd not be a Lady  
Night Supt under the present regime at St. T.'s

The day Nurses might as well be called above the  
Lady (Day) Assisst Supt at Edinbro. They take their  
orders direct from the Doctors Miss Spencer doesn't  
interfere in the Nursing Yet she has plenty to find fault  
with: plenty to do that only a lady could do

At *Edinbro* the Night ~~Su~~/Lady Supt is "only in charge of the  
Nurses not of the Nursing".

But she makes arrangements for any extra night nursing  
required. If she sees a Nurse at fault, she sets her right

If the Head Nurse wants a patient particularly attended  
to, she leaves a message for the Night Supt

[At St. Mary's the Night Supt is in charge of the  
Nursing as well as of the Nurses: if an Accident or  
Operation comes in, she is summoned]

The Night Lady Supt ought to be on exactly  
the same terms as the Day Lady Assistant Supt - only it is a  
more onerous charge that of Night

A great many of the Head Nurses at Edinburgh  
are ladies: yet they don't resent

No Nurse with a Head charge ever wants to leave

Head Nurses of from 10 to 20 years' standing at  
Edinburgh

**f95** {black-edged}

Mrs. Deeble Miss Machin  
Miss Stephenson Mrs. Corwen  
Fraulein Miss Mansell)  
Miss Perssè  
starving  
Miss Gordon  
Mayne  
Sutcliffe  
Goodman  
Isla Stewart  
Miss Hogg  
Miss Williams  
St. Bart's  
Clinical Mr. Crofts

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**f96** pencil note [1881?]

Promotion for Adelaide  
Miss Rye very much worn  
Miss Hutchins Adelaide  
Magdalen

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District Nurses in country  
Norfolk Miss Williams  
can get no ~~Probrs~~ candidates  
Clergyman who generally sends  
for the Nurse must be  
responsible for proper bedroom  
to herself & proper food for Nurse  
If room kept for nurse, cold  
& she has to buy food.

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Probrs for us St. Mary's

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Proof - Instructions to Sisters

**f98**

Dr. Aitkin's Medicine & Surgery  
Nurse Wand  
Life of

**f99** {arch: [?1881]}

Miss Goodman	Spence on Surgery
Miss Phear	Tanner's Index
Mrs. Nichols	Hoblyn's Dicy
Miss Pringle	Church Services

{upside down}  
cats who wants?  
maids Syrup  
caps  
Missionaries

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**f100** {arch; [c1881]}

Male Block E & F

1	Miss Bird		
	Miss Twinings	Hosp	trained
	fair		not good
	Night nurse		
	Hospl		trained
2	Miss Phair		
	ill		
	Miss Campbell		
	Notice to quit		
	Night		
	Lunatic		
3	Nurse Constable		
	Nurse Howlett		
	St. B's	very good	
	Night nurse	bad	
	Addenbrooke's		

Female Block C & D

1	Mrs. Nicholl		
	obstetrics Nurse	good	Nurse Children's good
	Shadwell		St. Alban's
	Night		fair
2	Sister Kent		
	Nurse Infy		Miss Ellis
			Highgate
	Night Nurse		Liverpool
	not good		
3	Nurse Vousden		
	Nurse		Nurse undermaid
	Lunatic	fair	first rate
	Night		
	Miss Morrison		
	St. Mary's		fair

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f101v faint pencil notes on scrubbing

**f102**

Miss Young Aug 22/82  
came Oct 5/81

wks

F.M.F. Xtian	4	
M.S. Edward	1	5 absent poisoned
Magdalen	2½	
M.S. Leopold	8	
F.S. Alexandra	8	
Obstetrics	1	
M.S. Edward	2	
M.M. George	4	

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**f103** {arch: 1882}

Mrs. Fellowes  
Miss Airy  
Miss Solly  
Miss Winterton  
Miss Richardson

a sixth

some Friday

**f104** {arch: [1882]}

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ACCEPTED

Mrs. Fellowes as Senior **[15:918]**  
Miss Solly names  
Miss Airy sent  
Miss Winterton in  
Miss Richardson by F.N.

& ACCEPTED

and a sixth

⊗ Miss Young

Propose that  
Mrs. Fellowes  
Miss Solly  
shall go out to the Hospital at  
Alexandria  
of which Miss Stewart a capital  
woman known to F.N. is  
to be Supt.

**f104v**

-that then Mrs. Fellowes &  
Miss Solly be drafted off  
to superintend another  
Hospital in Egypt

Miss Airy  
Winterton cannot yet  
~~Richardson~~ say where or  
& Miss? Young under whom  
to go

Some may be called on to  
go out on *Friday next*:  
perhaps Mrs. Fellowes &  
Miss Solly -

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**f105**

Mrs. Deeble goes out herself  
but not till the end of  
August  
she has the ~~Sole~~/general control

**f105v**

by 9 Miss Norman  
26 under Sister Albert  
Miss Ottaway  
ward boys Salisbury  
[at bottom of page]  
Miss Wms  
Thursday 17th

**f106**

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Pay £30 a year  
for} £80  
Supt}  
Sister}  
Board allowances 4/ a day  
(including washing)  
& *free rations besides*  
[Supt to cater  
for them -

Passages ~~money~~ free

**f107**

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Outfits allowed  
1 bullock trunk each  
(1 little Gladstone bag may be  
carried besides  
£4.7 allowed by Govt  
plus  
£1.5 1 thin Alpaca cloak  
£2 1 thick sergy "  
{Carpet &  
{Gracechurch &c  
4 gowns - 2 light Alpaca  
grey  
2 thin serge  
{Capper's  
[difficulty of *washing* linen gowns  
must not depend on getting  
any *washing* done  
bonnets: Mrs. Deeble will order  
complete with veils,  
caps; 8 each: can be had ready  
made at Cooks Oxford St.

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**f107v**

12 aprons & bibs & pockets  
made long almost to the feet  
8d a yard  
boots & shoes - not too heavy

6 muslin handkerchiefs for  
head covering the neck  
behind fastened to a  
black velvet ribbon  
round the head

6 prs stockings  
(3 prs very thin)

no chemises:  
can't get them washed  
thin woven under vests  
or silk instead

3 red military capes  
Mrs. Deeble will send pattern  
& then order if wished

**f108**

no sheets can't get them  
washed  
mosquito curtains or nets:  
Yes: take them

Mrs. Fellowes should take a  
stove  
a thermometer  
sub-cutaneous injector  
solution of Morphia

As they nurses are often called up  
at night  
one flannel suit  
and 2 skirts  
& 2 outside jackets  
(instead of ~~for~~ night dresses)  
~~are sent with the Nurses~~  
each Nurse should have

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**f108v**

Mrs. Wardroper is  
requested to be so good  
as to provide the  
outfits

N.B.

The N Fund will pay for  
what the Govt allowance  
does not cover -

**f109**

Miss Pringle 4 or 6  
Mrs. Fellowes with herself to keep discipline  
Miss Solly -under Supt  
specially pointed out for tent  
or Hut Hospital work in Egypt  
where Orderlies require Sister  
supervision - & where are not  
sick kitchens, lavatories &c - as  
in Carthage where in such close  
quarters under M.O.s supervision  
in the ship all day pilfering &  
neglect by Orderlies not possible  
or horrid disaster to sick & wounded  
They can work alone or  
influencing & training others &  
patiently conquer orderlies  
Miss Airy also - but could not  
Superintd -& tho' better Nurse than  
others, not so good at Orderlies  
Winterton under Supt  
Young ~~stand~~-experienced Supt

**[end 15:918]**

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**f110 notes on an env**

Mrs. Fellowes Oct 9/82

[15:937]

Orderlies no order no nursing  
about her  
Steward Capt of orderlies. Wardmaster  
Doctors are Orderlies' masters  
Steward Capt of O Wardmaster  
immersed in clerk-ing from morning till  
night. Patients quite a secondary  
consideration  
Steward tells Orderlies to go & wash  
decks two take their pails & go  
before they have half done Capt of O  
comes & tells them to draw the diets  
Before they have half done, Doctor  
comes sends them to do something  
else. No organisation.  
No nursing. Orderlies will pull a  
dying man out of a bed to put him on  
the night stool or a fractured thigh  
groin wound vomiting into a bedpan  
lid soaked in haemorrhage. Orderly  
never sees it

**f110v** {in right margin} pencil notes on env

PMO Carthage Doctors  
always in Wards  
we used our baths  
eye lanterns

P.M.O. Crofts Fergusson  
Dr. Pennington old good  
Maunsell: knew nothing  
cd not operate  
cd not do a dressing  
young surgeon from  
St. George's up at  
His elbow

Officers. Much work done by the patients  
Wounds came to dr from [illeg]  
beautifully dressed  
{upside down}

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Patients with sandbags extensions No  
clean sheets were put on: he & his  
comrades put them on themselves he  
got out of bed with his fractured knee  
& put the sandbags under the bed  
& untied all the bandages to please

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the Dr. (Irishman) no orderly prevented  
it - Fort

[Carthage

very badly fitted up]

No washing of helpless Patients who  
written in every direction inside an envelope]

I did the dressings  
generally alone -

5 a.m. to breakfast then  
dinner - then till 5 - then from 6 to  
= anytime - midnight

Dr. Pennington said Ah we see the Civil training  
wanted to make a good Nurse - He said  
Netley: nest of jobbery

iodoform powder  
gunshot wound clean for  
5 or 6 days - then  
suppurate vinegar  
inflammation  
pus spurted  
(iodoform  
caked)

[end 15:937]

no f111

### **f112**

Mrs Fellows St T's Sister  
Their insubordination goes far to justify  
the W.O. in misplacing them  
The W.O. says you must go out under  
our superintendts. If they say: We will  
behave well if we go out under Supts we  
like -but we can't unless we go out under  
Supts of our own - a man of the world  
will say at once, you're not the sort  
for us  
Loyalty - Morier not loyal to Gladstone  
Ld Granville goes about saying things  
against them  
Not malice, un wisdom. Not untrue won't

[on flap] Mrs Fellowes Sept 27/82

### **f112v**

**You have justified the W.O. & proved me  
a fool.**

**Now, if I had withdrawn you, when  
you cd not go out under your own supt  
the public wd have misjudged St Thomas'  
But you have gone far to prove I ought to**

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**f113** {arch: [1881-82]}

Fuhrmann: tell her to write: Cr Pr

Mrs Fellowes

S. Alexandra lazy - towels

Miss Aston

Mrs. Wardr - tea 4.30

Diaries to read systematically: good enough

Play ground without dressing

Nurse Oliver: division between Nurses' work

Probrs

fight in /'72'3

Jails

Kensington Ambulance Lectures

Miss Vincent

Christian & Charity

Dr. Ord too high for them Yes

Mr. Croft clinical

Miss Williams nowhere as District Supt

Miss Bloomer no adaptability

Miss Hutchins not at all fitted

{on envelope flap}

Lavatory - Pump on ground

floor

cent N. Fund

near the Bath room

Prep with Pigeonholes

for Teapots

**f114**

Mr. Croft: speak to Matron

speak to Miss Isla Stewart first

like a man

Nurse Lee very

good teacher boards to paralytic

day in Albert beds Crumpsall

proper beds for

infirm old people

{upside down}

1 grey dress

1 blue

Miss Von

a year

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**f115**

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written to Sir R.L.L.

Miss Solly Jan 2/83

Regs for A.H.C.

some Regs must be restored  
as to what relation of Orderlies  
to Sisters is to be where there  
are Sisters e.g.  
wherein they are to be trained  
by the Sisters -  
what the Orderlies, what the  
Sisters are expected to do.  
Our best Sisters, w/had to win  
their way with the Orderlies  
by kindness & courtesy & never  
giving orders: or "lording" it  
over the Orderlies. This the  
Sisters wd have to do any how  
But an ill-conditioned, half  
drunk Orderly always had

**f115v**

it in his power to remind  
the best trained women  
that there was nothing  
in *his* Regns, to authorize  
their presence or define their work,  
& that *he* expected *them*  
to do this or that  
to wash helpless Patients  
to ?  
to ?  
ask Miss Solly

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**f116**

Miss Solly \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 2/83

Wardmaster notes

C. of O "

know nothing about the wards or Patients

Doctor does nothing about the  
hours & arrangements

that under the C of O & he  
cd give Orderlies hours of but he  
know nothing about the Wards  
Doctor never teaches Orderlies

good young Orderly 2 months  
at Aldershot half that time  
in a Clerks office did not  
know how to give an enema  
Dr. Pennington never showed him  
nor Seidlitz

**f116v**

no Mcintyre splints  
all things packed up before  
Dr. Ferguson took no trouble  
to unpack & get them up

never till Pennington appointed  
P.M.O. Ferguson sent to Ismailia  
were there things unpacked & got up

Extension apparatus & splints  
wanting always Dr. Ferguson was  
but septic no asked to give a  
test before starting  
-never did it

Enteric cases always allowed to get  
up no sickness or diarrhoea  
prolapses Cadbury

femoral artery tying which side was  
the vein & which the artery  
Grey's Anatomy - asked Pennington but

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**f117**

Officers dieted same as men  
Dr. Ferguson wd not make a  
push

water round Carthage horrible  
Stinks on a calm day  
came from ship - always full  
Dr. F. commands the Orderlies  
never did anything with them

6 am to 1 am  
1 am to 8 pm

Orderlies not regularly under  
the Sisters - knew nothing  
Sisters Regs in theirs

**f117v**

Miss Cannell a thorough nurse  
& worker  
{written sideways}  
Manuel  
asked the  
Ford St. George's  
Candy  
dreadful  
wd have the men out of bed  
to save himself  
trouble  
{written upside down}  
*Doctors never see their orders*  
carried out. they ask the next  
{illeg} And the Orderlies if they  
can do it out of hearing of Patient  
say it is when it is not

*Lord M knows nothing of*  
Nursing

Men look sharp after  
their own diets - tell the  
Dr. if they are not too ill  
to eat

f118 faint, rough pencil notes  
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**f119v**

Doctors say A.H.C. shd be better  
trained but want more Sisters  
that the *Sisters* may do it-  
Dr. Manuel wd show Orderlies  
how to "pack" but only  
at Sisters' suggestion  
They never tried to train  
their Orderlies except  
at Sisters' suggestion  
Doctors  
*-did not like the Sisters to have  
anything to do with bedpan or motions*  
-Sisters may see after beds  
& bowels  
& washing *if they like* - if not, no  
-Patients may lie in their dirt  
Orderlies not know how to change  
sheets or shirts of helpless Patients  
And Sisters not interfere  
{upside down}  
Book St  
Petersham Row Smith  
{written on the side}  
{illeg}

**f120**

Queen Charlotte's  
patients with peritonitis  
septicaemia  
cellulitis  
all kinds of puerperal diseases  
sent to 222 Marylebone Road  
Dr Broadbent's poultices for chest  
1 table spoonful mustard  
5 " " linseed  
on brown paper - thickness of a penny  
bandaged on & kept on for 8 or 9 hours  
does not cake too quick an irritation  
& does not make so sore. [Pneumonia  
packing for Typhoid

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**f121** faint pencil notes on env

Mrs Fellowes Feb 21/83

**f122** pencil notes on env

Miss Young Gabari

to March 6

Remleh

till end

Gabari press

main thing against the Orderlies

is that they are men & not

women - the best of them

dislike the work.

Dr Loftus best for fussing about

f122v

likes women

women Nurses

women Patients

can't illeg Orderlies

wd like a F.M. Ward

in St T's

detail neglected

in Military

Hospls

{upside down}

Corpls exam not Clinical



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**f124v**

Fever Hospl Dept  
Head? trained at Edinburgh  
3 mo  
?Assistant Supt  
who looks after Probrs?  
sees they're not too young  
sees after breakfasts  
Nurse don't do bed panning  
Sees after disinfection  
do Probrs catch fever?  
what isolation?

Probationers

**f125**

Miss Gibson (Brownlow Hill) May 29/83 [13:670-73]  
Night Nursing  
No Supt of N.N. No Charge Nurses  
even-  
Only Probrs, no one to refer to -  
& only 3 months' old Probrs  
after 3 mo Probn they go on  
night duty for 3 mo.  
They learn nothing during the  
night. For there is no one to ~~for~~/teach  
them  
Nurses make up all the  
night draughts - have bottles  
of Chloral, Bromide &c to make  
up from - Probrs used to  
do this. I made ~~Night~~ Nurses  
do it  
After 3 mo Night Nursing,  
Probrs come back to day -  
I would not let Probrs go  
on night duty till they have

**f125v**

done their year's training -  
& then they should go on night  
duty for more than 3 mo -  
perhaps a year -

But there should be a Lady  
Night Supt probably two,  
because the ~~Night~~/Male & Female  
Hospitals are two minutes  
walk apart.

But if this cannot be  
on account of expence,  
& want of sleeping accommn  
in Home, then

put in two charge Nurses,  
one in each building -

Miss Cadbury could do this  
without any authorizn or  
further expence. And let them  
sleep with the Night Nurses.

**f126**

We have a great many  
Amputations & operations  
(& Ovariectomies - but these  
have Special Nurses)  
And these are left in the  
hands of 3 months old  
Probrs, who may have from  
70 to 150 Patients to attend to  
& no one to help them.

I go round 3 or 4 times  
a week, from midnight to  
2 or 3 am. But when  
I've been round, they know  
I shan't come again: & they  
know I shan't come next  
night. I find pauper  
helpers regularly tacked  
up to sleep for the night.

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**f126v**

Dr. Alexander. Surgical &  
Lying in  
he does not understand that  
the Night Nursing is done by  
3 months' old Probrs.  
he was shocked when I told  
him - & ~~pressed him~~/promised to do  
something - but he did  
nothing

It seems all as if it were  
the rule - & no one was to  
alter it

Girl Night Probr told to give  
a Subcutaneous Injection - never  
heard of one - fortunately I came  
by - there was no one else -  
They have to do the poultices - give  
the breakfasts but not to do  
anything when Day Nurse comes on duty  
They sit in Stores off each Ward

**f127**

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Probationers -  
Our Probrs 23 to 26 years of age  
about 35 Probrs about 65 in  
all 22 charge Nurses  
Miss Bramwell of Derby's Probrs  
come for a year: often only 21 years  
of age

Ours come to stay with us  
for 3 years - 1 yr's training  
2 yrs charge Nurses

But they are shifted about  
as Charge Nurses every 4  
months - they have about  
2 x 8 months in this way -  
rest of time on two or three  
mo in Fever - 3 mos - in Lying-  
in Hospl

They go at the end of 3  
years - they fancy they are made  
to go -

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**f127v**

5 Lady Probrs - 4 very good.

a few very good Lady Charge Nurses - one in the Infirm charge -

Infirm charge very heavy - ought to be given first & then promoted to Surgical can't keep the cases dry Surgical charge/landing used to be a disgrace. now very good you see they change about every 4 months.

One or two good teachers - good Ward managers - But they were given to understand that the Assistant (Miss Huguenin) took charge of

**f128**

Probrs now it is different - One charge Nurse & 2 Probationers in Surgical Divn that is considered full staff -

1500 or 1600 beds in winter  
1200 in summer.

150 fever beds in winter - typhus & typhoid obliged to send scarlet fever to Netherfield

50 in summer -  
3 Nurses fever during winter  
2 died

0 no they will not wash an old woman except her face if she has been washed the day before -

Plenty of catheter duty in the old woman paralytic ward

**f128v**

Infirm Wards too heavy  
for any one - cannot keep  
the infirm old ladies dry &  
sweet (alderman's beds)  
sheet put over all -

not enough change of bed  
linen - even if we had  
presents of bed linen  
could not get them washed  
Lady Charge Nurse always at  
work

One or two nurses work  
morally at their Patients  
Reaney, a girl of 21, has  
most influence over her Patients  
gets them about her to sing  
& read

No systematic training of  
Probationers in ~~W~~/any part of Hospl

**f129**

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Fever Hospl  
ooh what a nice charge -  
Nurse Pugh - the one trained  
at Edinburgh is at the head  
with about 3 charge Nurses  
to each side (6) & Probationers  
(in winter bout 15)  
Nursing good - great care  
about feeding - sponging -  
going to Patient frequently to  
see if he is hot or cold -  
lying comfortably on back &c  
wards very good - windows  
on both sides - best in  
Infirmary - separate building  
- cottage for Nurses  
In rest of building, wards on  
each side passage - only  
windows on one side

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**f130v**

Dr. Robertson            Medical &  
   Fever

Probrs take the temprs but  
Nurse Pugh keeps the charts

Nurse Pugh will ~~keep~~ give  
sleeping draughts without Medl  
orders - will not report sudden fall  
of temperatures - 103 to 97  
Probrs or rather Charge Nurses  
are taken off in middle of  
Charge - out in to Fever Hospl  
for month or two, whenever  
convenient - then come back  
to Home - gossipping - if ill,  
other Nurses make an outcry  
- say they are forced in - ought  
only to be sent if volunteer - too  
young - shd only be sent at end of

**f131**

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& only if they volunteer

No discipline - too great  
liberty of going out -

Then the coming back into  
Home where less liberty  
disturbing -

Charge Nurses have more  
liberty than home Probrs  
who have only 2 hours a day

Fever Hospl wants a  
Lady Assisstt Probr more  
than any - Nurse Pugh might  
be transferred to my place of  
Assistant

But then who is to teach  
the Probrs?

**f131v**

No one to look after  
Probationers - except a  
sort of Stewardess  
no one to see they have  
their breakfasts, before  
going into Wards  
they are too young - 23 to 26 -  
or even 21

**f132**

Nurses do no bed panning  
in Fever Hospl - all done  
by paupers - quite resent  
the idea I tell them the  
importance of seeing the  
typhoid stools  
taking urine carried on  
thee

Nurse Pugh will watch  
Mr. Staples if later by {illeg}  
to do this & report to him  
But she can't report  
them to Doctor unless told  
to do so in some special  
case  
Nurse Pugh

**f132v**

Nurse Pugh has typhus  
herself now -  
- Fever Probrs talk with  
the other Probrs  
but in their cotton gowns  
- in the open air

Miss Stains sends her Probrs in  
to learn Scarlet Fever - So our  
Probrs come short in that  
Miss Stains horror of Typhus  
lost 2 Nurses (District) last  
winter from Typhus  
Pity Typhoid does not go into  
general Wards

Add Mss 49623

**f133**

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Lying in Hospl

Nurse Sharples - Midwife

- woman you would not have  
for a servant

charge Nurse by day: a Probr  
night: same: 6 wks old  
3 or 4 Probrs

It may therefore happen that  
a confinement be conducted  
by a Probr 3 weeks old -  
& a quite fresh Probr  
certificated as monthly Nurses  
in 1 mo:

as Midwives!!

in 3 "

Dr. Alexander always supposed  
to be called in for abnormal  
cases -  
Sharples willing to be called up

**f133v**

at night - but seldom is -  
no Assistant Midwife -  
~~Night~~ Probrs called up at night  
- see all the cases -  
but lyings in conducted as said  
by 3 weeks old }  
& 1 day old } Probrs  
One certificated Nurse - very  
good example -  
saw 22 cases  
conducted 25 - among which  
3 abnormal cases  
1 still born  
2 cross births  
She was lucky

Add Mss 49623

**f134**

impropriety - exposure  
case of haemorrhage before  
birth - quite exposed -  
died - Student, Sharples  
& Probr there -  
we are sent for, if anything  
abnormal  
Miss Cadbury, as trained (1 mo!!)  
generally goes -

Guardians afraid of rate payers  
wd set anything to rights if  
told

Women do well -  
Children do badly - born fine -  
turn yellow, shrivel & die in a few  
days - believe it is from Sanitary  
causes - Dr. Alexander does not -  
but after he had had all the wards cleansed  
& done up, infants lived

**f134v**

no systematic teaching  
or indeed any teaching  
in Lying-in Dept at all  
no moral influence exercised  
over lying-in women, chiefly  
unmarried -  
ought to be a Lady Midwife  
-also to teach Probrs  
Nurse Sharples just sends them  
hither & thither  
Dr. Alexander gives one  
lesson a mo: purely theoretical  
-Probrs for one Mo: only have  
one lesson - for 3, 3 -  
Questions answered for a certificate  
quite ridiculous - any one cd answer  
No practical Examn  
Quite unfit for monthly Nurses

Add Mss 49623

**f135**

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Governor - 3 years old - over all  
Nurses constantly sent for  
by all the Clerks -  
Matron obliging but quite  
common

Miss Gibson's business -  
to take round Patients letters  
- that occupies 4 hours - but  
shows me wards -  
tobacco on Saturday - that  
occupies some time  
classes to Probationers 3 times  
a week  
but some are so illiterate -

f136 pencil notes, faint re Egypt

**f136v**

Miss King  
Miss Knight  
of Carthage - told  
Miss Norman - same  
thing to Miss Stewart -  
uncontrollable temper said  
insulting things did not know what  
she said -

nice little party of Civil Nurses - 2 from St. Bart's  
Miss Styring & self - then came in the Mily Nurses  
nothing but talk gossiping about me -

retire to each Ward  
kept to his scavenging  
used by Orderlies

Miss King now at Castle  
under Miss Stewart  
- was Supt at Gaza  
who said she had  
learnt nothing  
at Netley  
Woolwich  
& could teach  
nothing

Add Mss 49623

**f137**

Dr. Donovan - capital man  
Dr. Macreary Sanitary Medl  
Officer - most attentive  
- came round at night - fed  
Patients himself -

Wardmaster promoted for  
compoundg  
Orderly took in the Med. Officers  
- went round with them  
When their backs were turned  
drunk - dangerous in Ward  
unkind to Patients  
no use reporting him  
but some Orderlies very good  
not Netley orderlies  
all drunk for two days after  
their pay  
Not promoted for Nursing  
Doctors, not all, wd tell them  
what to do -

**f137v**

Military  
Sisters have  
not their heart  
in their work - care  
for neither their work  
nor their Patients - only care  
for their position See people  
they would not see allowed in  
Orderlies say Military Sisters do nothing  
Civil Sisters do Netley Orderlies not  
so good as the Aldershot Orderlies - The Aldershot  
Miss Jerrard ones did wish the Sisters to teach them  
& Miss Young - no gentlewomen - no principle  
came to Cairo kept in order at home - break  
Miss Jerrard out abroad  
went over Abbasiyeh no use telling Mrs. D.  
with a gentleman always talking about  
& then said she what Dr. is  
married

Add Mss 49623

**f138**

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Miss Winterton Nov 2/83 [15:963]

Patients/men so dreaded the young  
M.O.s - looked for the Surgeon  
Major

A.H.C. men thought the Sisters  
a "bother" - they want to be let  
alone & do as they like when  
MO not there -  
did not like Miss Gerrard: so imperious  
Quartermaster no tact  
Hind - good man - defended  
his men - wd talk quietly  
to a man instead of having  
him up

no hours off allowed the men  
they told them

N.C.O.S always away at  
Barrackroom or Canteen  
when M.O.s not there  
came to see us

[end]

**f139**

Miss Norman Nov 19/83 [15:964]

A.H.C. We're nobody's children  
The Medl Offrs don't stand up  
for us. The Military look down  
upon us - Nobody looks after  
us -

Lt of Orderlies: Mullins: Netley  
very good man. Temperance  
real Xtianity - looks after the  
men & tries to do them good

Tobin - Longmore's Assistant  
only man who takes any  
interest in his cases: very good  
to the men: gives them admissions  
to Hospl when discharged  
Doctors take no interest in

**f139v**

their work

Add Mss 49623

**f140**

Medical                    Surgical Div  
                             -Sister Grey  
                             Miss Norman  
                             -Miss Brown

all new Sisters  
all ladies but Sister Gray  
all with Civil training  
all nice

only 2 Probrs  
no training at all -

**f140v**

Orderlies do nothing of Nursing  
if a Patient can't make his  
own bed, a friend or fellow  
Patient makes it  
Sisters do just what they  
like - they may train Orderlies  
if they like - if not, not -  
Orderlies ought to be made

[end]

**f141**

Miss Ehrenborg Nov 30/83                    [12:374-75]  
Learnt nothing at all in Elizabeth  
Sister Alexandra a good cook  
Patients delighted with her dishes  
came into me Ovariectomy case in  
small Ward & examined me on  
hip diseases  
Miss Solly (Albert) discipline  
Stewart (Arthur)  
& I suppose Miss Hogg best teachers  
saw 4 Operations  
learnt Operations & Catheter  
at Laserson's (Tottenham)  
4 months capital practice  
operations & accidents  
I the only pupil did what I liked  
but attended all the operations

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**f142v**

3 Probrs every week 3rd  
becomes 2nd 2nd first & so on  
very good rule  
3rd often gets the best dressing  
1st takes one side  
2nd the other  
perhaps Sister does the dressings  
3rd does extra beef Tea - some  
dusting, Lavatories, but is called  
up often for the best dressings  
Mr. Croft so careful as to  
whether Patients prepared for  
death - Sidney Jones not at all  
Mr. Croft capital to Probrs  
I liked him so much

**f143**

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Sweden - I so glad to be the  
means of giving the Swedish  
ladies a sphere to exercise their  
LOVE & their higher motives  
Queen very practical - can  
cut out said Swedish ladies  
could not work - Crown Princess  
learnt to cook - cooked a dinner  
for her husband - Princess Royal  
takes interest in work of Nursing [end 12:375]  
Miss Crossland - thought when  
my year was over I had never  
seen anyone I loved so much in  
all my life She has such a  
motherly heart - all love - all  
conscientious - delights in her Classes  
- a born teacher  
power of governing

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**f144v**

Miss Pirrie - high, noble motives  
high idea of nursing - great  
Xtian woman - no power of  
order or discipline - ward all  
confusion - cd not manage Probrs  
but so conscientious - liked her  
the best except for Miss Palmer  
Leavesly - great power of  
independence - self-reliance  
but always second to her Sisters  
young or old - great gift  
Miss Young - high motives - great  
talker- did not wash backs  
or keep Patients clean - or make  
beds -  
Miss Winterton - capital all thro'

**f145**

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{archi: [c. 1883]}

Miss Hogg (Sister Charity) only  
one who taught me anything  
never had given an enema  
till I went there -  
never been taught poultices  
we always burn the Patients  
temp shd not be about 100  
Miss Hull teaches nothing  
~~but~~ could teach every thing  
but example of good Ward  
management  
Miss Goodman teaches nothing  
Miss I Stewart teaches  
But I knew nothing till Sister  
Charity taught me

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**f147** {arch: [1883]}

Things not noticed at all  
Miss Masson  
burning illeg foot  
Miss Ferris Jackson  
left to wash Psoas  
abscess man  
alone  
a fortnight old  
Sisters' records tell  
so little

f148  
Miss Pomeroy Jones  
my going to Vic & Alb  
Miss Scott Miss Moncrieff  
Probrs of 18  
Miss Huguenin  
Mr Croft wonderfully particular  
Dormitory Pigeonholes  
Night Supt  
Mr Rathbone's  
Bon Cater  
Lavatory  
a pound  
tea pots  
Boracic  
Glyceride  
to heal fingers  
upside down:  
London  
Miss P Jones  
Crumpsall N. Infirmary  
Manchester  
/Miss Pyne  
Private Nursing  
at home

**f148v**

x \_\_\_\_\_ Hogg best teacher  
F.M.  
Hall good as to dress  
{upside down}  
*illeg*  
*not attending to*  
*by Sisters*

**f150**

Sister Alexandra's Catheter -giving  
on the back without exposing Patient

Add Mss 49623

better than Miss Flockton's

Sister {illeg} nice reads newspapers  
to men in afternoon - & book to women

Nurses Goff, Leavesly, Mary Smith  
(Christian) good

Probr Share good

S. Alex "so good in taking share of  
washing dirty Patients, bed cases praying

by Patients Irish R.C. Father Dix

Drink cause of almost all accidents

" " Magdalens - step mothers  
in drink turning them out of doors -  
-also making money

Miss Flockton very good at explaining cases  
cards, both she & S. Alexa what you are to do

why you are to do it what you are to

look for - Miss F. very good with her

Patients - darning

St ones

S. Alexa wd make you do all the beds over  
again

Add Mss 49623

**f150v**

		Jan 16/84	Week
Miss Wyld			
came Jan 22/83			
F.M. Xtian	Miss Flockton		1 wk
M.S. Leopold	Prince		4
" Albert	Palmer		4
M.M. Arthur	Stewart	4	
M.S. Albert		4	_____
		2 mo M.M.	
	Palmer	4	_____
		3 months	
Obstetric	Holloway	4	_____
		1 month	
F.M. Xtian	Young		3
" "	Flockton		3
		1 7 wk F.M.	
Magd Whyte		4	_____
		1 mo Mag	
F.S. Alexandra	I Stewart	4	
		4	_____
		2 mos F.S.	

**f151**

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At St. T.'s lectures too difficult [12:375]  
for Probrs - Home Sister  
does not know how difficult  
they are to novices -  
~~Her~~ a Dr. Bernays writes a 'note'  
on the blackboard, & we had  
to learn it by heart - his 'note'  
is concise & clear -  
Miss Crossland's classes  
excellent but we had not  
to write for those - & she  
had taken the notes herself  
of Bernays's Lectures &  
gave us the advantage of  
them - We had not to write  
for the Lectures - we - Nurse Probrs

Add Mss 49623

**f151v**

No sufficient time is given to the Specials to write or read up for the Lectures - Their Study hours are not enough - And they are obliged to do it in their Recreation times And this is not right - Foot-sore & weary they cannot work. Miss Wyld used to get up early & do her Lectures - but generally the Specials give up their exercise & do them - It is very hard, the year's

**f152**

training, physical & ~~mor/intell~~ mental, for Probrs. But if you get thro' it, there is nothing like it.

[end 12:375]

**f153**

Miss Peddie	Jan 18/84
came April 8/82	
F.S. Alexandra	Isla Stewart 7
F.M. Charity	Prince 4
M.S. Leopold	? 1 mo
" Edward	Hull 4 tired
F.S. Alexa	Hydrople 1 /7 wks/F.S.
M.M. George	Hogg <u>8 mo/2 mo</u>
F.M. Xtian	Young 4

**f153v**

Jones	Stockwell
run down	washing linen
Edward	of the Psoas abscess
	Leopold
Starling	Mrs F.

Add Mss 49623

**f154** {arch: 1884}

Miss Peddie  
Night Reports  
Sister Edward does not tell us  
    She put down my Cleanliness  
of Utensils only moderate  
but she never told me

S. Alexandra best teacher  
S. Edward best tone &  
    order in Ward  
*S. George does not teach at  
all*  
Never saw any Sister pray or  
    speak with a dying Patient  
liked Christian on the whole  
    tho' a very depressing Ward  
better than Charity

**f154v**

Miss Young (S. Xtian) very  
good natured - says she is  
inexperienced - looks at  
cases with the Probr - nurse  
Mary Smith very good Nurse  
but does not teach at all  
disliked us perhaps -  
    did not see Patients neglected  
no Xmas show -  
Miss Prince (S. Charity)  
very kind & gentle Nurse  
Bailey a terror - Chandler  
(Night Nurse) very good  
tolerably good order

f155

George . When I went round  
with Dr Haddon (Registrar) &  
he taught me, S George called  
me off 7 stopped it  
S George no nurse.  
Case-taking can only be down  
on special cases  
Yes, if Sp Probr unless there  
is anything particular to be  
done, could go round with  
sister & Resident - then when  
sister & Staff Nurse are  
both engaged, go round  
with Resident or House

Add Mss 49623

Surgeon herself -but if she  
goes she knows nothing

Add Mss 49623

**f155v**

Sp Pr to see Operations in  
Obstetrics

about the nights - Sister  
should direct her attention  
to the Night Report, tho' it  
only gives sleep & bowels  
while washing a Patient  
Probrs can get information  
for herself -  
Night Report generally  
kept in sister's drawer  
no Probrs attention directed  
to the nights by Sister  
Yes, Probrs often put to  
cut bandages at table  
while Sister going round  
with Residents

**f156**

Miss Peddie [12:375]  
When a fortnight old made to  
give *subcutaneous injection*  
*without* ever being shown or having  
even seen one given  
Told to *wash helpless men patients without*  
ever being shown She washed  
private pts thinks this not often  
done  
is sure that Probrs often set to  
wash helpless Patients without  
knowing how or being shown  
& Patients *often left damp*

S. Alexandra showed us how to  
wash helpless women Patients  
1st Ward  
Miss Wyld saw the Breast Cancer  
disease requiring [illeg]  
Patient left Hospital

**f157**

Miss Peddie's brother is *Ohio*  
*agent to an Agrl Compy*  
financial with an army of  
Clerks

Add Mss 49623

**f157v**

Miss Bayliss - Leopold  
confusion - drive -  
such bad cases - 2 Psoas  
abscesses -

Mrs. Fellowes liked to be  
asked about everything  
(while ill) Doctors said  
must not take anything to her

Mrs. Fellowes makes  
Probrs wash linen from Psoas  
abscess cases - only fit  
the Dressing pail

Nurse Stockwell had  
scratched her finger with  
wire of Soda Water bottle  
then washes Psoas abscess linen  
that was the day she lost her  
finger - there was no one to tell her

[end 12:375]

**f158**

Sheen very good  
Grigg inferior but good  
Jones - wd be good but  
she was run down in Edward  
Starter good

**f158v**

never an instruction in  
washing men Patients between blankets  
Nurse Heaseman in George  
did do a case with me -  
or in undressing men  
or in temperature of hot bottles  
or putting them in  
Flannel bags  
or in tempe of poultices  
poultices a good deal used  
or in fomentations  
of 13 Probrs examined  
only one had been in  
Victoria - & for 9 days

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**f159**

Miss Fenn  
came May 7 1883 weeks  
Ophthalmic Hatcher 3 1/2  
M.S. Albert Palmer 8  
M.M. George Hogg 3  
Ophthalmic 1 1/2  
M.S. Leopold Entwistle 4 Sister's duty  
Magdalen Whyte 4  
Victoria Sister's duty /  
7 mo

**f160**

Miss Fenn Jan 23/84  
one year at Children's Hospital  
Liverpool (Miss Roxburgh) [?]  
3 months at Charing Cross Hospl  
3 Sister Dora's Walsall  
now under Sister Ellen  
Children's Hospl Liverpool  
one landing boys  
" girls  
one Fever Ward  
3 Head Nurses  
all the others Probrs  
all ladies one to every 7 or 8  
beds  
nearly 100 beds -  
take them as early as 21  
The two Probationers of the large Ward  
always go round with the  
Head Nurse with every  
Doctor's visit, Resident or House  
Thus they learn most

**f160v**

At St. Thomas', not only is  
this not done, but there is a  
prohibition against it  
Of course the Probrs must stay  
behind if there is a  
draping to be put up again  
- but that is the exception  
I cannot say whether the  
Head nurses teach more  
than the Sisters at St. T.'s  
but the Probationers learn  
much more about the cases  
because of this going round  
with the Doctors at Lpool  
The Night Reports at

**f161**

Lpool are not shown to  
the Probrs - this is a mistake  
At St. T.'s, only if there are  
three Doctors in the Ward  
together, Sister will {illeg}  
Staff with the other, does  
Senior Probr go round  
with the Medl {illeg}  
{2 lines illeg}

If the only {illeg} is to  
make a good nurse, the  
Lpool plan best where  
Probr is responsible for  
the same beds during the

**f161v**

months she is in the Ward  
If the plan is at St.  
Thomas' to make the  
Probr fit for a Sister in  
charge of a Ward then  
the St. Thomas' plan of  
Probr changing sides is  
best.

But there it is necessary  
for Probrs to accompany  
Sister with Doctors

At St. T.'s 2 House  
Doctors every day -  
Resident does not go  
to all beds - only to those  
particular cases, or where

**f162**

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*House*

Miss Scott (Victoria) initiated  
all clothes being supplied  
{illeg} washing do {illeg}  
{illeg} parents give 3d a  
week. [She got the  
clothes made by her friends.]

She does not allow *any*  
*children* visitors. But by  
the rules of the Hospl  
3 Visitors may come together -  
& then 3 - & then 3 -  
So there may be 9 in  
relays  
Still there are Epidemics  
in spite of all she does

**f163v**

Yes, I think children  
are better in a ward by  
themselves you can laugh  
& chat with them more  
- that would not do in  
a Women's Ward  
would destroy all  
discipline Not good  
for children to be nursed  
good for the adults not  
for the children - mixed  
wards

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**f164**

10 South St W.

Feb 29/84

Miss Wyld most likely Matron's Assistt

Styring Home Sister

Webster

Jackson

& not till then

Peddie

{upside down}

Constable first rate best influence

among her men & boys

Nurses

Bayliss - very rough Magdalens

Night Nurse

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**f165v**

Miss Rye's address

Mrs. Fellowes Hambrook

Thompson Maunders

Extra 3 Probrs

Peddie Webster

Applications

Miss Barff Miss Stains

Miss Gordon

Sisters' fees

Miss Rees

Sister's Reports Miss Rees

March 8

Salycelic Silk

Powder

fluff of

Dandelion

Miss Airy slow to

heal

f166 pencil notes [early 1884]

two Sisters off duty flirting

with one of the medical Staff

in a ward

Is that the tone? High Ch: lady

of St Thomas'

? Isla Stewart

Flockton

Hogg

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Goodman

Add Mss 49623

**f167v**

Nurse persuades the Doctor  
She is

When we were *Junior Probrs* you  
said when we are *Seniors*  
we will not be ~~like~~/so as those are  
we will help the juniors  
but we did not  
So the Staff Nurses forget  
when she was

**f168**

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{arch: with-1884?}

No one taught me tempe of  
hot water bottles

*Miss Fletcher (Arthur)* left it  
all to me in Arthur  
taught {illeg}  
look after the Ward herself

Miss Stewart (Arthur) best  
Nurse taught {illeg}

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**f169v**

Charity

Miss Prince does a good deal  
of the most disagreeable cases  
herself - best Sisters do  
the leader's power to teach

S. Ophthalmia first rate

Children

**f170**

- 2 years at Pendlebury Children's Hospital
- Miss Jackson - a capable person - with considerable power of observation & conclusion on what she sees - not much fitted for influence - not of a very high cast of devotion to the work - would prefer perhaps Pay Patients' work - power of training doubtful
- Miss Wyld a person perfectly well satisfied with every one else which is good - & with herself, which is not so good: will never rise high: but will do well in a certain manner what she has to do.
- Miss Webster some surprise at her having undertaken the work at all - will probably never throw her heart into it - yet susceptible of influence - good at theory - has travelled - is rather the 'Miss Young' genus.
- Miss Peddie extraordinarily different from all the rest, full of power: of emotion: of high aspirations - yet very practical. has been in Ohio & worked hard - with strong enthusiasms - will make enemies
- ~~Miss Fergu~~ & cause trouble perhaps be domineering - a great big handsome woman of weight in body & mind - with possible a touch of genius - may do great good - might do some harm - thinks herself cleverer than perhaps she is - perhaps will not easily obey & thus will set people against her - nevertheless should be capable of guiding & training & even 'mothering' others with more experience - with the elements of greatness & also of smallness - a thorough gentlewoman & woman who knows the world. Her career will not be smooth but it will be always aspiring & enthusiastic - must be looked forward to with hope but with anxiety
- Miss Fenn - from Children's Hospital, Liverpool - a person of deep religious feeling & purpose - wishes to do the work from the highest motives - very high in theory - can discriminate in her experience - & judge, conclude & act wisely in her discrimination & self-inspection - rather deficient in practice or rather in the niceties of practice -

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**f171v**

All these ladies are people of conscientious  
work: of considerable attainment -

Miss Wyld is a person who will always  
think that *she* can do what she sees -  
she is therefore of little use in criticizing  
her own work: This is a thing not  
sufficiently regarded in the practical  
examn of Probrs - Others have the same  
defect in a greater or less degree -  
Miss Peddie has much the greatest power  
of them all - & has the defects of power  
somewhat undisciplined - & of very strong affection  
She will commit errors which women of less  
power would not - She will never be popular  
with 'Sisters' - but will have great influence with  
& devotion from her juniors.

Miss Fenn is a woman of very high moral purpose  
& of discrimination -

Miss Jackson is a more capable & much more  
observing & discriminating Miss Wyld -

Miss Webster is an agreeable & intelligent woman  
with little of the Nurse -

In power of PROGRESS they might be classed as follows:

Miss Peddie

" Fenn

" Jackson

" Webster

" Wyld

2/2/84



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**f175**

Frau v. Lützerode                      May 24/84  
before Ovariectomy

    all walls, floors, presses, everything  
of wood washed with carbolic  
acid 2 p.c.

    for 3 days before carbolic  
spray every 2 hours: 2 hands spray  
2 hours after

    windows open all night  
operating table brought in  
    patient operated on a {illeg}  
In England Matrons not centres  
    but expansion

    no Military Hospitals in  
    time of peace have women  
Nurses

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**f176v**

Beale Cheltenham

    instructions most conscientious feverish  
girls/~~children~~ too eager  
    how will it be at other end  
of life

    I fear the nervous system,  
the brain have been too  
much stimulated & will  
break down.

    It is not quantity (they do  
nothing in the afternoon)  
it is quality        which  
is too much

    Physiology fit only for  
Doctors

    while we want so much  
Nurses & housekeepers  
we need not be training for  
Lady Doctors

Add Mss 49623

**f177** {black-edged}

Miss Anderson            June 1/84  
  came to us Oct. 1882  
Assistant Night Supt since Dec 1883  
  with Miss Estcourt  
Miss Hogg taught me more than  
  any Sister  
can tell the tone of the Ward  
  Sister from the tone of the Ward  
even in Night Supce - such a  
difference -  
no good tone in Xtian  
Cook in Elizth  
King in Edward            good  
Chandler Charity        Night Nurses  
Maunder Leopold  
                        Scotch caution  
Leopold - tone of a highly bred  
  gentlewoman - manners &  
  discipline among the men  
Edward - tone of great care &  
  regularity

**f177v**

  some Sisters, Sister Charity does, talk  
to the very sick Patients for comfort -  
  but it has not much effect on the  
tone of the ward            Nurse Bayley  
neutralized that - (very clever Nurse -  
think it has a good effect when  
Sisters do it - because Patients know  
Sister is in charge of them, is kind to  
them & knows them.

  [I told Miss Anderson how Patients  
(Fanny) she had never spoken to had

Dr. Bernays: most

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**f178**

Dinner at 10 am

Baked meat

no broth

no stews

except stewed ~~meat~~/Beef  
rarely green vegetables

-effect of responsibility on

Sisters & Nurses very great  
Hospital life makes some better  
& some worse

Miss Fisher

**f178v**

Some Sisters will if they know that  
Probrs will have to go round with  
the Resident or House Surgeon tell  
the Probrs about such & such a Patient's  
night & enable her to answer  
questions. And I used to possess  
myself of the Night book.

never was any one so new to

Hospital work as I. I did  
not even know the terms till I got  
Hoblyn. Miss Estcourt & I  
always look out the next morning  
in our books any remarkable case  
in the night -

Home Sister taught us symptoms &  
effect of medicines - got Garrod's M.M.  
so surprised & charmed at the friendly  
reception after coming from France  
Home Sister received me at the door - had  
tea in her Office - so bright - my things  
brought in - introduced to Miss Gibson

**f179**

Miss Hyan                      June 18 1884                      [name?]  
would have liked to have been in  
Obstetric & Ophthalmic

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**f180**

Miss Lunt                      June 19/84  
Pendlebury Children's Hospital  
2½ years -  
Admissions of Patients from  
Central Dispensary in Manchester  
but House Surgeon is charged if  
infectious disease has been within  
half a mile of their homes - to  
isolate them on admission in  
small Wards for fortnight  
under observation              Scarlet Fever  
                                    {illeg}  
                                    Typhoid  
                                    week  
                                    Measles  
                                    & so on

He would be severely reprimanded  
by Visiting Physicians if he did  
not do this duty  
Only 3 or 6 transferred for  
infections

**f181**

Love: unpaid - Pendlebury

Strict Rules like School

Not a word against Matron

**f181v**

Self discipline  
Ward Management

Imperiousness of Nurses over Probrs  
                                    {Milne      Edward  
exceptions    {Goff              Alexa: quite a genius for  
                                    {Garrett    Obs              children

Sisters' duties

House Surgeon

**f182**

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Magdalen

Obstetric

Ophthalmic - excellent teacher

Dreads reports being seen by F.N.

Lectures: Examinations

like an M.D.'s

wading thro' books: pride to do it

without going to Sister

long walks in St. T.'s

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**f183v**

How Sister bears much of the

weight of the Hospl

but energy never flags

**f184**

Miss Overbeck            Aug 15/84            [Oberbeck]

Home Sister

her Bible lessons so

good but her life is a

preaching; she tells us at her

Bible lessons that she 'prays for us

& that makes us pray for her & for

ourselves

She is very hardworked

her classes - she takes Mr. Croft's

& lectures from the beginning & gives

them all over again much better

George taught me the most -

She does not let the ward be heavy

-everything done to the minute

She is always on the look out to

answer the Probrs questions -

Edward: ward in beautiful

order Sister teaches well

Charity - O Sister taught me a

great deal And so did Nurse

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**f184v**

Nurse does not spoil the  
Patients Dr. Ord so good  
so plain - Fanny very nice

I've made many good friends  
It is not frightful now.

**f185**

Miss Fuhrmann & 5 Sisters  
have taken charge of a Children's  
Hospital at Berlin

Miss Auerbach to have  
charge of Victoria House  
(District Nursing)

She - Miss Fuhrmann did not go round with  
the District Nurses once a month

**f185v**

What you want altered

Four days - the week - no  
going out - what with Lectures  
& classes & doing of our rooms -  
-no time for going out  
Else there is plenty of time off  
duty - 3 to 6

Home Sister works very hard  
[2 months before Examination  
- have no going out]

f186 [1884?]

Nurse Bailey not a good nurse  
leaves Probrs to clear up after her  
interrupts them 7 likes them to  
interrupt her for orders

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**f187**

Washing from  
Jan 28 to April 21 9.6 [not FN hand]  
Cab from Sanatorium 2  
to Station  
Do from Waterloo 2  
Railway fair 9.  
1.26  
The First Home [FN pencil here]  
Bournemouth  
Miss King, matron  
connected with Sanatorium  
for consumptive Patients  
who cannot leave their beds

**f186v** FN pencil note

Now if my heart gets the  
better of my head, you  
will suffer for it.  
Army Surgeon/ Dr Humby to a Patient  
who wanted to go out  
Bournemouth Sanatorium  
Matron (Housekeeper) Miss Staveley  
& 2 Nurses  
Nurse Taylor from Highgate  
(Miss Hill's)  
Head Nurse (on men's side  
Nurse on female side  
knows nothing  
never trained  
Dr Humby kind old man  
does not "test the chests" -deaf

Add Mss 49623

**f187** {not FN hand]

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Jan. 28 to April 21

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	,9.6	
Cab from Sanatorium		
to Station - - -	,2 -	
Do from Waterloo	,2 -	
Railway Fair	<u>13/9.6</u>	
	£1.2.6	

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**f187v**

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**f188** {arch: [1884]}

*Ruth Wardmaid* Obs: Operations  
Garrett Nurse - might take  
charge of Ward while Probr  
goes in to operations - Sister  
holds Patient - Nurse hands &  
changes mops &c  
Sisters when the ward is heavy  
can't teach the Junior Probrs  
in the Male Surgical -

No. 2 block liked the best  
nice Nurses - nice Patients  
2 operations every day

Pendlebury: 8 cases to each  
Probr who has charge of  
those 3/8 beds -  
3 Probrs & a Sister to each  
Ward

**f188v**

Sister Adelaide - very vulgar  
not up to this time -  
shouting down Ward: If any  
body wants bowels opened  
say now, & don't tell 'm  
in the morning you haven't  
had it done  
She does wardmaid  
Nurse does Sister -

**f189**

Yes: Probrs should go round  
with Sister with House  
Surgeon - tho' they must  
be with dressers & clerks  
in Female Wards dresser not  
allowed to open a case  
without a woman probably  
a Probr

must eat humble pie to  
learn of a Nurse

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**f189v**

Nurses - very domineering to  
Probrs. won't tell them  
Garrett &  
Leavesly tone very bad  
yet excellent  
teachers if asked  
told to ~~watch~~/wash Psoas abscess  
in Leopold, my first male  
Ward by Hambrook,  
without ever being shown  
how - Learnt nothing in  
Leopold  
shown Catheter sent to Adelaide  
& Charity for a catheter case  
before Ovarian  
shown subcutaneous Injn  
Miss Hogg good teacher

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**f191**

1884 "Practical Instructions"  
Block Adelaide a coarse uneducated old woman - below level of most  
of her  
7 A. Holloway Patients to which she is sometimes offensive as  
well as to  
Obstetric Doctors & nurses - below level of Probationers -  
teaches  
nothing  
but nurse - a good one teaches something - And  
Probationers are  
now allowed to see the petty Obstetric operations in  
Ward  
which is indispensable for their training  
3 Ophthalmia an uneducated woman but good teacher in eye cases &  
Hatcher bandaging - keeps her Ward well in hand, & a good  
example  
to Probationers in real kindness to Patients & interest  
in Patients'  
character & giving them what interests she can  
" Alexandra a very clever woman - did absolutely nothing  
herself  
Isla Stewart but has a first rate nurse (Goff - slovenly & dirty -  
but  
F.S. improved - kept no order in her Ward especially not as  
regarded Medical Staff - bad example to Probationers  
but when she took a fancy to a Special Probr, there was  
nothing she would not teach her of Ward duties & nothing  
she could not excel in teaching [changed for the worse:  
Estcourt  
" Elizabeth slack idle - lets Special Probrs do as they like,  
flirting  
Miss Goodman inclusive - bad example does nothing for Nurse  
Probationers  
F.S. worse than useless  
" Magdalen a religious woman with some insight - & has a  
humane  
Miss Fenn interest in the Magdalens: not much power, & does  
less well in Clayton (Male Surgical) than in Magdalen -  
She & Miss McBane her Assistant, - now Sister Leopold  
did not  
seem to grasp the idea of a Hospital Ward & kept out, it  
is said, the Students  
Probationers got little there. Miss Fenn has no  
ballast,  
4 Victoria an able woman but not fond of the duties - they worry  
her  
Miss Scott When we know how many Probationers she had in a year,  
it  
will be time enough to say what she taught them  
Her health has suffered & much

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Undoubtedly a good trainer, if she  
had people to train

" *Charity* a charming woman devoted religious - but under *not*  
Miss Pyne over her Nurse (Bailey) - & unable to control her in  
management

F.M. of Ward Patients, or Probationers, No order or *impartiality*  
in Ward

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Notwithstandg her great goodness, she was nobody in her

Ward

But she has now been succeeded by a much better (Squier)

" *Christian* cheerful & liked  
Miss Young impossible to say what she is or does as there is  
absolutely  
(top floor) no supervision & as to Probationers the Home Sister is  
F.M. allowed no intercourse with Sisters. The impression is  
that  
she takes everything as a frolic - Good natured, e.g. if  
the Probationers ask her a question-she admits she does

not

know & runs to a book

6 Albert one of the systematic, conscientious thorough  
trained

Miss Maggie Stewart-undoubtedly the best *Ward Sister* & best *trainer* we  
have  
M.S.  
left

. her Nurse (Leavesley) tho' capricious in her conduct to  
Probationers

& imperious is an admirable Nurse & teacher if she likes  
Sister Albert's example is the best training in her

uniform

skilful unremitting care of Patients Tho' without  
much 'aplomb of' manner is perfectly firm & in the  
right) will stand no "nonsense" An example  
in Ward order & propriety & with her Doctors - *And never*

*complains*

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1884

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Block

6 *Arthur* As she is gone, better say nothing more than that  
Miss Flockton In demeanour, she was scarcely respectable  
M.M. What could she do the Probationers but harm?

Her successor, Miss Winterton, is much better  
[Miss Flockton is now, as you know at Mildmay Park  
She is always writing or sending to me to see her -  
Hitherto I have taken no notice

What shall I *do*?

" *George* one of the systematic trainers - but chiefly in symptoms  
Miss Hogg observation of sick: results of cases, (what is called  
M.M. theoretician) in which she was invaluable, she was  
awkward & short sighted, rather 'impudent' with her  
Doctors,

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comrade)  
& her provincial training was not good She was too  
much of the comrade (& sometimes the quarrelsome  
& not the mother with her Probationers - But she made  
her work a real calling And some of her Probationers

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she helped on remarkably - Altogether she was first  
class  
7 Edward Our senior Sister 8 years standing - A class now  
Miss Hull extinct with us - Her Ward a model of order & as such  
M.S. an example to Probationers. But somehow she ~~never~~/rarely  
seemed to help her Probationers much. They did not get  
much from her. Still she must command the highest  
respect, and she did - ~~She is~~ Her work is to her  
a *life=long work* - a vocation. She kept good discipline  
" Leopold perhaps the most remarkable "Male Surgical" Sister  
Mrs. Fellowes we ever had - she took ~~all Surgeons~~/all those  
about her

by storm with  
M.S. the skill, the devotion, the rapidity, the never=wea=  
=ryingness of her work. It was admirable - There  
was nothing she would not do & could not do -  
But she was impatient, & complained of her Probationers  
instead of understanding & training them wisely  
& well - They might have learned much from  
her if they had chosen They did not choose  
And those whom she justly reproved caballed  
against her & maligned her - [She has a wretched  
successor Miss Messum

1885  
Night Supt Miss Hyam does not keep order as to hours,  
Miss Hyam: habits. As to goings-on in the Ward, kitchens, &c  
to lets the 'Specials' go to Ward Kitchens at 10 instead of  
their own rooms, (the Extras).  
She does not keep up her authority in her  
most important post - no weight - can't say anything to  
any one  
gets up at irregular hours, to go out with S. Elizth

[changes

Night Nurses on  
critical  
cases

Asst Miss Webster makes her Nursing less of a calling than almost  
any one we have had- a talker - a mischief-maker  
little practical power - seeking her own amusement

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Of our 13 Ward Sisters in 1884

2 ~~only~~ (M. Stewart - Albert Hogg George) could be said to give  
systematic ward training to Probationers {Miss M. Stewart our best  
Ward Sister as well as  
{ Training Sister

but the latter, Miss Hogg, more theoretical than practical -  
her practice not good. But she is changed for the worse: Miss Hill  
2 were most valuable Ward Sisters Miss Hull - Edward

Miss Fellowes - Leopold  
the former from ~~the~~ her extremely well-ordered Ward  
the latter from her singular ability & devotion as a Male Surgical  
Nurse: in both Wards the Probationers could not but  
learn much, IF they chose.

both Wards have changed woefully for the worse - Miss Eames  
Miss Messum

2 Sisters Arthur & Elizabeth - the less said, the better  
Sister Arthur is changed for the better: Miss Winterton

2 Sisters Ophthalmic & Adelaide are not educated women  
- the latter indeed very coarse -  
but the former teaches both Eye: cases & Bandaging well  
- the latter teaches nothing - but she has a very good  
Staff Nurse; & by dint of violent exertion, it has at last  
been secured that the Probationers see the small Ophthalmic  
Operations (in the Bath room) as they ought always to have done

1. Children's Ward. (Miss Scott) - In how many months  
during the year are there Probationers at all in this,  
perhaps the most important of all the Wards?  
[I see the List of Probationers every month - It is the exception,  
not the rule, to see one there]

Question 2 - How many months of the year is the  
Ward closed on account of Epidemics?

Question 3 How many of our Probationers have ever  
been in the Children's Ward at all? {Miss Scott is undoubtedly  
{ a good trainer

1. Sister Charity: Miss Prince: excellent woman: but in the hands  
of her Nurse: (Bailey) a clever Nurse: but extremely *not*  
*impartial*}

with the Patients }

the change is however *not* quite good for her Ward: Miss Squier

1. Sister Christian: Miss Young: gives people the idea as if her work  
were frolic

1. Sister Alexandra: (Isla Stewart): did nothing herself: or for  
Probationers  
except when she took a fancy to some Special Probationers  
& then she would teach her everything: for she was a very clever  
woman

The change is however *much* for the worse: Miss Estcourt

1. Sister Magdalen: Miss Penn: did better in Magdalen than now in

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Clayton

no ballast

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Sisters work the Probationers & are afraid of the Nurses -

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Just half the Sisters have been changed  
during the previous year 1885  
(and one only for a decidedly better)  
that is, 6 out of 12 -

not reckoning Miss Fenn, changed from  
Magdalen to Clayton (Male Surgical)

Block	Ward	1884	1885
3	Alexandra	Miss Isla Stewart	Miss Estcourt
		(was Night Supt)	no use;
		for sadly weak, & without	
		authority or discipline in her	
		Ward: Probationers can learn	
		no order from her: timid to a	
		fault, but a thorough gentlewoman	
		- Luckily Nurse Goff is the head -	
4	Charity	Miss Prince	Miss Squier
	Female Medical		
		rather inclined as a Probationer	
		(& as Home Sister pro tem) to side	
		with <del>disruptive</del> /unruly Probationers & to	
		advocate relaxing {illeg}	
		amuses herself with Doctors	
		but a good <i>trainer</i>	
6	Arthur	Miss Flockton	Miss Winterton
	(Male Medical)		
		a great improvement on the last	
		but has not come out so well	
		as was expected as a devoted	
		Sister & Training Sister	
"	George	Miss Hogg	Miss Hill
	(Male Medical)		
		a quite objectionable person in	
		Home & as pro tem Extra Nurse	
		a serious breaker of rules & leader	
		in the same line	
		seems to do better in Ward than	
		expected but too early days to tell	
		more real principle than her fellow	
		conspirators	
7	Edward	Miss Hull	Miss Eames
		nothing very grand as a Probationer	
		-too early days to tell what she will	
		be as a Ward Sister - She is not	
		an educated	
		woman - & not much {illeg}	
"	Leopold	Miss Fellowes	Miss Messum
	(Male Surgical)		
			tho'
			timid}
			is
			uppish
			}

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a melancholy fall indeed  
so awkward as a Probationer  
caused a serious injury to a Patient  
did not do well as Assistant in Magdalen  
interferes with Surgeons in Leopold, tho' thought  
very timid

{written in the right margin}  
It is however too early  
to say what these 6 new  
Sisters will be: Good speed  
to all of them!

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Messum & Fenn both presume to say *when* to Doctors doctors don't  
report to Matron about any shortcomings

**f198**

Miss Pirrie Oct 19/85

[13:694-95]

900 beds in Belfast Workhouse  
Infirmary  
(not Lunatics or Fever)  
Male Medical & Surgical 3 Nurses  
1 has 150 beds) 350 beds  
Female " 4 "  
Children 2 Nurses 150 "  
Lying-in Beds 300 Lyings in  
2 Midwife a year  
& daughter  
14 Nurses - not trained  
Nurses - have got them an uniform  
have not got them a dining room  
they can't dine separate in their  
own living room  
wards I had divided down the  
middle with partition not up  
to ceiling

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Men Patients have no clothes  
so that they *can't* go out - we  
could not manage them without  
But they go from Ward to Ward  
- putting a blanket ~~off~~/over their  
night shirts & we *can't* prevent  
it And we're obliged to have  
in the Police - One little child  
who died - covered with sores  
whenever he ~~had~~ felt pain when  
they were dressed used to call out  
"Murder: Police" -

they know they *can't* be turned out

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In 3 years only one death, Lyings in  
about 300 a year  
I delivered 50 cases  
only one wrong presentation -(breech  
2 haemorrhages  
3 moves of Lying in Cases  
delivery wards 2 {illeg}  
convalescent  
workhouse -  
or discharged  
[F.N. But do you follow them till  
the month's end?]  
Ovariectomy - Nurse let the poor  
women get up to fetch a drink  
on the 9th day And she died of  
Peritonitis

[F.N. Send me Statistics

**[end 13:695]**

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ff201-04 notes from interview with Pirrie

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Miss Pirrie                    Lying in  
Washing {illeg}  
Delivery {illeg}  
Convalescent in Ward  
  [Puerperal Fever cases    {illeg]  
    very few                    Hospl Fever  
                                  Wards]  
350 to 40 Lying in cases a year  
  all able to give milk  
one untrained Midwife, R.C., who  
  has been there 20 years  
delivers them all & works day & night  
normal & abnormal at 22 a year  
  A Probationer who has been  
thro' two years' training now  
takes the place of her Assistant  
  - keeps all the books  
-Midwife cannot write -  
  - linen & clothes books  
  - books of all the cases -  
6 months in Lying in Wards  
  before London Obstetric Socy Exam

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or Dublin King's - Queen's College  
  of Physicians  
Obstetrical Socy Exam {illeg}  
  the {illeg}  
I went thro' it  
I give all the lessons to the Probrs  
Dr gives none  
Midwife none  
A fortnight between written & oral Examn  
  of Obstetrical Socy

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**f203** {arch: [1882-85]}

Medical Dressers  
Miss Hawthorn

Miss Fellowes - Probr 2  
Mrs.  
a grandmother

the two I {illeg}  
Sister Thomas: now at Alexandria  
most objectionable  
flirty: scarcely respectable at Egypt  
[dictatorial {illeg}]  
Miss Caulfield thinks so much {illeg}  
saluting  
Why, we had better do our duties as  
quietly as possible

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Blocks

Nurse Davies 3 Useful in this position - quiet, trustworthy; not  
X strong

Oph Out-Patients

" J. Cooper Very steady and attentive

Oph. N.

" Blake An untiring and unflinching worker, thoroughly alive to  
Alex. D. the

needs of a bad case; less observant in ordinary cases.  
Conscientious and open to correction.

" Radford An excellent nurse and a nice woman; leaving in June,  
Alex. N. to be married.

" Ramsden Very intelligent, gentle and refined; experienced and  
Eliz. D. trustworthy.

" Duncan A very good and pleasant nurse - quite in the first rank  
Eliz. N.

" Rawdon

Victoria D. Clever, experienced, and in many respects amiable; a  
little to the showy side, and Sister has to use some  
firmness

kindly.

" Graham Intelligent and very attentive. Trustworthy. Not yet  
very

Victoria N. experienced. Fond of children.

" Babcock An experienced and excellent nurse, very kind

Charity D. and trustworthy

" Elliot Was rather frivolous but has become much more thoughtful  
Very attentive to bad cases, but needs to cultivate  
patience

and general watchfulness.

I expect her to go on improving - she shows  
so much good will.

" Williams A good nurse, of excellent conduct.

Industrious on duty, but very fond of  
time off.

x Nurse Bradburn Particularly fit and nice. A gem.

Oph. D.

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x Nurse Cameron Genial intelligent and conscientious - has great  
promise  
George N.  
Block  
Nurse Jago 4 She looks young and girlish, but has proved capable  
Christian N. and devoted. Was a year or more in Luke.  
Nurse Green 6 An extremely clever nurse, a little difficult in  
Albert D. temper perhaps from want of health. She is seeking a  
change. Very experienced, and  
I should judge thorough & conscientious in her work.  
" Radford " Preserves a good tone in the ward, and works well.  
Albert N.  
" Dell " A very nice Nurse, gentle, motherly, religious.  
Arthur D. Experienced  
both in medical and surgical work  
" Hignett " Has done remarkably well. She is another who looks  
Arthur N. young for her heavy charge but has shown herself capable  
and devoted.  
" Aldridge " A very intelligent trustworthy nurse, and a gentle  
George D. refined woman.  
x see above  
" Miller 7 A good nurse and pleasant. Bright, quiet, trustworthy.  
Adelaide D.  
" Crowther " Not strong physically, but manages her small charge of  
Ade. N. serious cases well. Quiet and sympathetic (A widow with  
children.)  
" Brothers " First rate in nursing, management and conduct.  
Very  
Edward D. quiet. (A widow with a boy about 14.)  
" Buchanan " A genial and kindly person, intelligent and  
industrious.  
As  
yet inexperienced; she had long leave of absence on  
private affairs  
(-her Father's death, etc.)  
" Glover " Very serious and high principled. Has conquered  
her  
Leopold D difficulties and now are/her strong points are having  
play.  
" Broughton " A precise and dainty and, I should think, sweet  
person,  
Leo. N. having  
good powers of work and moral management.

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Blocks

Nurse Caughlin 7 Quiet, kindly, intelligent and trustworthy; very  
Clayton D. attentive  
" Hoare A capable nurse, quiet and trustworthy.  
Clay. N.  
Patients Nurse Soden. Very dependable and valuable in this position,  
quiet

industrious and kindly  
Nurse Mann 8 Conscientious and industrious, not sensible, and  
Magdalen D. sometimes  
a little rough in speech. A capital needlewoman.

Takes

reproof well.  
" Kelsal A little easy in manner, but thoroughly nice and  
conscientious, a kind good nurse; still a junior  
" Basham " An able and good Nurse, with long experience of  
fever  
William D. before  
her training here - kindly and trustworthy -  
" McWilliams " Does well and is conscientious. Should be  
brought  
back to the general Hospital soon.  
" Settle " Quiet and trustworthy. Deficient in health. Needs  
light  
duty.  
" Rice " gentle most devoted and entirely trustworthy.  
Luke "Mummings  
" gentle, most devoted and entirely trustworthy.  
" Cooke " Not trained here but long in the service. Very  
experienced.  
apt and successful. Conduct good, temper kindly.  
" Goffe " Quiet, kindly, intelligent, trustworthy. Wishes  
to  
leave for Parish nursing.  
" Smith " Most conscientious and kindly. Slow of  
intellect.

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**f213**

- Nurse Skelton Has plenty of activity and capacity, but fails in thoroughness at times
- Supt
- Nurse Wright A superior Nurse, intelligent, refined, very kindly just out of her Probation.
- " Pape very bright intelligent and kindly; just out of her Probation.
- " Mowat Particularly apt and pleasant, - a favorite in the Home and Wards; just out of her Probation
- " Hintley Not trained here Well-meaning, but wanting in discipline
- ~~Skelton~~
- " Sidley Highly conscientious and with considerable aptitude; just out of Pro. out of her Probation.
- Absent just out of Pro. out of her Probation.
- Miss Christie " Gives high promise of usefulness as a Sister, and probably a Superintendent.
- " Codrington " A great deal of capacity and brightness, but needs to train in method. Very kindly and conscientious
- " Chadwick " Very conscientious. Does extremely well at times, but suffers from variableness of interest in and affection for the work.
- " Main " Conscientious, intelligent, good tempered; does well in practical work
- 
- Miss Wallich Has good intellectual powers, is high principled, sensitive kindly, cheerful, courteous. Not naturally apt.
- " Beattie Experienced, trustworthy, very pleasant
- " Hammock Experienced, trustworthy, and from her age very suitable for some cases.
- " Hanson A very good and trustworthy Nurse; thoughtful, nice.
- " Buckle A good and trustworthy nurse; - leaving.
- " Doubell A very good Nurse, intelligent steady, quiet and kind.
- " Greenoss A very good and experienced Nurse, gentle and pleasant.
- " Leahie A good Nurse, with better capacity for special cases than for Ward duty. Slow, very kind and conscientious.
- " Tenniswood A very good and trustworthy nurse, & unassuming and particularly quiet.

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Nurse Marks, Block 2 Leaving. A nice pleasant conscientious woman,  
more perhaps of an artist than a nurse; but she  
has done well too.

" A. Tenniswood A good nurse, and, like her sister, quiet and  
unassuming. Not trained here.

" Seaward A good nurse, intelligent kind and trustworthy.

" Hinchlow An able and good nurse, conscientious, and,  
latterly  
entirely pleasant. Formerly she was found  
variable in temper.

**f216** {FN hand}

Nurse de Laney April 30/89

at Children's Hospl: Gt Ormond St  
for 18 months

came as Probationer to St. T.'s 1886

then Staff Night duty as Nurse -

many Ovariectomy cases as Probr.

all successful but one -

St. Marylebone Night Supt for

nearly 2 years (with Davidson)

Miss Vincent so thorough

Brompton Hospl Gallery 2

{written the other way}

I can do nothing of myself

What I hear, that I speak

Give me a message

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**f217v**

As Probr in St. T.'s

Miss Hull, Edward, Mrs. Fellowes, Leopold

Miss Young, Xtian, Miss Goodman, Elizth

(sanitary precautions) -Sister Magdalen, who was there with

Miss Messum,

taught me most

between Ovariectomy cases, small

Ward always shut up with sulphur,

then woman scrubbed floor - lockers &c

then we carbolized & soaped every

thing, & ourselves last - took a

bath with Carbollic & put on every

thing clean

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**f218**

Wyld                    May 27/89  
She does not require me to hand  
her an opening - She has  
scope enough  
let her stay & do more  
if she's doing all this -  
she's got her place/sphere there  
let her work it out  
pioneer                chosen her work  
                         amongst her  
you don't {illeg} in S. Sch  
you've {illeg}  
wrote to Miss Wyld  
                         June 17/89

**f219**

Miss Pirrie                    July 31/89                    **[13:698]**  
South Dublin Union.  
1 Workhouse  
2     "   Infirmery (large) R. C. (not well trained)  
3     "     "           small Protestant  
                          Laseron's  
                          Sisters 3  
                          Sister Barbara  
                          Matron over all  
                          3

North Dublin  
small Infirmaries RC & Prot  
under S. Peter's Sisters  
                          Anglican

(not successful  
quarrelling

Miss Pirrie is going to receive a  
R.C. lady of Belfast, age 37, who  
wants to be *trained*. [Her father  
wishes it to be in a Convent  
if at all from Home] Was  
3 months in St. Bartholomew's Hospl.

**[end 13:698]**

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**f220**

{arch: [Apr-Sep 1889]}

Promising Probrs

{in the margin}

promising for capacity  
all round {illeg}

X

Mrs. Hepburn 32 a bright &  
purposeful  
a mistress

X

Miss Christie 32 delightful  
no doubt capable  
her thoughtful

Miss Chadwick young {illeg}  
Probr {illeg}

Miss Franklin " "

Miss Mann practical  
rather new useful - recent

Miss Strange anaemia  
not tried temper

" Codrington great power  
not known not all available

X

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" Glover Leopold {as a Sister  
{not as a Supt  
very much pleased {coming &  
dusting  
{grasp of her cases

" Howes

good deal to learn - gentle

{in the margin below the line}

2 high toned

women

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**f221v** faint pencil note

Miss Wallich high toned woman  
in Alexandra

Mrs Swan } odd  
with Miss Tatham } useful  
Illeg  
capacity

/Miss Clayton

Carter

very good

upside down: a noble queen

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**f222** {arch: [late 1880's]}

splendid Nurse  
Miss Watson      Brownlow Hill  
    caring              Miss Stuart  
                            Matron &  
5 years with Miss V.      Asst      38  
2 Edinburgh

(Miss {illeg})

                            so few Nurses  
                            Probr taught  
                            by Patients  
B. Hill      Miss Mackenzie  
pauper Nursing}      B. Hill  
Birmingham    }      deteriorate  
Kensington    }  
Miss Johnson  
    Night Supt              1500 Pat  
    St. M.              150 Nurses  
                            & Probrs  
740 beds St. M.      Birmingham  
151 Nurses      70 or 80 Nurses  
15 Probrs      1500 Patients  
no proper Nursing

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**f223v**

                            8 years  
Miss Chawner  
    Extra Nurse  
June last      St. T.'s  
    nice girl  
    not born nurse  
going to Sheffield  
upside down  
Cheltenham  
District  
Jubilee

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**f224**

Miss Solly  
independence & firmness of Home Sister  
persistency  
influence  
savoir faire  
knowledge of men, women  
& things  
command of women  
unimpeachable character  
post of responsibility  
power of guiding a situation {?} &  
governing others  
power of  
taking the lead

**f225**

?42

Miss Solly  
kindly  
~~good judge~~ critic of Sisters' & Nurses' character  
clever  
~~good at domestic management~~  
has been a ~~first-rate~~/good Sister at St.  
Thomas' both formerly & lately  
has an {illeg}  
~~devoted to~~ St. Thomas & knows it well  
& its capabilities  
would allow no departure from  
~~goo~~ propriety  
has acted as Miss P's Assistant for {illeg} months - but

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**f226v**

from Miss P.'s rare absences there has been {illeg}  
severe testing of her powers as acting Matron  
well educated - has travelled - & is in  
some degree, a good nurse: a woman of the  
world  
- understands how {illeg}  
intelligent, sensible in matters of conduct &  
discipline - very kindly interested in the welfare  
of the people  
her deficiencies are those of physical power  
serious though of {illeg}

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**f227**

Miss Solly

Nurses don't say Sir to House  
Drs - they sit at the table with  
Sister & Nurse  
Sisters too many - Nurses too  
familiar with Drs - last year  
too much flirting Nurses much  
older than House Drs  
more & more Visiting Drs - take  
Sister's or Nurse's report  
I used to go straight round with  
House Surgeon - Nurse Leavesly  
brought me ink & then came  
to see if she would be wanted  
- no table

Older Night Supt - quite right  
her own credit a great motive  
Nurse Richards

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**f228v**

Miss Solly  
Clayton sewer gas escape  
Miss Tatham always ill  
Miss Carter has been {illeg}  
Ward cleaned out 3 times  
in one year - Pyaemia among  
Patients & Sisters' illness  
No illness since escape  
discovered by workman  
boasts he gets into the Nurses' rooms  
McKellar Sisters' rooms  
taking tea  
Miss Carter  
Hamilton (Xtian) under par  
physically & all over  
does not come down to dinner always  
nor go out

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**f229**

Private Please return to F.N.  
Miss Solly Jan 7/90 [12:424]  
10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

very much softened  
particularly towards Miss Pringle  
in the last 4 months  
(after the extraordinary asperity  
of Miss C. consolatory)  
as a judge & critic would be  
very useful as regards Sisters  
- not as a mother or as giving  
the love  
? would she be a bond of union  
or *disunion* among them?  
would she be the mother of a  
*family*? & {illeg} to care for  
the Hospital more than for self  
less family feeling among the  
Sisters than some 12 years ago.  
-A will not associate with Sister  
B, because she was once under  
her as a Probr & did not like her.

**f229v**

has a great power of detail  
- her information about  
material things more correct  
than Miss C.'s or Miss P.'s -  
- whether she can grasp the whole  
administration of the place  
doubtful  
- obvious that she has not grasped  
the necessity of reporting to  
Matron  
- told me a very great deal (in  
4 hours) constantly admitting  
she had not told Miss P.  
- cannot think she would keep  
the balance level among the Probrs -  
would rather rejoice when  
her bad opinion became  
corroborated -  
at the same time she has this  
valuable power of detail in  
material administration & an

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**f230**

excellent memory [pencil begins]  
would, I imagine, always  
try to rule by cleverness  
rather than by going to  
the root of all things.  
She is the reverse of Miss P.  
possible she *may* carry out  
Miss P.'s plans--she admires  
her so much more, indeed  
as much as is *in her* to admire  
her housekeeping and material  
arrangements would be good  
--She was quite tidy in her  
dress  
no love  
lost between  
her and Miss  
Masson.

[end 12:424]

notes from an interview with Solly re the matronship, part FN hand,  
part other but corrected by FN

**f231**

Miss Solly

Jan 7/90

Private

Change

F.N. The great change in the latter years  
in hospital nursing:, - More & more  
Miss Solly} visiting doctors take the Sister's & the  
Miss Eames} Nurses' reports, & F.N. the Nurses require to be  
did not } & are thoroughly trained so as to give  
think so } ~~absolutely~~ correct reports of patients to  
F.N. } the doctors; but this change is not  
altogether for the good of the Nurses,  
F.N. } and the "British Nurses' Association & those  
} people who attach such importance to the  
} registration of Nurses have increased the  
} mischief by making them the Nurses more independent  
} of their doctors & Matrons. A small  
Miss Solly } thing will illustrate this; Nurses now  
do not say "sir" to the House doctor,  
perhaps not to any; & when the Sisters  
are too young, the Nurses are too familiar  
in their tone with the House doctors; this  
leads to some flirting, not dangerous  
Miss Solly } Last year many Nurses had to be turned away for flirting  
And it is now much better

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*Miss Solly*

flirting, but the Nurse being generally much older than the young House doctor they get into the way of a familiar yet patronising tone with them, & are flattered by the deferential yet familiar tone of the young House doctors, who are of course highly educated men; *NOW*, House doctors sit at the ward table with the Sisters & Nurses when receiving their Sister's report; the better plan is the old-fashioned plan when the Sister went straight round with the House Surgeon on his coming in; the Nurse brought her the ink & anything necessary; & then waited to see if she would be wanted; there was no sitting at tables, ~~all innocent flirting, but~~ and the tone is much better. ~~you will think all these~~  
Miss Stains ~~are trifles but nothing is a trifle in a~~  
has told me, ~~Hospital~~ - "Sister Clayton, Miss Carter, has Mr. McKellar

(Surgeon of her Ward,) in her  
F.N. how "room to tea. [I have not yet told Miss Pringle] I believe  
strange a person "that Mr. McKellar has made a sort of bet into how  
Mr. McKellar "many rooms (of Sisters) he can get in to tea - But he  
is not  
was "successful now, except with Miss Carter" Miss Solly  
even  
in her time  
F.N.

**f233**

Miss Solly Hospital Diseases

II In one of the upper Wards, Clayton, we remember how much illness there was arising IN the Ward; ~~we~~/they had to clear out the Ward, three times in one year owing to ~~the~~ pyaemia ~~with~~/among the patients; ~~e~~/Every one seemed unaware of the cause of the disease, till a workman discovered an escape of sewer gas (in the pipe of the ? W.C.); the first Sister Miss Tatham was always ill, & the present Sister Miss Carter has been ill more than once; ~~or twice~~, but since the sewer gas escape was discovered & of course entirely remedied, there has been no Hospital sickness among the patients or among ~~the~~ Sisters & Nurses although the ward is often too crowded. [This is ~~a very~~/not quite true; Miss ~~necessary thing to record~~. Tatham has just been ill at Cheltenham owing to over-fatigue from a very slight out-break of Typhoid Fever:] F.N. told by Miss Solly.

III 3 *Extra Nurses* - We generally have out of our Miss Solly 20 extra Nurses, 15 on night duty, it F.N. therefore becomes very necessary to make

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provision for this. The specials on extra night duty, are put as much as possible in the four rooms at the end of the dormitory, in order that they may never be disturbed in their day-night by the others passing to & fro. The four ~~s~~ rooms at the end of the dormitory are made F.N. out of the projected turrets, their partitions are up to the ceiling, but this creates a difficulty. We are now sure that in each dormitory there should be, 2 bath rooms  
Dormitory } 1 housemaid's sink  
Offices } 1 slop sink,  
2 W.C.s  
we think this is the least they can do with comfortably, bearing in mind that besides the 20 to 22 inhabitants of the Dormitory the Sisters have also, if they want a bath, to use the one in the dormitory, & the other conveniences. But the projected turrets which contain these important appurtenances in the Wards, & which we hoped would do so in the Dormitory

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~~in the Wards & which~~/for they do run up to the Hospital roof, are now occupied by these four extra Nurses' rooms (we used to have only 12 extra Nurses, then we had 16, now we have from 20 to 22.) The one bath room is now at the entrance of the dormitory with the one W.C. The question is an important one whether we should reserve the use of the turrets for the Miss Solly} offices. It has been suggested whether the separate house in which ~~are~~/were the rooms for the Apothecary &c, & which is now unoccupied, (for these gentlemen live elsewhere), might be taken for some of the extra Nurses with an Assistant Superintendent living there & the distribution of all the rooms somewhat remodeled - It is F.N. thought, & truly thought, that the Nurses might be more of a family, but I doubt

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F.N. whether such an arrangement as this would contribute at all to this; on the contrary the distribution of all the Nurses belonging to each block in a dormitory in that block, as at present seems to me to contribute more, to each block having its own (little separate) family and family for feeling, ~~but~~/and this is a subject to be much considered - before the Separate house is thought of. Some change seems necessary.  
Miss Solly As has been said, there are always 15 extra Nurses on night duty} many of them specials } these Night Nurses breakfast in the Ward kitchen on coming off duty in the morning, it is rather an uncomfortable affair, they breakfast at the Ward table, the Ward maids are breakfasting as the other end, & though nothing for the patients is done

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of course at *that* table & the Nurses do not complain; it is rather uncomfortable & they say contribute to indiscipline of the Wardmaids towards the Specials able. It was suggested that if we had when they the separate house, some arrangement become Sisters might be made - more comfortable; they Miss Solly have of course their morning meal Miss Crossland comfortably in the Nurses' dining room - Again if the extra Night Nurses have leave to get up before the time for their breakfast & dinner, on going upon duty at night, they have to ask the Ward maid to bring their tea up into their little bedrooms in the dormitory, which also is rather uncomfortable; they cannot have them in the Nurses sitting room in ~~that~~/their block, because, this is the only place where the day Nurses have to see their friends, and it was

{written in the side margin}

N.B. It is very strongly to be considered whether Miss S. once in the saddle might not alter many of present Matron's arrangements.

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Miss Solly suggested that some arrangement for this too might be made in the separate house if we had it; it is a matter for consideration but as three fourths F.N. Miss Solly are always on Night duty, it is a matter to think over.

About the Nurses sitting rooms, they each require a couch, but they do not require a Library each, because the Nurses are now fully supplied from the General Nurses' Library; still some more books are wanted for the Library, because some of them/Nurses have pretty nearly read them all - There is a nice colored tablecloth to their table, & much more furniture is not wanted -

The Nurses are very much happier than they were; much more care is

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taken for their comfort, but it is not only this which they appreciate, it is

F.N. the affectionate & sympathetic tone towards them of their superiors.

F.N. There is another Hospital Edinburgh, in which a true family feeling pervades all class of workers, both Nurses & servants, much more so than in any other Hospital

F.N. I believe; we always think it is due to our present Matron's Miss Pringle's kindly influence while there, & the wonderful power she had of drawing everyone into closer bonds of sympathy both with regard to their work & to each other - The great increase

F.N. of independence & improvement in training now & here, which certainly makes these women more of complete individual Nurses, has also its drawbacks

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and diminishes the family feeling here. For instance it may happen

Miss Solly that probationer A when Sister may not like to be in too close a ~~family feeling~~/connection with Sister B, because A was once under her as a probationer & did not quite like her; this is unlucky

F.N. but such a Matron as we should wish & hope for should never have

power

over this & lead them to care more for the hospital & less for self; such

F.N. a Matron would bring in the tone of charity, courtesy, & making the best of things; also, if the Sisters were older & better, they would be able to bring in (under the Matron) such a tone among the Nurses towards the students of alacrity but rather distant respect.

In the female Wards, the Nurse has often to go round with the House Doctors & always to go behind the screen with him.

Not so in the Men's Wards.

the Sister, Christian, is under par.

Miss Solly Miss Hamilton

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physically & all over by being too  
young for her work, she does not get  
out during her recreation hours, being too tired always.  
& does not always come down to dinner

Miss Solly I always find fault with this

Much more might be said; but you see how  
difficult it is to speak/write the truth thro' a Lady  
Scribe.

And I can hardly write

If I have put F.N. where it was F.N. who  
spoke, with *more or less* response from Miss  
Solly -

**f242**

Jan 17/90

Change at St. T.'s prior to 1880 or so  
~~Sisters~~ The "Omnipotent Sisters" - } very strong Govt  
easy to understand } Miss Scott  
"Sisters less of a family } red jackets  
for say 1880 to 1887 absolutely {illeg}  
Fisher very little Baylis worse than none -  
discipline of Probrs at dinner &c - led to Probr become Sister  
not choosing to consort with Sisters She did not like  
Home Sister did not keep up authority in Hospl  
but discipline in Home or union Miss S. Miss Escreet  
The great alteration in the position of Nurses  
the present spoiling of them all contributes

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Miss Scott x red jackets  
Mrs. W. knowing no {illeg}  
individuality & separation  
increasing in Sisters  
x Ord prefers her to Masson

House Physician says Masson  
-no sympathy brazen instead  
same says {illeg}  
"wd hold her arm" - but how?  
Miss C. did not help Miss P.  
{written upside down}

to their "omnipotence"  
& internal division for  
their Ward  
& not for  
Hospital

Sisters & Doctor omnipotents in Ward individualiz=  
" depends on her Doctor & no one else =ation  
in regards to  
their Hospl

Miss Solly hasty alternative -  
Out Patient Dept - had all to be put back  
What things come before the House Committee?

**f243v**

Did/Were you (House Commee) consulted about alteration  
e.g. in Dormitories? not I - {Nurse Charlton  
I to 8 Nurses WC &c {first - then I enquired)  
Miss Solly (combining with Miss C) will make all  
those alterations without consulting any one.  
dual Govt at St. T.'s different from any  
other

important point: *who will work with you?*

Miss S. will be secretive & hasty {see my whole  
{pages -

Out Patients Dept

- " M. will be all for the Doctors probably  
will understand no other system
- " Gordon certainly not
- " Vincent

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**f244**

March 24/90

Ophthalmic Sister Hatcher 21 years in July - great loss  
rest and treatment wanted - 50

now

Alexandra - S. Hampson prolapsus treated by  
Dr. Cullingworth sometimes obliged to have her  
dinner in her bed {illeg}

Nurse Blake - Night - Scene with Miss Jones  
but with Miss Herbert  
N. Nurses same at first

Clayton S. Carter - no time for careful training  
Christian S. Hamilton - gives directions - won't give lessons  
{illeg} good nurse - formerly cross about children - strange  
mixture

S. {illeg}

**f245**

March 24/90

a nicer set of Nurses than they were. Who?  
Gateshead Infy

?let the Matron get the best out of them

Nurse Ramsden: dumb boy - what other case? Miss Masson-  
Miss {illeg}

Miss Franklin - Jubilee Nurse to be at Chelsea under Miss Hughes

*The Female Surgical Wards* have always 2 to 6 children so Probrs get  
practice

? no others all in Albert?  
do you approve?

Victoria - hours inconvenient  
6 to 10 cats for a Children's Ward  
Troublesome babies

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at 90 degrees [blue pencil]

Nurses?/Night Nurses

[pencil notes]

shorter hours

Sisters won't like it

Nurses

Weary at the end of 4 - 6 [illeg]

Night Nurses from 10 p.m. to 9 or 9.30

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**f247**

Brief Remarks in reference to the Practical Instruction given to the  
Probationers by the "Ward-Sisters."

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**f248** {arch: [early 1890?]}

Miss Hogg           so little tact  
                      irritable & angular  
                      ill

Miss Graham }  
Miss Hicks }  
Hospl Assocn

5 Sitting Rooms  
13 & 4  
18

Miss Tatham  
  trying to live from the root of  
  all things  
  fitness - freshness  
  nothing at power  
  wd need a second when  
  was strong  
  if she had power wd like her  
better than George -

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**f249v**

Miss Ferguson       a year or two  
                      as Ward Sister  
  then a year/some years {illeg on duty?} as Assist Supt  
  or with Miss Spencer

Miss Xtian  
Mrs. Hepburn  
Mrs. Swan           as head of No 2  
{written on the side}  
Miss G. Hunt  
  certificate

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{arch: [2 Dec 1890]}

We buried to day one of our  
senior S. Thomas' Sisters,  
a lady in her fifties, in charge  
of the whole paying 'block'  
She had extensive disease,  
but said hardly any thing  
about it, & stood to her  
post like a brave soldier  
of Jesus Christ, to the last  
month. She suffered fearfully.  
The last day as an Opiate  
had been given without success  
her devoted Nurse (but all  
would have been equally  
devoted, read to her Isaiah  
XLIII. Then as she still was  
without sleep, the Nurse asked

**f251** faint pencil notes {arch: [?1890]}

Which will carry out your plans?

Miss Squier

Miss Solly back again for a time

Masson will the Sister go

yes want of sympathy

Drs. spoiling her life

Miss Gordon

Miss Scott - Miss Vincent

Night Supt

Extras breakfast } *Separate house?*

tea } nights not a family

Dormitory Offices

Books Patients

Library Quain

Fagge

[illeg]

Miss Spencer head above wealth

Miss Walker so much happier

" Masson sincere

Night Supt

Out Patient Dept

/Miss Ash takes pains

that those w Day may

not interfere with night

Day room have

books from

Library

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**f252v** very rough pencil notes

Talking chiefly at [illeg]

**f253**

Prob

Miss Frederick niece to

Miss Parish

" Holder - spiteful - vigorous  
Isaac [illeg] for P. {illeg}  
model

" Allardyce sensible  
enthusiastic [illeg]  
S. America  
baby

I have }

classes} no

Nurse Blackett

does not tell this

" Payer

clinging grab  
at her

**f254** {arch: [c. 1891]}

Miss Messum

Life then was nothing in  
comparison with the work

hysterical people sometimes the  
most devoted

Miss Holden

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**f255**

Miss Solly 27/2/92 Dr Murchison

typhoid stools

no infection after evacuation

of a stool had to be kept, became infectious

becomes again innocuous -

Wright - Arthur Birmingham

Hoare

clever

Coghlin Edward Miss Carter

rough

Nurse Ch[illeg]

Elizth

Bath N.N. Smith D.N.

Charity

Miss Escreet Nurse Mouat

teacher

Mrs. Swan

Miss Ferguson

Miss Haig Brown

Miss Lumby Logden

Miss Howes

incapable

{written across the page}

to get the Nurses on

& make them comfortable

but not to keep them

nor to sympathize with them

Miss S

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**f256**

all the Sisters new at once  
Medical wards up at the top with young very  
uncared for at night

Staff Day Nurses want a kind talking to

only 8 out of 20 Extra Nurses this winter  
& they most of them not our training -

Miss C - shaky

Home Sister

Sister sees the Clerk's notes -  
previous history - cause of Typhoid &c  
has to collect particulars from Patient's  
friends for Clinical Clerk -

She the Sister ought to in putting the  
Probationer up to the case to tell them this  
Or they might ask her

H.B.C.

District Nurses who rarely see the Doctor  
will never learn it there if not taught in  
St. T.'s -

Dr. Ord ask about tracing cases to dwellings & Clinical Clerks

**f256v**

year's duty ~~in~~ before night Staff duty in  
ward - to be in the same

so moved about makes them shifty  
& feel uncertain

nurses going away when 4 years  
are up feel uncared for  
not asked to stop

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**f257**

Miss Herbert

Feb 26/9

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Worcester - Galtons Sisters - } Probationers

Housekeeper Power of dismissal Matron's hands}

~~Miss Stains~~

Do Sisters - } moral discipline to  
inexperienced} nurses?

sufficient technical

training

defective training

x in Wards

Students Dr. Ord

Patients

x Nurses -- our Nurses accommodation now

Probationers

Lecturers to Sisters

Electric Bells

Night Nursing - experience

of Night duty

Children in Bath-rooms -

Certificates

x Pensions

1st year's training in Wards

too much lecturing to

Probrs

too little to 1st year

Nurses

x failure of Probationers

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**f257v**

3 stories below - hear them thro'  
floors

Dr Ord

Atmosphere of Wards - door open  
comes into Sisters' Rooms -

"Oh no - no window - not desirable" {diagonal line through these 3  
lines}

Modern Sisters

" Nurses

Nurses strum & talk in room next

Office - Sisters sup there

Theatre twice a week Male

Sister with Staff Nurse

or Probationer

Crying children in Bath-rooms - Elizth

wd not cry less x femur broken

if curled up

Yet inestimable good that she

has come round to Home Sister

x "O how could Night Nurse attend  
to them with 28 beds"?"!!

Rooms off Wards {jagged line through these lines}

**f258**

Night Nursing

[12:441-42]

"The Patients look quite different  
at night - dying & in the morning  
sitting up in bed" -

F.N. And why? Besides the natural  
feverishness of night there is only  
one over worked perhaps inexperienced  
Night Nurse - no Sister to appeal to -  
in the day - Sister, Doctor, other Nurses.

"No: Night Nurse doesn't want  
help - And if she had a Probr she  
wd have no time to train her"

Don't you want some means of  
the Night Nurse making herself heard?

O they can hear the story but one  
below - A

rien oublié & rien appris  
"Chapter"

Electric Bell A Night S.

3 visits

Miss Wainwright - Mr. W. parted with  
his place

did not know of failure of Probrs  
cocksure of every thing

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**f258v**

Gray's Anatomy

Nurse MacArthur

Nurse Moore

completed their first year

gone on holiday

then going on Staff Night Duty

Miss Escreet going to Cheltenham x

" Masson gone

" Ferguson gone

Miss Carter

Birmingham

Mrs. Swan

x Miss Tatham going where

Miss Herbert Worcester

Night Supt 3 years

children who can feed themselves in adult wards

**f259**

M.M.{?} Miss Herbert *St. Thomas'*  
*Strictly Private*

I. Night Nursing

thinks the Night Nursing perfect -  
was herself Night Supt 3 years -  
never say anything wanting - one  
Night Nurse to a Ward quite enough  
If she had a Probationer, it would  
take up her time - does not think  
the Night Nurse wants any means  
of summoning help - Yes, she might  
have an *Electric Bell* to *Porter's Lodge*  
- No Telephone

"O you can hear the Night Nurse  
"thro' two floors of Wards. If Night  
"Nurse in George let fall the poker  
"the Night Nurse of Albert comes  
"rushing up - to George - You hear thro  
"shafts of chimnies"

[So, upon this hap-hazard, lives of  
Patients & Nurses are to depend.]

quite aware that the Patients look  
quite different at night - in the night  
they look dying - & in the day they  
are sitting up in bed

[And why? besides the natural  
{written in the left margin}

All this is diametrically opposed to  
everything Miss Ferguson - herself  
Night Supt 3 years - told us. You  
might read every {illeg} with a 'not'

**f260**

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feverishness of night, the unexpected deliriums of Brain cases & Fever Cases, the Pneumonias wanting almost continual attention, the Heart cases wanting to be pulled up to breathe, - there is this cause: there is only one overworked, perhaps inexperienced Night Nurse - no Sister to appeal to - no Doctor always at hand (- Staff Nurse - 2 or 3 Probationers always there - *in the day*)]

"No: Night Nurse does not need help. She has always

"3 visits from Night Supt

"2 " " " Assistant

"every night.

And what happens during the intervals?

[But does not the Night Nurse either get indifferent - she *can't* get thro' the work & ceases to try - or nervous & overworked in her anxiety to attend to every body?]

**f261**

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"we always put (Elizabeth)/(Female Surgical) the children

"when they cry (at night) into the Bath-room

"It's quite warm. It is principally the

"broken femurs in splints that cry.

"I think they cry because children like to philosophical "curl themselves up in bed And they can't

Nurses "in splints. O no they have no Nurse explanation " with them. *But they would not cry*

*"less if they had a Nurse !!! O no,*

"you can't leave them in the large Ward

"with 28 beds, how could the Night Nurse

"attend to them? [And therefore they are to have no attendance

at all]

[quite forgetting that she had said one Night Nurse to a Ward was quite enough!

I should call this Bath-room a Black Hole of torture for infants - not a Hospital Ward or Nursing in any sense.]

If a poor little thing were to cry itself to death - a quite possible event - & to be found dead, of course, there must be an inquest.

And what a story for St. Thomas'! We remember the trial & imprisonment of Mrs. Montgomery, N. of Ireland, when her child was found dead - And I happen to know a similar ~~story~~ story/case which never came to the public.

There is nothing motherly about the female authorities

**f262**

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"Children ought only to be put in adult

"Wards when they can feed themselves -

"If they require feeding or to have food

"at different times from the adults, they

"should be put in Victoria" -

[You see you are a Department & not a Nursing woman]

**f263**

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II. *Sisters' rooms* off the Wards  
not wanted - windows should not  
be there at all - A window & a  
mere curtain quite wrong - to block  
them up quite right -

If the Sisters must have rooms  
off Wards, they should be where the  
small Ward is!!!

*Atmosphere of Wards* - why, if  
the Ward door does but open, it all  
comes into the Sister's room.

Here you have all the  
Modern Nurses  
" System

Yet her adherence to Home Sister an  
inestimable good.

**f264**

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III. All the modern Sisters are  
"perfect - as perfect in the moral discipline  
"as in the technical training of all the  
"Nurses & Probationers under them-"

Then why have 30 Probationers failed  
between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

why had Extra Nurse (Peel) to be  
dismissed for light talk, a bye-word in the  
Ward & Hospital & flirting behaviour with the men, sitting on tables  
when  
she had received such excellent reports  
as Probationer from the "Sister" but a few  
weeks before?

Again, the conversation of the Nurses  
at dinner when Matron is not present  
is so noisy & unwise & unchecked by  
the Assistant Matron as to excite &  
deserve great animadversion?

Again, why have the "modern" Sisters  
visits from each other in their rooms  
& even from at least one Probationer (Miss B.C.)  
AFTER 10 o'clock at night?

Did these things ever happen before?

**f265**

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Why is the intercourse between Sisters & junior Doctors, Nurses & students not at all like what it was - so much flirting

Many of the Probationers have relations among the Students - & Doctors recommend Probationers - And all that makes it more difficult.

Mrs. Wardroper never would take any Probationer who had a relation in the place, or was recommended by a Doctor

IV. "Chapter"

The Assistant Matron knew nothing of the failure of the Probationers &c &c There is no unity among the female heads-

A weekly unofficial meeting between them would prevent half the mischief.

Miss H. a Dept not a woman

**f266**

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⌘V *Nurses' Accommodation*

satisfactory now. Yes, they go to their little Sitting-rooms in the Dormitories. And they now have a room next Matron's office with a piano given by Mrs. Stone where they can strum & talk

Sisters sup there

*Assistant Matrons*

*Operating Theatre* for men twice a week

Miss Roberts her Assistant

Ward Sister also attends each Operation with Staff Nurse at first afterwards with Probationer

**f267**

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III. reflections

She did not know of the failure of  
Probationers

O how needful a Chapter!  
was quite sure all the new Sisters were  
perfect as well in training Probors in  
moral discipline as in technical  
knowledge & practice

-in tone of Ward as in skill

We know

Miss Christie (Adelaide) specially  
perfect - Probationers always say they  
learn more there than any where -  
notwithstanding restricted kind of cases -

what Dr.

Ord {illeg}

[I know that Miss Xtie says so]

cock sure of every thing

rien oublié ni rien appris

VI "O all the Sisters teach perfectly" -

[And the 1st year of Staff Nurse - a  
Probationary 2nd year -?]

"O! Matron tells them to teach - And they  
teach."

[Any Lectures? F.N. Dr. Sharkey gives them  
Lectures gratuitously.]

**f268**

II I

I. The present Night Supt (Miss Howes)

is the very one (S. Elizabeth) whom  
Miss Pringle found sitting at the table  
with the Night Nurse after 10 p.m. -  
& ~~she~~ a poor little burnt child crying  
its heart out without being noticed - It  
died the next day.

N.B. Miss Herbert, Night Supt's account  
is diametrically opposite to that of Miss  
Ferguson Night Supt

The former is a Department  
the latter an individuality, as deeply  
interested in her charge as the best of  
mothers in her own family.

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**f269**

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VI A Nurse Channell? a very well  
educated woman & admirable Nurse  
has just completed her 4 years.  
*Nothing is done to retain her -*  
She is going to join the Co-ops!!  
"When the engagement is over, good bye."

N.B.

She would do very well for a *Cottage*  
*Hospital*

ff270-76 interview with Mrs Hannay

**f270**

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Mrs. Hannay No. 2 Block March 26/92  
Young Sullivan "boy" 25 2 amputations pronounced dead  
more than once breath & pulse stopped  
going to marry Miss Bevan at Cannes  
45 beds ~~10~~ in 5 small Wards 24 beds in  
36 quite as much as we can manage  
We are allowed 14 Nurses -  
Bond St. Nurses - I have had 10 - all bad -  
2 good but *all* had little training -  
(General Wards & No 2)  
All our operations done in Small Wards or  
Lavatory.  
Ovariectomy - done in lavatory - carried straight to  
Patients in General Wards - D.T. & vicious cases x  
Sister should ask the Resident Physicians  
& Surgeons when Patient goes out to warn them  
Visiting Surgeons & Physicians no time  
x Sister can't

**f271**

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No. 2 Block  
bed in large Ward - curtains drawn - Dr.  
Cullingworth - only one went wrong - &  
that from old heart complaint, fortnight after  
operation - His System - no ice - boiling  
water drink 1st day - hot barley water 2nd  
tea 3rd.

Difficult for a Sister to speak to the  
cases of vice when they go out  
about it

**f272**

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Mrs. H.

Nurses much more comfortable & happy than they used to be - much more done for them - much more help given them - accommodation, good, cooking better -

Sisters, professionally make much progress - they can't help it - morally -? that depends on the Sister herself

3 Probrs in every Ward instead of 2 - if one fails, impossible unless her place is filled by an Extra Nurse, which it generally is, to do the Probr justice - then the thing is just to get thro' the work - nothing more - Sister ought to show Probr herself how to wash a man in bed &c &c - doing it *with* her - If there is no Extra Nurse, she must send Probrs to do what they *can* do, while she

3rd P  
¼ mile long but  
Sister v. Nurse - Patients find it out

Miss Herbert  
such

S. Arthur  
Miss Winterton  
method - every  
thing put  
by -  
nothing

dirty

**f273**

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does what they can't do - That's not training  
I always took 3rd Probr & went over with her  
I *never* let any fresh Probr wash a man in bed or anything of that sort alone at first - always did it with her what she had to do - Lavatories, dusting &c &c  
The 1st & 2nd Probr (when there was time, which wasn't unless there was a third or an Extra)  
I always took - taught them to read the Patient's card - took the Medicine Chest - went over it

Nurses - Co-ops                      Night Nurses

with them - asked them    Now what does a large dose or a small dose of this or that mean? What indicates danger? What improvement? &c &c &c - Let them be able to judge of the progress of the case - intelligently -

**f274**

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Mrs. H.

Night Nurses Medical Wards may not be able to sit down all night - not even to get her tea - If she has

Delirious cases  
one or two Heart cases  
Pneumonia

why she must be always about them -

you may have been an hour at a Pneumonia case  
& when you go again for 5 minutes, Patient may want just as much again

Then there are the Heart cases who have slipped down who have to be set up sitting again either in chairs or in bed

Then there are the 4 hour thermometer/Medicines  
& the 4 hour Poultices  
& the 4 hour Baths or Fomentations  
drinks &c &c &c

And before she has done one 4 hours, she has to begin another -

Then there are the Delirium or D.T. cases who may get out of bed or even try to get out of window

Altogether the Night Nurse may not be able to quit the Ward for a moment to summon help - Sister ought to sleep off Ward, because she may hear - & help

**f275**

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Miss H.

The Night Nurse ought never to be a Probr just off her Probation (which she always was) & she ought always to have a Probr just off her Probation for 3 mo. Night Duty under her.

But she has much more help than she used to have - & she is less often a quite fresh Staff Nurse -

She has, when Ward is heavy, an Extra General - more often - Or if there are two cases, their beds are put together, & Extra attends to them & Ward as well

Sister ought always to attend to dying cases - She can think of their wants much better than either Nurse or Doctor Patients are so quick to see whether Sister or Nurse have the upper hand - & will ask the one who has for something the other has refused - & say so out loud

**f276**

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Miss H.

When I was Night Supt, I always made a point of returning on my steps, if I suspected a Patient - or of spending more time in that Ward -

Hospl 1 qu. mile long - but it you go in & out of all the Wards 3/4 mile

Miss Herbert an admirable teacher - does so much for the Night Nurses -

Accident Ward also requires an Assistant Night Supt for 2 hours first - To watch for haemorrhage & after a great operation Extra generally green - who never takes her eyes off -

Instruments under my charge in Lavatory - I always cleaned them all - double Carbolic - before I left the Lavatory after Operation - Lavatory scrubbed out Operating Theatre

Old coat shocking - But Surgeons generally now in their shirt sleeves & linen trousers.

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**f277**

Miss Birmingham Clayton Ward Mr. Anderson  
29/3/92

Nurses have now to go down to the bottom of No. 7  
block & up to the top of No. 6 block to reach  
their rooms - They do not generally go to the  
Sitting-room in their Dormitory for the time off  
They go to their Bed-rooms to do needle-work,  
they go out (6-8 p.m. every other night) - Or  
they have the new room off the Linen Room

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**f278v**

Miss B -

3 Probationers - 3rd only on for one week, doing  
Lavatories - washing tables &c 2nd week  
helps on one side 3rd week on the other  
All three take this course

Some stay with me two months

We cannot do without 3 Probationers - Else  
it's all *getting thro'* the work - & no teaching

Yes: we generally have an Extra Nurse  
if the number three Probr can't be made up  
[Miss Gordon makes the Extra Nurses do  
Probationers' work]

**f279**

They like promotion after their 4 years'  
are over - But they might stay if  
there was an increase of wages -

Few subscribe to Pension Fund - They say  
it's so much money for so small a pension

*I DO.*

I don't think Miss Herbert teaches much -

I was 4 months Probr to Miss Escreet - She  
taught me nothing - but her method was  
excellent

Patients if Christians

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**f280v**

Miss B. 2  
Day Nurses Hoare } send you their  
Night " Ortney} love

Sisters - they go to church a great deal  
But I don't think they are Christians  
(Alice Bridgenorth The Three Brides)

Nurses don't save their money - They might  
save a great part of their salary - They are  
so well provided for - But they buy knick  
knacks photographs &c

**f281**

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Miss B.  
5 bumptious Babies  
very well satisfied with themselves  
very self-confident  
But this is perhaps well: -  
The work does not take so much out  
of them  
rather gay - go out a great deal  
Young: Leopold Haig Brown - Elizth  
Holden Albert Lumby Ophthalmic  
Miller Xtian

**f282**

Miss Howes: Alexandra March 31/92  
Surgeons: Sir Wm: Mr. McKellar  
Nurses: Day: Duncan }  
Night: Coghlin} both good  
appears to think herself responsible for moral & spiritual  
welfare of her Patients  
more than for the technical training of her  
Probationers  
rather feeble Our Senior Sister  
our Grandmama  
so many Patients hysterical  
hip case - no hip

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**f283**

some the very lowest of the low -  
some my great friends - write to me -  
Or I go to see them -

Nurses All Night Nurses want an Extra  
Nurse when ward heavy

5 Bumptious Babies hang together - don't  
seek the help or advice of their  
Grandmama's like me - I came nearly 4  
years ago but was much interrupted by  
my Sister's illness - She is now at Great  
Northern - Assistant to Miss Hull - 2 Assistants  
alternatively 3 mo. day - 3 mo. night

**f283v**

Sir Wm. keeps Students, Dressers &c well  
up to the mark - no man more beloved or  
feared Mr. McKellar ?  
House Surgeon speaks to Patients gives praise when they  
go away, but rather in a jocular way  
We have women who drink  
who fight  
who are bad  
One of ours went to a Sunday "dinner-party"  
She fought to defend her host's wife - & had  
one eye knocked out by her host - came to us  
back for this. They seem to think nothing of it.

**f284**

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Miss Howes  
Night Nurses - all - sleep over No 6/7 block  
Day all " " No 6  
No 2 Block  
Night Nurses sleep over my block No. 4/3

Great rush of dressers this year - last year  
no competition - no rush -  
They rush for Mr. Clutton - he is the great Man  
now - all the Dressers want to be with him  
He is very kind in telling the Sisters things  
but he keeps them well at work -  
He insists on knowing all about the families

**f284v**

the previous life of the Patients.  
He is the rising star.

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**f285**

Miss Howes- Alexandra

March 31/92

Do you make moral & professional  
progress?

Ovariotomy Dr. Cullingworth

Probrs

Night Nursing

Children

Women: Books

Mrs. Ashworth

saving Pension

Nurses

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**f286v**

Recommended

A Ride to Khiva -

by Capt. Fred Burnaby

Across Asia Minor

Burnaby

Three in Norway

by two of them

Old Friends with new Faces

for children

Give

Martin the Skipper

Books by ALOE

March 31/92

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Add Mss 47764, microfilm, 233 folios, 131 pages, microfilm, notes on nurses 1892-97, Adam Matthew reel 84 Adam Matthew reel 84

**f1**

Miss Carter            Mr. McKellar April 1/92

Now (for sickness) boiling water, not ice, always ordered - I give, always myself, a tea spoonful in a dessert spoon - It stops persistent vomiting in two days - Probr must not bring spoon in glass, or spoon burns lips

~~had "great friends" among~~

did not know about the Nurses sleeping seemed to know more about the Patients than the Probs did not seem to know much about the Nurses or Probationers - tho' she liked every body & "considered herself fortunate"

great talker in a shrill voice - but sensible & cheerful & liking every body -

**f1v**

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Carter

Patients don't take in penny dreadfuls - but comic papers - very vulgar - like Travels - Ride to Khiva -

very careless about their souls

One very nice young man came in with

fractured spine - lived 3 weeks - could not move a finger - asked for Chaplain, who came & was very kind - but in general does not come - prayed with this one very nicely

Assistant Chaplain -too jocular

I nursed Miss Messum - most alarming case -

P.T.O.

to 3

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**f2**

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so much deeper than they expected - Sir  
Wm McC - almost lost his presence of mind  
too near Jugular vein - Jugular for two  
days in the dips. Miss Messum did not know  
it But she was out in 3 weeks - Miss Messum  
in my (Clayton)  
small Ward

Miss Ferguson Miss Hampson's friend  
My illness owing to leak in W.C. sink in  
Clayton

Mr. McKellar praises students too much

**f3**

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Miss Carter (S. Clayton) excitable -  
no method

Does the 130 Nurses include all  
who sleep in the house - not  
Charwomen - Does it include  
female Cook & servants?  
or only those about the Wards?

Dormitory Maids - seem under  
no one - If Extra Specials  
want a cup of tea, must keep  
well with them to get it.

Extra Specials & Nurses may  
come to Home in the evening -  
Miss Glover - Nurse Harker & c & c

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**f4**

Miss Ferguson            Ap 16/92  
Miss Hampson?  
Women reading?  
  drink?  
  very low?  
  fight?  
  hysterical?  
Probrs devoted?  
  religious?  
  hardworking?  
Nurses? best trainers?  
  1st Probr?  
  2nd   " ?  
  3rd   " ?  
Sister - room -  
Night Nurses        Extras  
  "    Supt  
House Surgeon  
Beaumont leg  
{written on the side}  
Sister - over Nurses  
                  Wardmaids  
  *such*        Probs  
  influence Patients?  
                  Junior Staff

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**f5v**

Qualifications for Sister  
  moral  
  professional  
    Nurses  
      "    *Night*  
    Ward Maids        nodding to little Patients Victoria  
    Probationers - training  
    Patients  
    Junior Medl Staff  
    Visitors -        3 Elizabeth  
                      2 Victoria     at door  
                      Miss Holden  
economy -

for Matron kissing the little Patients        Victoria

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**f6**

Miss Ferguson: Charity: Easter Eve  
1 year Night Supt April 16/92  
2 years Charity F.M.  
Dr. Ord: Dr. Sharkey  
Dr. Turner ~~Nurses~~ Dr. Perkins: House Physician &  
ditto ditto Resident House Physician  
called up at night  
every other week  
Nurses: Day: Smith just off her probation  
Night: Bath experienced  
Brothers - widow - with son  
27 gone to Sheffield Hospl  
\_\_\_\_\_ supports an Invalid Sister  
& keeps the home together

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**f7v**

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The best Nurses would gladly stay after their  
years - they are very sorry to go - if they had  
only some rise in wages - They are well worth it -  
Most of these women help to support their families  
They *must* earn money - They don't save

Nurses (Day) sleep over Ward  
(Night) appreciate the quiet

Dr. Sharkey's teaching as good as a 2 years Probation

Sister kept the rules Babcock

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**f8**

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I always when Night Supt came into Victoria at  
6 a.m. & talked with the children  
who were all awake & talking  
Sister not up

Alfy (little child)

Sister always does what she says - if we are  
naughty, she says we must go into the  
Bath-room - & we go - But if we are good, she  
said we should go to heaven - And we are *some*  
times good. But she has never taken us to heaven

Night Nurse (Extra) between two Medl Wards -  
Medl Wards *always* heavy - Surgl sometimes

I teach the Probrs on Wednesday at 2 - 3

Patient

I thought I was going

Yes: Sister's room best

f9

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Miss Fergn

[Ferguson]

9 Clinical Clerks - sometimes 18

Dr. Sharkey Monday by himself - examines every Patient  
& Thursday

Tuesday with his Class goes over every  
& Friday Patient with them - & what the  
symptoms mean & what the medicine

Saturday comes

& sometimes Wednesday

such a lesson, going round with him

he enters into every minutia -

expects you to enter into & answer every question

On Thursday, I'm off duty - & my Staff Nurse goes  
round with him - but I go round with her in the  
morning - & put her up to every Patient's state

Surgical

Patients

We don't have many drinking or fighting women in a  
F.M. Ward except it be chronic cases - for these  
things generally lead to accidents - so they go to the  
Surgical Wards -

Some of the Patients are the greatest helps to  
heaven. One a woman who was paralysed all but  
the left hand: her husband brought her

I do like to have children in the Ward

2 - (3½ ) typhoid - Mother, do lie down - I don't any  
thing I like to see you asleep

Archbp's Chaplain

Nurse's sister

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**f10**

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Miss Lumby - from Addenbrooke's - my Asst  
Night Supt - the very best, quickest to take up

Miss Mitchell - Miss McDonald - Nurse Cameron -  
all good Probrs

blessing Miss Pringle - at night - felt I need fear nothing

Miss Violet Ord - 27th wedding 2 p.m.  
marries Dr. Cox - St. Thomas' man - at Reading

Nurses happy? Yes

Patients watch us so close when we are doing things -  
And one says When I go home - I shall teach my  
daughter

Dr. Sharkey - Probrs must be a great trial" - "Yes, but  
they're a great comfort too.

**f11**

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New Probr so slow  
Miss Ferguson - "all round" Sister  
not more for Patients than for Probationers  
not more for Probrs " " Nurses  
not more for Nurses than for her own  
progress in things professional & moral

Shore - they are to do a common work - But the life must  
be a common work

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**f12**

Miss Elkington April 21/92  
S. Victoria  
How many Doctors: no "go"  
" " dressers  
" " Clin: Clerks  
Nurse? goes round with them  
Little folk learning. Charley of the  
for life Angels  
Books Singing Visitors  
Probrs {Sanitary  
Sister - room { Mother learning  
Midwives  
Night Nurses Extras {District  
Nurse  
Supt Ferguson: Herbert  
House Surgeons  
foul language  
Tales for women

f13

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not much of the night or Night Nursing  
[Miss Ferguson had the immense advantage of having  
been Night Supt]

slept well at night - did not wish for a ~~sep~~  
distant room

did not remember that Miss Ferguson ended her  
night from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. with the children

did not seem to remember the difference & striking  
qualities of her Patients - or to distinguish  
them - tho' evidently most kind to them, &  
absorbed in them - *not* in the Nurses  
somewhat struck  
Patients only months old  
January

Miss Elkington: S. Victoria April 21/92

Drs: Dressers & Clinical Clerks

Probationers: none or now one (a 9 months

Nurses: Babb: day: 2 years: *then* just off her  
Probation

" Graham: night: some experience

Ward-maid girl both good/ good talks & nods to children  
while scouring

Sister nearly 4 years S. Victoria

3½ " District Nurse - Miss Perssè

Nurse maids 4 day & night kind to children

but always want promotion at end of year

most good & conscientious - rather overweighted

"no time" for teaching Ward maids or Probationer

did not appear to have much knowledge of Nurse, Nurse=maid  
or Probationer - nor much of the night

f14

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somewhat struck by a great difference  
the indescribable between her & the  
Sisters who had had no interval out of  
S. Thomas'  
a want of grasp - somewhat of the District  
Nurse who comes & goes - who has no  
particular permanent interest in Patients -  
& no responsibility for Nurses under her-  
appeared somewhat dry & repressed & isolated  
forgets past Patients like a District Nurse

Spoke most highly of the effect of Miss  
Pringle's visits on children  
thought Miss G. wd not care for the children  
"but she did" - she came to say good bye  
to "Tilly" (going to Walton Conv't Home  
& "gave her a kiss"

Visitors	<del>His</del> Clinical Clerk
Feather-beds	took my words
Feeding babies	(in his notes)
	derived from the friends
bottles	Swearing Jimmy
harelips - spoons	
crying	Nurse Smith
	in Miss Ferguson's
	ward makes
	so many nice
	little dishes
	for them

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**f15**

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S. Vic

Mr. Clutton the favourite - he is so thorough - & he likes to pinch & slap & tickle the little Patients - & then he likes them to give it him back again

Dr. Bristowe very kind, but not playful  
Nor Dr. Ord - he is too dignified

5 little hare-lips only a few months old-  
23 Patients - fed with a spoon - can't use the bottle  
Peptonized milk - milk mixed with Peptum powder - lasts fresh 7 or 8 hours - mixed with water - kept in a refrigerator outside the door - nurse keep their butter sometimes there too  
cry a good deal -

We have a good deal to do more than in the other wards - changing ~~the~~ splints sometimes twice a day

We have no children that can read - only one above 5 -

[She did not seem to remember the children she had had so well as I did - nor how nice they were]

**f16**

Miss Haig Brown April 23/92

fight? drink?

Patients help to heaven

2nd year's Probn under Dr.

not more for Patients than Probs }

" " Probrs " Nurses }

" " Nurses " progress }

women learning Sanitary things

Night Nursing Extra Nurses

Supt

children

hysterical



**f19**

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S. Elizth

Yes: sad low cases - 3 Suicides this week  
Extra Nurse to each takes the policeman's  
place - One, a poor married woman with six  
children, & a husband unable to earn anything  
throe herself out of window - A policeman  
brought her in - She died in 3 days - And her  
three Sisters took two children each in  
to their own. How beautiful -

Another, a bad girl, cut her throat, says  
the man did it - Sorry to say she was brought  
in by a policeman - So she must go back before  
the magistrate - & go to prison - Such a  
strange punishment - What good will that  
do her?

The third suicide was not a bad girl - but so poor  
I like having children in the Ward - does the women  
patients so much good. We have a boy  
now -

Miss Haig Brown an all round woman -

comprehends her duties to ALL in the Ward  
self-diffident - will make a first rate Sister  
if she perseveres - but does not comprehend the

**f20**

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necessity of applying for advice to  
Sisters

The 5 babies hang together  
All friends

Entirely in favour of bed -room next Ward  
- thinks Nurses are happy -

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**f21** {succeeded May 14/92  
Miss Lumby: Ophthalmic {Miss Glover  
Mr. Nettleship {good teacher to her  
Mr. Lawford -rude {takes no notice of Probr  
Assistant {except to ask Sister to make  
her hold Candle straight

Toller House Surgeon

Day Nurse: Thompson

Night " Rogers - 4 year - does not like the  
babies

Probr " Frederick - knocking up

Out Patients " Davis - widow - little old woman - trained  
before marriage at St. Thomas' - does not

Operations in small Lecture-room know modern  
Rogers things

makes it

Profession & not a vocation  
calling

{f22 is blank}

**f22v**

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Casualty Out-Patient  
no superintendt or instruction  
from S. Casualty

too theoretical - not practical enough - Home Sister says  
of her & Miss Haig Brown

a little, or rather a deal of

Gossiping - among Day Nurses they like - meeting in their

Dormitory

Night

"

"

**f23**

Miss Lumby Ophthalmic  
has of course much reading aloud  
to her half blind Patients  
books easier to find for men than for  
women

5 cots for babies whose ages are reckoned  
by months or weeks or even days

Syphilitic eyes

Purulent Ophthalmia

father with his son's towel

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**f24**

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a year's training at Addenbrooke's  
tried London & Miss Pringle admitted her as  
Extra Nurse  
5 months Extra Nurse - partly as Assistant Nurse  
in Casualty  
partly for 1½ mo as  
Assistant to Night Supt

Addenbrooke- training

Theatre - tickets  
Davis

Sister have supper in new room in Linen room  
that is nice, but they don't go to the room  
they prefer their own rooms

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I don't think I ever learnt anything from Mrs. Wardr but  
what she meant to tell me - Miss Pringle meant to  
tell me everything - Miss Gordon *means not at all* }quite  
Miss Gordon's friend - Miss Bayli }natural  
(from Miss C.)

**f25**

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Casualty girl of 11 femur broken [12:443]  
skull fractured

run over

carrying neighbour's child of 2

1st question "Is the baby hurt?" as soon as she was  
conscious. "I tried to save it" - And she *had*  
saved it. It was a little bruised & unconscious  
for a short time - but ~~was~~/could be sent home almost  
immediately

2 drowned women attempted suicides  
I sent up one all in her wet things to  
Alexandra  
but the next I stripped - a mysterious  
individual appears & takes away the clothes  
& bakes them -  
policeman - go back to magistrate

[end]



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**f28**

Caesarean

&

Senior Obstetric Clerk - 3 months

called in by the Midwifery Students

Dr. Cullingworth - nothing to do with  
Midwifery x

then House Physician - for 3 months

called in

apparently no head

to the Midwifery Dept

x except in lecturing to students  
to wash ~~has~~ a baby without a baby  
feeding? always cow's milk  
diluted with water

York Road fed

Do Night Nurses deteriorate?

Bumptiousness?

or Too much to do?

hardness & slovenliness

Taught by Dr. Cullingworth

& to Probationers

Antiseptics washing hands between each

case keeping Patients & all

instruments & utensils antiseptically

**f28v**

Pyæmia rife among out-door lying in cases  
[She did not appear to have heard of]

did she know that Mortality among

home cases much lower than

among Lying in Hospls?

Dr. Cullingworth says that the

Lying-in woman is not a sick woman

[end]



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**f31**

Miss Everest (Sister George)

June 21/92

How do Sisters get trained  
to their work - their work  
with Nurses (Day & Night)  
Probrs  
Ward maids  
Patients  
Junior Staff ?

By experience of your mistakes  
Whatever is done wrong to  
me has its origin in something  
I have done wrong  
{written the other way}  
cap & apron  
railway  
Reticence

**f31v**

I have learnt so much more  
from the Nurses than they  
have from me -

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**f32v**

White Night Nurse *not* near  
her 4 years - trustworthy  
but odd  
from the Orkneys - 4 years  
over - excellent  
Bessie Jones - ward-maid-  
admirable - with me 4 years  
- began under Miss Stewart in  
Albert - will make things

Nurses save - very different from  
what they used to be - don't buy  
silly things now -  
Nurses don't go away to their rooms  
& leave everything to the Probrs to do -  
The Nurse's relation with the Sister, the  
Probrs, every body so extremely better to  
what it was -

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**f33**

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Miss Escreet  
personal experience all wasted  
except for oneself - cannot be  
used by another

**f34**

Miss Holden S. Albert Aug 2/92  
Now if you had all those halfpence back that  
you've spent on "The Jokes" (a boy who had  
been 4 months in & had brought a ½ paper  
every day,) should you not be very glad  
*If the Hospital* (in loco more than parentis  
with the absolute command of the Patients)  
*allows periodicals to be sold every day*  
*Should it not exercise a Censorship*  
*over these?* Pure Lit Socy

**f34v**

Miss H. sits up till one am reading  
up again at 8 a.m.  
Night Nurse comes to her every 2 hours if  
bad case -  
Delirious Patient accidents

**f35**

Boy of 22 Basket maker Pyaemia  
No 8 Block

Miss H. vulgar "aristocratic"

devoted to Patients  
takes a child Patient home with  
her on holiday

**f36**

Miss Young - Sister Leopold (Mr. Clutton) Aug 4/92  
Mr. Clutton won't have Extra Nurses or Special  
Nurses - He says the regular Nurses & Probationers  
must do it all, night & day - Luroad [?] no good  
Mrs. Hannay as Sister in Arthur - Probationers - before going off  
duty, she went down every Patient on Probr's side of  
Ward telling Probr main feature of case  
then when she (Sister) came on duty again that day,  
the Probr had to tell her every change in, every  
thing done for every Patient  
Miss Holden - yes, I give each Probr ¼ hour twice  
a week

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**f36v**

3 Probrs  
1 for Night Nurse's side } one of these  
1 for say " side } Lavatory Probr  
1 (3rd) basin &c Probr  
but always has some Patients

all 3 Probrs not on duty at  
same time morning & afternoon

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**f37v**

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Elderly man - half of whom was burnt at the works  
most useful in Ward  
in making men Patients keep rules  
most promising of the young Sisters (not young  
promising all round  
father & mother dead - home broken up  
had temporary Sisterships for some time (including  
St. Thomas' Home) before becoming Sister Leopold

**f38**

Miss Snodgrass Dublin Aug 16/92 [15:576-77]  
Sister of Enteric Hospl  
R. Military Infirmary  
*Orderlies have only 3 mos: training at Aldershot*  
(viz. Lectures & Stretcher Drill) then sent out  
Sisters train them, but have no special authority/power  
over them - generally ~~re~~ amenable but ignorant  
most only remain 3 years - & then go into the  
reserve - very bad plan - some will even  
misbehave in order to be expelled with ignominy"  
drink, but some are Temperance men -  
They are promoted for good Nursing to be Corporals  
or Wardmasters - but by the M.O. not consulting  
with the Sister

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**f39**

evidently has much influence by gentleness  
& tact & high tone with Orderlies & Patients  
but pompous & wordy

Sister Burke Supg Sister at Dublin  
not much experience

4 Sisters including Snodgrass (Enterics)  
M.O. consulting with Supg Sister distributed  
the Service -

discipline kept by Sisters not WardMaster  
or M.O.s

**f39v**

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M.O.s (Medl Officer in charge) talk to them like  
dogs - & of Nurses

very little discipline - Patient/man gets up - Sister can  
only report him - Typhoid case almost killed  
by food given him by Orderly promoted for  
good Nursing

Miss Norman - not energetic enough to make  
reforms - [Mrs Deeble confused her accounts  
strangely - pail, tea - dormitory same  
room as dining-room - Netley !!!  
It must have been in war - time

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**f40**

Miss Snodgrass - Dublin }  
Miss Clifton Gosport } Aug 16/92

teaching the Orderlies? course?  
Orderlies promoted as to their  
nursing powers?

Miss Norman - Netley?  
what power of dismissal or  
appointment?

What is under the Sisters?  
Patients?  
Orderlies?  
maid-servant?  
Junior staff?

compr with  
{Civil Hospl Sisters  
{Night Service? - at St. T.'s -  
who distributed service?  
Orderlies drinking? Patients?  
Patients' discipline? " immoral?  
Typhoid - Sir T. Crawford  
Dr. McKinnon

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**f41v**

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[15:568]

Miss Snodgrass  
fears of the soldier of the R. Barracks, at Dublin  
of former decimation by typhoid - but not subsided -  
fewer Regiments to be placed there

Pigeon-foot - soldiers pick up the shell-fish & have  
typhoid (enteric) - regular Enteric Hospl - Miss S.-  
{written the other way}

[end]

Miss S.  
R. Mil. Inf.  
Dublin

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**f42**

Miss Wedderburn            Aug 21/92  
going to Fiji

books or  
clergyman  
Patients  
Nurses  
Doctors  
          leprosy?  
children  
women     Midwifery  
how many years?  
                  Patteson's Life  
                  Gordon's  
                  Paget's The Spirit of Work  
{written the other way}  
Sunshine of my Path  
by Mrs. Wright  
  
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**f43v**

Sisters

Miss Carter       splendid  
Squire            good all round  
Beckwith at Mildmay  
Wedderburn  
Night Supt at Derby  
    1 3/4 years till March  
All Saints' Sisters at Cowley  
    Incurable Ladies  
Father Congreve - Cowley Fathers  
    wrote to Bp Selwyn  
who wrote to Wesleyan Mission  
    for her -       which does all the  
                  work at the Fijis  
Nurse Stubbs at Elizth left all the  
work to me a Probr & then reported  
me -  
Sister's influence goes all thro'  
    the Ward  
St. T.'s people very superior  
to any others       go on to 2

**f44**

Miss Gordon so popular  
    with the Sisters -  
much more so than P.  
    so bright with them  
Wedderburn had 8 months of her  
    before leaving  
came 5 years ago to St. T.'s  
  
Derby Infy - Night Supt  
    all out of doors  
Miss Bagnall -----?   present Matron

**f45**

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Miss Wedderburn  
    "Lady pupils" objectionable  
word               specials disliked  
by the Staff Nurses

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**f46**

Miss Hamilton Aug 19/92 [date is correct]

Sister Xtian 4 years

Miss Johnston = Carlisle

Infirmary

Nurses happy

Xtian since

N. Home

Housekeeping

Sisters

to

Probrs,

Nurses

Patients

Miss Mills

Books

Miss Escreet

" Holden

" Ferguson

Miss Young

{written the other way}

Nurse Edwards

her Night

Nurse in

Xtian, going

with her to

Carlisle - Barbara Cameron Moon

Nurse Jago

Colostomy

only successful

for 6 ms

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**f46v**

Surgical Doctors do the Surgical  
& when they get tired of a less  
interesting case turn it over to the  
Nurses

Miss Young - Surgeon  
leaves the after treatment to the  
Sister

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**f47v**

Alcoholic Paralysis  
barmaids or wives of  
public houses - not much  
moral influence to be got  
over them - they always fall  
back - husbands drag them  
back -  
Typhoid cases - poulticed on  
the abdomen - sponged between  
blankets Dr. Harley

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Nurses changed from Ward  
to Ward far more than they  
used to be - to give them  
experience - not a good plan  
the Nurses ought & used to  
care for the Ward quite as  
much as the Sister - they  
are more a family

**f48**

Carlisle Miss Hamilton  
3 years' Probationers - 3 years' Training  
1st year no pay uniform & washing  
2nd " 16 found  
3rd " farther rise  
not bound to stay longer  
paying Probrs stopped

**f49**

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Miss Holden (Albert) Miss Young (Leopold) August/92  
Everything depends on the idiosyncrasy of the  
Sisters -

And on the discipline they receive from  
Miss Crawford  
Albert

Miss H. lets all the vulgar periodls be sold in the  
Ward & wants periodls to be "sanctioned by Hospl"  
She dresses the bad cases *herself* - "No one touches  
them but me" - " I thought I could give the Probrs ¼ hour  
twice a week - but I can't' - [takes Patient with her on holiday  
Miss Young tells the seller of the papers that if he brings  
anything but what is right, she will have him forbidden  
to come at all. (from Mrs. Hannay in Arthur) When she

**f49v**

went off duty, She told/explained to the Probr every one of  
the Patients down her side - And Probr had  
to do the same to her when she (Sister) came  
again on duty, & give any changes, fresh  
symptoms, & what had been done -  
(?to Miss Hamilton or who?)

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**f50v**

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Miss Wedderburn We were 10 & 11 years of age  
under Miss Crossland  
Miss Hogg and we were 6 and 7

Miss W. Miss P. a very peculiar sort of  
liked neither P. person. Miss Bermingham was 3  
nor C. months my junior - & not a lady  
Miss Gordon so bright

Miss Ferguson I always felt when she Miss P.  
Night Supt wished me good night - that *I had her  
blessing & nothing bad* could happen to  
me *during the night*  
*God's blessing*  
cast myself = a cast away - Settle it

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God will do it for you

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**f51** {arch: [1892]}

St. T  
Sisters' power of training - Influenza  
not fair to pronounce, because

all hardworking & devoted

~~Lumby~~

{pen}

Young Leopold } Clutton teaches Nurses  
} but talks about 'fools'

Haig Brown: Elizabeth } before students

Lumby Ophthalmic }

Mills Christian } ~~join~~ of their own accord

Holden Albert } & have a Wednesday's class  
from Miss Crossland

I encourage the Sisters to join the Professors' Lectures

Miss Herbert - much improved - but thinks the Night  
Nurses "imposed upon" - [& so they are, F.N.]

I want her for my Assistant - but have no one to put  
in her place -  
laughing - play religion

**f52** {pencil}

Miss Ferguson {Sister Charity}

Aug 28/93

*Necessity* of Electric Bells -  
for night

*Necessity* of an Assistant Nurse  
to the Night Nurse

or one to each two Wards -

*Necessity* of every Sister having  
had at least 6 month's night Nursing

*Night*

only a Night Supt (I was  
Night Supt a year) can know  
these necessities -

Night Nursing is not a  
reality to most Sisters, Matrons,  
Day Staff Nurses - It is  
evening - the Patients are done up for the night  
tidied up - & then comes  
morning

I often felt miserable at leaving  
a young Staff Night Nurse to

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**f53v**

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~~Necessity~~

Children cannot be put in the  
Bath-room for the night  
without special Medical leave  
& then they have a Night Nurse -

Necessity of training given  
especially by the Sister to  
day Staff Nurses in their 2nd  
year of Probation  
& some training or rather advice  
can be given by the Night Supt  
to Night Nurses  
Mischief of appointing young  
Sisters - They are generally  
in the power of their Staff  
Nurses from whom they have to  
learn their duties - these being  
generally their Seniors  
they should always have been assistant  
Sisters for at least 3 months

**f54** {should come after f52?}

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pick her way alone -

In \_\_\_\_\_ Paralysis in men's  
wards violent Delirium  
comes on so very suddenly

In heart cases even in the  
day they may fall into a  
position where they cannot  
breathe without perpetual  
watching -

{pen}

There is a Telephone from  
every Ward to Medl Off's  
room - for the night  
Corporation Hospl - for Infectious  
diseases        Edinburgh

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**f55**

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{arch: [?1893]}

Miss Herbert will have been  
with us 9/7 years in October  
1 year's Probation  
1 year  
{pen}  
screens  
bell to Porter's Lodge  
3 men sitting up

Specials learn Sisters' work ~~as~~  
doing Sisters' temporary duty  
(but still it is all picking up-)  
Sisters work harder than Probationers  
so much responsibility  
Mrs. Battle (Resident)

**f55v**

Night Nursing - they have to  
arrange their work - e.g., while  
clinical thermometer is in, know what  
you can do

26- highest - but then they have  
washing, tea & sugar, gowns for a  
year, caps & aprons -

No Staff Night Nurses now  
just after their year's probation

**f56**

All delirious cases crafty, so  
quiet in day, breaking out suddenly  
at night

*What you say is really done -*

*The Extra Nurse after year's  
probation often put on for a time  
to night duty under the Staff Nurse  
(Night) when the General Ward is  
heavy*

Extra Nurses now 20  
2 have had Scarlet Fever

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**f56v**

Liked Night Supt much - liked the exercise & *fresh air*. always went from one block to the other by balcony

after first round breakfast from 12.30 to 1.30 a.m.

S. Thomas used to be the only Training School - now it is only one in a crowd - but still the best

~~Extra~~ Night Nurses' Dormitory over Block 7 - 2 Supts in middle - better rooms - Night Nurses like it

**f57**

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Miss Herbert

Hospital has been much heavier the last 2 or 3 years -

*Surgical* - The number of operations now performed which never were before -

Abdominal Section - both men & women - for obstruction (or abscess - as soon as possible) - the difficult operations Dr. Cullingworth performs - these by day in Bath-room =Ovariectomy reckoned quite an east every day operation - men generally put off coming to Hospital as long as they can - & their operations may have to take place at night *Medical*

**f57v**

Dr. Payne & Dr. Harley - Arthur - not interesting to work with - but kind

Despair - yes for a few minutes but [Night Supt must have experience - know more than Night Nurse] then I would stay with her for ½ hour - She would ask me

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**f58**

*Medical* Men's Night Nursing  
the hardest of all - they are  
generally so very ill -  
more than the women

Night nurse can summon help  
from Ward above or below  
by rapping on the stove -  
chimney carries sound

**f58v**

Advantage of her to Night Nurses -  
Advantage Night Nurses have  
been to me  
1 ½ years to 2 years enough  
but not change to day every 3  
or 6 months  
It takes a Night Nurse a  
fortnight to learn how Patients  
look by night

**f59** {arch: [1893]}

Miss St Clair Mary St  
Nurses' Home Dublin

Pension  
pay in  
£28 a year till 60  
then £15 a year  
pension

Night Supt Miss Howes tall  
Asst Littlewood sprawly  
steady

Miss Messum [?]

Herbert

Roberts

put in to Sisters

N. Nurses

9.30 p.m.

to 9 a.m.

Nurse Channell

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**f59v**

A1

"O all the Sisters teach perfectly"  
F.N. And 1st year of Staff Nurse -  
a Probationary 2nd year -  
O Matron tells them to teach - And  
they teach -  
Any Lectures?

"O no Sisters rooms not  
wanted - windows should not be  
there at all - blocked up - quite  
right ? Dr. Ord  
Atmosphere of Wards - why  
if the door of Ward opens - it comes  
into Sister's room - Sister's room

**f60**

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"O you can hear the Night Nurse  
if she lets fall the poker, thro' the  
floors & shafts, the Night Nurse of  
Albert comes rushing up to George."

!!

"Yes, I would have Electric Bells  
to Porter's Lodge - no Telephone -  
She did not know O how needful a Chapter! of the failure  
of Probrs: was quite sure all  
the new sisters were perfect  
as well in training in moral discipline  
as in the technical knowledge & practice  
- in tone of Ward as in skill

Miss Xtie specially perfect -  
-Probrs always say they learn more there  
than anywhere - notwithstanding  
restricted quality of cases"-

F.N. I know Miss Xtie says so  
Miss Herbert so cock sure of every  
thing - Elle n'a rien oublié ni rien  
appris - Miss Gordon to same A1

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**f60v**

Miss Kinder Guy's

~~Alexander~~

x Ophthalmic N.N. Miss Shuter  
x Alexandra & N.N. " Haig Brown  
x Elizabeth & N.N. " Easton  
x Victoria & N.N. " Elkington/Tilt Tilt  
x Charity & Night Nurse" Ferguson {Mitchell  
x Xtian & N.N. " Mills Dr. T. Acland  
Payne  
x Albert & N.N. " Carter McKeller  
x Arthur (& N.N.) " M. Swan A. & N.  
x George (& N.N.) " Rinder Dr. Ord  
Escreet Sharkey  
Roberts James  
x Edwards & N.N. " Young Mr. Clutton  
x Leopold & Night Nurse " Bermingham " Anderson  
x Clayton & N.N. " Allardyce " Pitts  
x Adelaide & N.N. Christie " Cullingworth  
x Miss Baylis & Block 8  
& Senior/Sister Night Nurse  
x Mrs Hannay & do do " 2 ask Scarlet  
uncomfortable  
place  
{written upside down}  
Miss Vincent  
Pension

**f61**

Miss Ferguson New Year's Day  
Sister Charity 1894  
Make your Ward your *home*  
where all your interests are  
-your family  
You cannot do anything *outside*  
of yourself: if you are to be  
turned on at stated hours, it  
will not be your home  
You must treat your Patients  
not only as cases but as human  
beings - you must not have  
merely an intellectual interest  
in them  
And your Probationers - you  
must not treat them merely  
technically but morally as  
women

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**f63**

Miss Loch                    Jan 30/94

her own Nurses - head quarters  
Lady Roberts "  
Sisterhood "  
Up Country "  
Orderlies - teaching by Nurses  
                  & promotion accordingly  
Native Orderlies  
{written on the side}  
                  health  
Orderly Corps                accommodation  
40 or 50 Orderlies    responsibility of Lady Supt  
  " Doctors  
  night nursing

**f64**

Miss Escreet                March 6/94  
Night Nursing                *Electric Bells*  
Crying Children:                Bath-room  
Ward atmosphere:                Sisters' Rooms x  
                                  Tatham - going into a sisterhood  
Cheltenham                {Sisters                Probationers  
                                  ~~Housekeeper~~ {Matron's hands  
Miss Fenn - Assistant                20 Private Nurses  
                                  Power of dismissal                separate Home  
Do Sisters                } moral discipline to Nurses  
                                  inexperienced } sufficient technical training?  
                                  } defective training in Wards?  
Students  
Patients  
Nurses - happy? Yes no jealousy between wards/ accommodation?  
Probationers - failure of Probationers  
Lectures to Sisters  
Experience of Night duty - Sisters  
Certificates not necessary  
Pensions a good many of the Nurses  
Night Supts who & who? Miss Hughes  
                                  Miss Howes  
                                  " Jex Blake  
x Sisters' Rooms                April 10/95  
1st year's training in Wards  
                                  do Sisters teach?  
                                  Dr. Sharkey's Lectures

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**f64v**

Spray entirely discontinued  
bacilli did not like the cold  
& were driven in to the wound

Instruments boiled  
All the care

**f65**

Miss De Laney                      May 7/94  
wet & dirty Patients can be so improved by  
Nursing care - giving the bed-pan many  
times Night & day - close stool by the  
bed - inculcating & practising cleanliness - keeping up  
their minds with a little cheerful talk -  
we have very few such inveterate cases ~~now~~ after a  
while  
Epileptics - we always send ~~out~~ two together  
when out of the Ward - there is always a  
pillow ready - And they take such care of  
one another - the mate always lays down  
the one in a fit & tends him carefully  
If more than two men sent out together, a male  
attendant sent out with them -  
We don't send for the Doctor for every  
fit.  
male attendants & man servants almost  
All soldiers - most trusty -  
[Are our Porters at S. T.'s old  
soldiers?]  
all under Miss Gibson - all chosen by her -  
the same as the women -

**f66**

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Did

We never listen to those Nurses who say: we  
can't do with the infirm Wards - they are  
so troublesome -  
dear old things

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**f67**

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Miss DeLaney Nurses  
3 years' training often go  
4 mos: Night Nursing to Seven {?}  
Hospls  
Manchester

each year

furnish Workhouse Assocn & Northern  
will train for one year

Dr. Cullingworth H.B.C.  
seriously angry  
"after 2 years" - Miss Xtie

Miss DeLaney - which is it?  
Electric Bells - " " "  
Call bell from every Ward  
Telephone " " "

Epileptics Night Porters  
Infections  
Midwifery - stoning{?}  
Operations - sterilizing

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**f68v**

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Miss Escreet  
corroborated Miss Ferguson  
in every respect  
the young Sisters - they can't  
teach what they don't  
know themselves

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Hy B.C.

Plaistow Hospl small  
general - Miss Twining's  
Sister

train Nurses  
midwifery - out door cases

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Miss Broadwood - Cheap Nurse  
Rural Branch

Mrs Malleson - wants  
affiliates to Queen's Jubilee  
Lincolnshire - Lord & Lady  
Winchelsea

(has discovered !! the want of knowledge  
in mothers!!)  
where are they to be trained?

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**f69**

Miss Barff                      June 1/94                      **[13:828]**  
Macclesfield my best Nurses come from  
The London Hospital  
not from Liverpool or Manchester  
We have gentlewomen but also others - these  
    are not good  
District/the Nurses get so fond of their Districts they  
won't leave them  
Angel Meadow - a street - principally  
Polish Jews - one privy to 13 houses  
- Sanitary women - a private concern - not very good      **[end]**

**f70**

Miss Gibson                      June 5/94  
1.    Electric Bells & Telephones  
2.    Miss deL. Probrs gone back  
    whether practically, theoretically  
    or how

                    Epileptics

3 Lady Meath's  
4.    3 years' training  
{written sideways}  
    10  
    15  
    18

Nurse Jackson    sweet  
Walsham's Surgery

                    Rebecca Smith  
on the Council  
    Old woman

**f70v**

sugar  
bile  
blood  
pus  
chlorates  
albumen

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**f71v**

attendant night & day  
Telephone Office at the front door  
from every Ward Telephone  
Telephone to the front office  
Telephone to every Doctor's  
room  
to Matron's House  
Nurse telephones to Tele Off

Electric Bells from Central Office  
rings once from every Ward  
for Matron  
& into the Nurses' Home  
& Matron's House

Night Supt                    you speak  
                                  down the Telephone  
                                  and ask to be  
little bell outside the door    connected  
Telephone just outside the door    with an  
                                  other  
                                  place

**f72**

Miss Hampton                    July 8/94  
Sisters                    not Charwomen  
                                  the mother  
Modern Nurses - Sister's ~~Nurse's~~ own Room  
                                  chalton[?] - public  
the Wardham home  
Patients & Nurses no family  
difference in U. States? x  
private Nurses - gentlewomen  
wave of talk & lecturing  
women can do anything now in  
England that is good  
that has turned to talk  
x what? no private life?  
3 years' training Johns Hopkins  
wedding day flowers  
~~illeg~~ business  
or fashion                    Nurse  
                                  like a mother  
                                  immense moral  
                                  power of a  
                                  Nurse

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**f73v**

10 to 12  
Weston Palace Hotel  
St. Margaret's 12  
Wednesday 11th  
Miss Hampton

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**f74v**

Private Nurses in train  
talking of their Patients

Private Nurses: Cheltenham  
percentage on their earnings  
very few ladies  
all want to come back &  
have a Ward

Cheltenham  
4 Sisters 1 Night Nurse

**f75**

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Miss Everest  
Nurse Channell  
Home for private Co-op Nurses

Tone of  
Students depends on the Sister  
- & they are grateful - I tell  
them not to talk of p.m.s before  
the Patients - not to talk over one  
bed of the diseases of another - & they  
thank me

Electric Bells to Porter's Room quite  
necessary

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**f75v**

Staff Nurses not changed so often as they were -

I have had my Day Nurse 9 months -

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Of these 13 Sisters for 1893 have been changed

1 Sister Leopold (Birmingham to Croydon

1 " George (Escreet to ? Cheltenham

1 " Victoria (Elkington to be Assistant

3

1 Sister Albert (Carter has applied for Kimberley

1 Sister Edward ( Young has applied for \_\_\_\_\_

**f76** {arch: [c.1892-1894]}

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the great engine in the hands of the District Nurse - tidiness - putting down drunkenness - creating an opinion

Register failure because it does not & cannot give conduct character

& certain intelligence which embraces the case, the idiosyncrasy (individuality) of Patients - the technical part Sisters - Miss Ferguson

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Add Mss 49623

**f77v**

great multiplication  
of inferior untrained  
Nurses for the poor  
best Nursing at the sick bed  
but moral Nursing too  
cleanliness tidiness

"Times" letter

Lord Palmerston  
Lectures

**f78** {arch: [1888-1894]}

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Miss Stocks

St. Helens - Lancashire - Hospl  
£1000 a year Workmen subscribe 1d a week  
makes 900 a year, themselves, their  
wives & families admitted free  
St. B.'s not clean free behaviour  
Lpool not same class as St. T.'s

Miss Stains so clever "a play with some interesting work"  
3 Probrs changed every month - men's surgical  
women's obstetric  
night Nursing

3 years  
no salary first

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**f79v**

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wish to be good Nurses - not religious  
go to St. B.'s

work at St. T.'s so much harder  
than St. Helen's

free cooperation Where?

Add Mss 49623

**f80**

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Miss Stocks            St. Helens    Lancashire  
Koch diet death                    Hospl  
Spray ashamed  
no Res Med Off            extraordinary accident  
poor women after lying-in - uncleanliness always the  
cause of their state - no douching - no ordinary midwife  
ever douches  
Crumpsall Manchester Nurse well taught  
Monthly Nursing of the poor

**f81**

Miss Walker                            1/4/95  
Physiology - preference to work  
mixing Nurses & Probationers  
how many? know them all?  
Sisters - key-stones  
Home Sister? Miss Robin  
Miss Spencer's health  
Probrs falling off in vigour ? /questions  
Doctors  
Miss Turton                    740 beds  
40 children  
Private Nurses                            132 Home  
28 Sisters  
    Extra  
Americans - not good Nurses            175  
Electric                    but bad practitioners  
Telephones                    Materia Medica  
[illeg]  
Crete                            Servants Library

Add Mss 49623

**f82**

Miss Easton - Sister Elizabeth  
April 12/95

Miss Lloyd = Still }  
very good }  
Nurse Buckley } Probrs  
very good }  
" Todd }

Nurse Moore N.N.  
delirium tremens Electric Bells  
intestinal operations the worst  
Nurse Cadmore Day Staff  
not quiet  
1 ½ years in Elizth Miss Mills  
8 mos Staff Nurse in Xtian  
(2 ½ in Hospital  
Ostler [better?]  
Obstetrical  
Surgery or a General  
Erichsen  
latest Edition before  
good practise

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**f83v**

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Antiseptics  
iodoform  
done in Theatre &  
Ovariotomies stop in Ward  
not in small Ward  
~~lets~~ best to be made the  
Dr/Mr. Pitts Sister all day  
Dr. Anderson

Miss Pepper } Theatre  
" Herbert } Sisters

Matron sympathetic  
Miss Easton the most posée  
most all round Sister of  
those I have seen

Add Mss 49623

**f84**

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Miss Easton *Female Surgical*

Yes: they do generally lie  
quiet from the time they are put  
up in the night till the morning  
It isn't like *Female Medical*

every day/evening of the week something  
no afternoon off - only  
Ward so

Nurses  
burns  
children over 6 (7 or 8)  
mother upstairs for a minute  
child's clothes downstairs catch fire

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**f85v**

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entirely approves of Sister  
being the mother of the Ward  
living there - its being her home  
- never had such good  
health as in St. T.'s -  
-one day off fog & cold  
3 weeks as Probr for Influenza  
that is all

does not approve of a time  
being given for Physy & Anatomy  
before going into the Wards  
but thinks that if it had  
taken place in the former  
education it is good

Add Mss 49623

**f86**

Miss Allardice            11 April/95  
    Clayton Ward: Mr. Pitts  
    Male Surgical  
    Newspapers    the men  
    Nurses' Library  
    your own  
Night Nurse in Adelaide (Obstetric  
    R.A. (Resident Accoucheur)  
    came in for a cup of tea  
he has to hold the woman  
    while I made it    x  
I scolded the Night Sister  
for not coming before to  
help me  
x he only told me to give her  
    quinine - she was trying  
to get out of bed

Book  
Flower {written on the side Surgical Directory

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**f87v**

Nurse Schauber:    ear  
                    good  
Miss Freeland    nervous child  
Miss Webber    capable  
  
Nurse Short    Staff Nurse  
  
    James        N.N.  
                competent  
Davidson        mother  
  
Telephones                    County Sussex  
from each Ward                Nurse Speed  
House Surgeon  
No.    8    & 80

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**f88**

Miss Allardice Clayton  
from Edinburgh M.S.  
very nervous, out spoken  
& excitable  
voice like Mrs Robertson's  
altogether like Lizzie  
very handsome  
full of energy & devotion & talent  
but independent &  
out spoken  
tells the House Surgeon  
(poor)he has neglected or  
scamped his work  
reproved Special P. for  
too familiar manners  
towards ~~dresser~~ or junior staff  
devoted to her Patients  
carried flowers all round  
shy but will never lose any  
thing for not speaking out

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**f89v**

Miss Howes Night Sister very religious  
wishes to die  
but no Nurses  
used to take a cup of tea  
with me at 10 p.m. -  
& to have 5 minutes talk  
but left it off because  
she thought it dissipated  
her & wasted ¼ hour

Miss Allardice - the  
most interesting of all  
the sisters

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Mr. Pitts very cautious - never  
tries experiments - sits down  
on the locker & asks a Patient  
to be operated on what he thinks -  
If the Patient answers he leaves it  
to him, he says he will think of it & tell him tomorrow

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**f90**

Miss Roberts April 15/95  
(Sister George) at top  
Male Medical  
Night work  
Probationers  
Easter

Hardly any of the  
Nurses drink beer  
at meals now -  
milk instead  
{written sideways}  
like a nice healthy child  
15 months in Theatre where she learned  
nothing about management of Patients  
(all unconscious) or of Wards - nothing but  
about the handling of instruments  
Miss Allardice the most human

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**f91v**

Nurse Guildford N.N.  
just out of her Probation  
but very good - knows how to  
Probrs manage her  
Miss Saxill Dane  
a trial  
Nurse Clark nice  
Nurse Whitby Special  
bright best  
  
Nurse Gadsden D.G. [?]

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never asked to see Report of myself  
has seen a good deal of Night  
Nursing - & likes it much  
Probrs have nothing to do with the Clinical Clerks not like the  
Dressers

4/6 each side

- ~~id~~ to take notes  
of each  
case

carefully chosen (for 3 months)  
by *Dr. Sharkey*  
4 Visiting Physicians }? each  
4 House " } devotes his  
own  
Dr. Sharkey - immense ~~Clerk~~  
instructor of Clerks

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**f92**

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*Miss Roberts*

I am afraid I frightened  
her about Night Nursing x  
- she turned grave all of a  
sudden  
or whether it was religious  
She herself had had a man  
taken delirious all of a sudden  
rush shouting into her own  
room at midnight - but  
closely followed by the Night  
Nurse -  
x want of Telephone  
& Electric Bells

**f93**

Miss Mitchell noisy Sister Charity  
April 18/95 unlike Miss Ferguson female Medical  
going to be married  
Night work  
Probationers  
Easter  
Moral discipline  
manners  
Certificates  
none wanted  
Clinical Clerks  
9 to Dr. Sharkey  
  
Nurse Cameron  
Alexandra S.N. Book on Hygiene  
Barber Cameron  
old Probr  
helped the new  
Nurse Dempster  
  
book  
flowers  
the old Probationers help the  
new more than any body else does

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**f93v**

Miss Mitchell  
Probr June '91 to June '92

Sister Casualty - loud voice

7 months Day Staff Adelaide -  
3 " Night Staff Xtian  
Sister Charity 15 months

I always  
want to  
go out every day  
from Solihull Casualty 150 to 170  
throat room  
ear "  
obstetric " nurse  
mental

**f94**

Dr. Sharkey x makes me tell  
how soon Patient fell asleep  
after taking Draught  
how long slept  
most particular in his questions  
food &c  
Caesarean operation here

x class of 30 or 40  
men put down their names  
who wish to be questioned  
Matron sympathetic  
like a school-girl Miss M is \_\_\_\_\_  
keeps up corresponde with  
old Patients  
more practice than theory  
have many afternoons free  
from doctors

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**f94v**

Probr

Nurse Greg                   not very promising  
Special                       self-conscious  
                                  Bloomsbury

Nurse Sharp                 slow  
Special

Nurse Froude               plodder  
Special                     anxious

Nurse Ayles                 D. Staff  
                              devoted to Patients

Miss Tippet                 N.N.  
                              two in Ward  
brother very ill at Weston  
                              Hospl

Mr. Mills

Chaplain  
Official Form to recommend  
a Patient on going out  
to his or her clergyman  
who always attends  
to it

Mr. Weigall

very good in  
visiting

**f95**

Miss Mitchell

it is not only missing  
a great opportunity for  
good to care only for  
the dying Patients & not  
~~for~~ visit those who are  
only chronic or not dangerous cases -

but it is doing positive  
harm - the Patients see  
themselves passed over  
& think religion for *life*  
means nothing

{written sideways}

very like an  
old fashioned  
Nurse but/& also  
like one in noticing  
things which no one  
else does

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Add Mss 49623

**f97**

Miss Mitchell  
poorest Patients most difficult  
to please - expect the best  
food  
one of the poorest very rude  
but begged my pardon afterwards  
class above much less difficult

the tone of the Ward not so  
much moulded by the Sister  
as by two or three women  
very good or very much  
the contrary

Dr. Sharkey examining for  
College till 23rd  
he puts such very good questions  
to his Class of students  
notices even the Probationers' dress

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**f98v**

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Preparation to Ward work very curious  
Miss Mitchell so very loud  
~~ne~~ she had been Sister Casualty  
evidently much accustomed to shouting  
Miss Roberts S. George - had been 15 or 16  
months Theatre Sister - had small idea  
of *lively* Patients or of *management* of Ward

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**f99**

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Miss Hampson April 20/95

Rotunda

Dublin

age of Probationers? 22?

should be 30

students & women Probrs mixed?

no mischief

mortality among lying-in

women? & children?

septicaemia? like a poisoned

finger

accidents?

accommodation for women Probrs

by night - by day

instruction for women

" for men

book on Obstetric Surgery?

beds? Lying in } 90

beds? 35 for Obstetric cases } beds

~~children~~ } altogether

Pupil Midwives }no malice

called Nurses } for correction

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Add Mss 49623

**f100v**

Night Service of Midwives/Head Nurse  
[illeg] always present  
Pupil Midwives - how arranged  
Nurse Probationers 6 months -  
-how many years? may be right  
if Obstetric  
taken  
Nurse Ramsden - over Obstetric  
Section  
Miss Dunn  
Miss St. Clair see her every day  
(R.C.) doing good work  
from Genl Hospl  
at Dublin  
Medical Students admitted  
to the Rotunda? at Dublin yes

waiting  
~~pregnant~~ Wards  
Delivery " }  
Lying in " } 8 days  
Convalescent " } altogether  
plan of building - wards on each  
side Corridor - artificial ventilation  
{written on the side}  
Harold {?} Barbers {?} Gynaecology

**f101**

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Miss Hampson  
Probationers  
6 mo. in Lying in Section  
6 mo. if they pay the fees in  
the Auxiliary Hospital, the  
Gynaecological Section - x  
they earn their fees twice over  
afterwards  
x Nurse Ramsden

cleanliness the cure  
blood poisoning of the wound in  
the womb like a poisoned finger  
septicaemia in Hospl  
I learnt so much at St. Thomas

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**f102v**

the women delivered in the  
street x recover better, say  
the Doctors, than those delivered  
in the Hospital

Dr Smiley - head Master  
so patient - will wait two  
hours while Nature acts,  
instead of using instruments

x students go out & bring them  
in on stretchers. then such a job  
to get them up to the 2nd Ward flight

**f103**

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Miss Hampson

Patients often brought in  
in an almost dying condition  
- Doctors don't like it - I say,  
we are here not for Statistics,  
but for taking care of the  
poor women

anesthetics - Chloroform &  
Ether - Gas to begin with  
out of Doctors' own pockets  
a Midwife/Nurse given to each  
District in Ireland who  
will have one - She has the  
advantage of being always under  
a Doctor. She is taught all  
the care of Mother & infant  
that we call monthly nursing

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**f104v**

a

(Midwife) Nurse Probr attends  
from the beginning Master's  
(Doctor's ) Lectures to Medical  
Students - some don't some  
do understand -

Medical Students admitted  
from Dublin - they don't  
reside in School but  
chiefly qualified men from  
Ireland or England who  
come to complete their  
Medical Education

The Probationer is called Nurse &  
not Midwife - At the delivery  
she ties the cord, washed the  
infant - &c &c but no more

They are taught *palping* the

Head Midwives or Nurse 3 nights/2 days  
always present

**f105**

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a1

abdomen, which the Master  
prefers to examination  
They do all the cleanliness,  
even to the vessels, instruments & walls - Ward maids  
scour the floors -

There are 3 Head Nurses, 2  
for the day, one for the night

The Probrs used to be on duty  
for 24 hours - I introduced  
(with some fear) lest they  
should not feel the same  
responsibility, Night Nursing

~~as to~~ alternate with Day  
They have the advantage of  
being always under Doctors

Nurses taught -  
to be second to Doctors

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**f106v**

a2

They learn everything for  
the mother & infant -  
They are not the "trained  
"Midwife" who knows  
nothing but the delivery  
No mischief between Students  
& Probationers? No: the Staff  
Nurses were full of gossip  
about it when I came -  
But I can find none now -

Conversation

Now you had better tell me  
about it - Or I shall be  
always thinking of it. If you  
tell me, it will be done with -  
What should you think of me?  
no malice if I concealed things  
R. C. & Protestants the Probrs

**f107**

Miss Tilt April 22/95  
Sister Victoria  
children under 7/6 ?  
how many Doctors? all 8  
Probationers - as ~~wards~~  
Nursemaids  
very good  
no bottles  
only spoons Miss Escreet  
~~vacation~~ taught her most  
delightful  
3 mo. Probationer  
in Victoria  
2 on Night duty  
With Erysipelas [?]  
Mr. Toller with Resident  
Mr. Pitts so kind with the  
children  
Dr. Payne too - so kind  
Mr. Clutton }  
Dr. Sharkey } have the large  
Dr. Anderson } Classes of students  
Dr. Payne}  
book  
flowers

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**f107v**

If I go round with Probr  
to every new case - It is  
good practice for them -  
for if we have 3 Doctors in  
at once, the Probrs must  
go with me.

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**f108v**

Probationers&c  
~~Nurse Todd 1 very nice~~  
Nurse Stoward 1st very nice girl  
" Ramage 1st promising  
quite new  
" Evans nice  
Special  
" Proctor not quite new  
Nurse Elliot going Day Staff  
for Private  
Nursing  
" Goldsborough N.N.  
" Piers " Extra

Taylor's 1 practice Violin  
Medicine Piano wanted  
gets up at 6 o'cl a.m.  
children made good health  
quiet from 2-3 but tired  
babies will stop drying  
if older ones are quiet

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**f109**

Miss Tilt      Sept./94 to April/95  
We had such a beautiful  
little boy - Broncho-Pneumonia  
he got quite well - Resident  
saw him the morning he was  
discharged - pronounced him quite  
well - 4 days after she came  
back: said he died last night -  
'he had a good meal' - what? 'oh  
'steak, suet, potato - & died in a  
'fit.' She had been warned, &  
*called milk* starvation diet.  
pipes would not act in  
September - I asked Steward  
- the Ward was so cold - Mr. Clutton

**f110**

Miss Shuter              April 23/95  
Ophthalmic Ward

Mr. Nettleship?      6 beds & the  
                         smaller Ward

Children  
    Ophthalmia & blindness  
    occasioned by carelessness  
    in the first few hours  
    or days after birth  
    leaflets  
    Midwives      Nurses

Charity Organization Socy  
    Visitor

books  
flowers

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**f111**

Miss Annie Stocks                      May 11/95  
  Matron - St. Helens  
Working men contribution  
  Sisters -            Probationers  
  Home Sister                      training  
  Night Sister  
  Construction

America

  no Sisters                      all alike no Ward work  
  taking more Probrs than work  
  Physiology teaching & [illeg]  
    as well you might teach  
    soldier structure of his gun  
    & no more  
    enthusiasm - no experience  
    no domesticity - no Homes  
      -Hotels  
    a mere master of business &  
      making money  
{written on the side}  
a want of regard for real work  
regard for extension & for  
  chatter

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**f112v**

London exists for & by Dickens  
not Dickens by London  
A. Daudet's  
idea

**f113**

June 29/95

Miss Easton x Erichsen  
Elizabeth 2 Vols  
Miss Allardice x Heath's Surgl  
Clayton Dictionary  
2 Vols  
Miss Roberts x  
George Taylor's  
Medicine  
Miss Mitchell xx Newsholme's  
Charity Hygiene  
Miss Tilt - Taylor's Medicine  
Victoria - Goodhart's  
Diagnosis of  
Children  
Miss Shuter Nettleship's  
Ophthalmic Diseases of Eyes

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9 Vols

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**f114v**

p. 355 Hart & Barbour

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**f115**

Miss McMaster 27/9/95

Leopold

Probationers

who helps them?

Ward Maids

Emma - Spurgeon

Night Nurses

Surgeon

Operations - Bad cases

Theatre Sister

How long?

Newspapers - men

Penny dreadfuls

Children } Soldiers' books

} Miss Pringle

} dockers 6 boys

Bacilli - America

Bacteriology

Organic Chemistry

Weigall

who [illeg]

Erichsen - 2 Vols

Quam

my article

Books - Books - Piano

Ward

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Miss Crossland - None of them will work  
with Mr. McK. They must know more about  
him than we can - very clever.

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**f117v**

Miss Pepper  
" Herbert  
we copy each other  
Mr. Stabb taught me  
two days  
he is appointed to the Ear  
Dept

Baby sarcoma in kidney  
operated on -  
Chloroform to children

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**f118v**

Electric Handlight  
Mi  
" Lights between each bed  
so dangerous dressing Patient  
in Ward by a candle

Schimmelbusch  
Aseptic Surgery

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beds down the middle of both  
Female Surgical Wards  
abscesses - trifling operations  
irrigator - sterilized water  
no other water need  
sponges - made of wool &c  
ligatures - absorbed - rat-tail

**f119**

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Not selection but disposal  
of people the rub now -  
Miss H- was made Night Supt  
because she was not a good  
Sister - And now she is  
made a Matron because  
she was not a good  
Night Supt  
The Night Supt should be  
an Officer of the Chapter  
After the Home Sister, she  
is the most important  
of all the Officers

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**f120**

Wards

Miss Moriarty 6/11/95  
Lying in Wards  
Ly Priestley Sir Wm  
Great improvement in last  
years - antiseptics - aseptics  
boiling blocks  
ask to see Miss Xtie Milk  
Obstetric Ward  
I don't know all the  
improvements  
or Miss Pepper, Theatre Sister  
but those not Lying in  
but Ovariectomies  
Miss Hampson - Monthly Nurse  
building - bed - furnitures  
blocks straw as little as possible  
Paris - Maternité - Charité  
Single Wards  
Where your "trained Midwife"  
from?

**f121**

Eyes of infants  
large proportion of blind in Asylums  
from *infant* ophthalmia  
to be wiped as soon as the  
head is born -  
then cleanliness

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what does Miss  
Vincent wish for  
in charge?

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Victoria  
baby 7 months old  
no knowledge of feeding

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Midwives in London - my experience  
only for delivery

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**f121v**

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blocks - like St. T.'s

York Road Lambeth

I don't know all the improve  
give you a letter       ments  
Miss Webster -       account  
L.O.S. - London Obstetrical Exam  
improved but little or no  
use       Miss Gregory

Dublin       Miss Hampson  
\_\_\_\_\_normal mortality  
              at own Homes  
how many Pupil Midwives & Nurses  
to Lying in Wards

how many months' training

**f122**

Miss Mills                       18/11/96

India - what part? Bombay?  
afterwards don't know  
"       Dept?

Sir H.A.'s questions  
Missionaries

Miss Loch       St. B's  
Rawul Pindi Punjab

Miss       "       South of India  
              Secundarabad  
              quarrel       Bangalore  
native orderlies} what country?  
                  Assistant Surgeons?  
                  Surgeons  
what power over the Orderlies  
what day depart?  
              present?       12th Dec  
how many years with us?  
{written in the right margin}  
Who the  
              best? What do you recommend?       Pianos?

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**f123v**

bacilli  
lectures - first half year -  
Chaplains  
Miss Boyd Carpenter  
not to be a reformer  
Missionaries

Ruth Judd  
Wardmaid  
good  
Army Medical Book  
a case of instruments  
Morden  
Milsham  
Surrey

**f124**

18 Nov/95

Miss Mills: Sister Christian  
now Miss Carpenter  
Staff Nurse - Theatre Nurse  
Nurse  
Best Probationer: Nurse Clarke  
Ward maid: Ruth Judd - good  
Miss Haig Brown: s. Alexandra  
best Sister

5 Divisions of Nurses: Rawul Pindi  
Miss Loch  
Secundarabad  
quarrel  
Lucknow  
Bombay  
flirtings  
? Madras

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**f125v**

Nurse Frances Cameron  
on leave  
with Miss Loch  
at Rawul Pindi

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**f126**

Miss Mills  
Army Medical book  
5 years old but  
she has only been in a  
woman's Ward  
dine out go out bu  
don't dance  
Generals laugh angrily &  
Junior Officers jollily  
at you dancing  
'so kind of the Govt'  
treatment same as 40 years  
ago P. & O.  
you must not know  
anything about anything  
Sir Oliver Newmarch  
? corresponds with the Doctors in India

**f127**

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{arch: [?1895]}

Dr. Ord Dr. Sharkey  
will he take March, April, May & June  
or October, Nov Dec  
must choose his own subjects  
Dr. Sharkey will take up  
what Dr. Ord lectured upon

not to spend so much time  
on the bones  
Miss Crossland  
Dr. Sharkey to clothe the  
bones  
Miss C. having new men to  
prepare for

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**f128v**

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very good Specials

*Miss Roberts* Dr's daughter

*Mitchell* Dr. Barnage

brains

*Easton* Liverpool

will turn out well

*Manchester*

Mr. Clutton Miss Haig Brown  
helps

Miss Holborn  
intelligent  
can't sleep

**f129**

*Sister Tulloch* March 21/96

German Antiseptics

books for selves

for men

uncleanliness of Orderlies

teach Orderlies?

Wardmasters?

drinking Night work

Cannot have pension till 60

*Sister Snodgrass'* letter

Typhoid Fever - whence?

Hygiene N.C.O.s

tubs in Barrack rooms?

near Phoenix Park

where is R. Military Hospl

Reading & Game Rooms in Barracks?

Dublin Inspection?

Sarah Acland Home

where trained? sent to Manchester

Miss Hanson

Island Bridge Barracks?

Richmond " ?

**f129v**

No Night Sister

R. Military Hospl

fresh Orderly every night

Fever Wards - S. Snodgrass

have permanent Night

Orderlies

Miss Dew Supt Sister

Clifton }

Tutton } General Wards

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**f130v**

*Miss Mason's* Homes of Rest  
for Nurses  
10 Finchley Road  
Eastbourne Home for the  
Aged  
German book on Antiseptics  
in English  
Berkeley Hill she has  
Miss Snodgrass has to go  
in June  
Dr. Jameson - not only an Office  
man - the best P.M.O. we ever  
Caird had  
Expedition in '89  
Liffey gives bad forms of  
Pneumonia  
*Miss Sands & Soldiers'*  
Homes in Dublin

**f131**

Miss Haig Brown May 6/96

*Private Please return*

She paid me long visit  
-liked her so much -  
cheerful, thoughtful, sensible,  
more gentlewomanlike  
& less narrow than most -  
which, tho' of minor  
importance, is still  
important, as giving her  
more independence of  
character.

Tho' her "inky garb"  
was visible in her mind,  
& she did not avoid the  
subject, yet we had  
a cheerful talk on  
all professional matters

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Lunn "Aseptik - hot water

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**f131v**

[Helen H.B.

Purpura (not haemorrhoids  
haemorrhage from nose,  
stomach, [illeg]  
finally haemorrhage ~~of~~/on brain  
(not prostration) insensibility  
& in a few hours, death -  
afraid to come from Lpool  
to London alone, for fear  
of haemorrhage coming on in  
the train -  
But it did not. Dr. Turvey  
met her in London, &  
started her home -  
Nurse Messenger St. Thomas' co=ops)  
nursed her - very good -  
The Haig Browns always  
have St. Thomas' from Co-ops]

**f132**

*Private*

2. F. Haig Brown has  
not enough to do at St.  
Marylebone & only two  
classes a week - & not much  
corresponde. "Miss Vincent  
"has been very kind in saying  
"she shall miss me, But  
"I should like more to do."  
[F.N. I hope she won't  
find *too much* to do  
at St. Thomas'.] She asked  
pertinent questions. I  
"regretted" to tell her that  
about 10 of her Probrs (6  
in Apothecary's House, 4 in  
Block's Dormitory) would be  
away from under her roof -  
about 45 all together

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**f132v**

3 - I will draw my insist  
-ance on Miss H.B. being  
under Miss Crossland in the  
Home for a short time;  
it is obvious that it meets  
with such resistance -  
probably from the head  
wishing the Home Sister to  
be exactly on the same  
level as the Ward Sisters -  
that I should do more  
harm than good by  
insisting - Miss H.B.  
wishes for "one or two  
long talks" with Miss  
Crossland.

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N. Sup. being below Ward Sisters  
instead of being one of the Officers

**f133**

Miss Tippett                      28/5/96  
1 year's Probation  
9 mos: Night Nurse Charity  
Sister - Dorcas - men Typhoid  
Sharkey Abdominal Compress  
Payne tepid sponging  
Ord  
                                    8 beds  
then Sister pro tem various  
now S. Elizabeth F.S.  
Clutton Clutton      22 beds  
Anderson  
attends operations  
introduces Aseptik  
Day Nurse                      Ruddock  
Night      "                      Wright  
                                    both very good  
can't say yet how Miss Spencer  
will do as Night Supt

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**f133v**

get all the Patients out  
on balcony - 3 little girls  
in a bed - We sometimes  
have 7 beds out at once  
Mr. Clutton likes it so

My reports on Probrs go  
first to Home Sister -  
then she makes her remarks  
then to Matron.

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**f134v**

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little girls        Little Folks  
                         stories

Probationers - one good but  
                 uncertain - 10 month  
                 two new                    Prob  
                 (one, an American,  
                 cares most for  
                 Wards - Tobin

I always send away  
                 Probrs to the minute  
Home Sister broke me in -  
                 her Classes on Anatomy  
capital  
I get out every dy  
                 except Clutton's Friday

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**f135**

Miss Tippett S. Elizabeth  
History F.S.  
Aseptik  
Nurses - Probationers  
who helps them? Staff  
Surgeons - House Surgeons Nurses?  
Night - Night Supt Dressers  
Sterilization  
Female Operations  
Abdominal Section -  
Ward maids one very nice  
Newspapers no  
~~Chaplain~~  
Bacilli - dirt  
wanted Telephone Electric Bell  
books - do they read? less than  
men  
book Ostler's Medicine  
Piano

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**f136v**

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Miss Young: Miss  
Easton

who taught you most  
ventilation at night?  
deaths? 2  
~~look up cupboards for tests~~  
Glass tops to Doctors' tables  
lockers - 2 new Wards  
cooking  
Resident goes round/8.30 at night?  
House Surgeon?  
~~D.T. drinking~~

Ostler's Medicine

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**f137**

Tippett

American - Prob big wards

no care of Patients

Charity O.S. man comes round

weekly - little girl 10 father

out of work mother dead

knee - can't eat - he will get

her into an Asylum - Saw first

chloroform & ether

long lean women very outspoken

poor - quite well dressed

in browns - sober & anxious

Balcony this fine weather

Clutton & Sharkey

quite according to rule

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**f138v**

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Fancy diet

Children (little girls) employed

in napkins for Patients plates

very nice

like picture books

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Field & Hedge Row

The History of the Owl &

his little one & the

manoeuvres of the Fox

American toy -box

Darwin's Climbing Plants

" Earth Worms

Hors de Combat

Little Lord Fauntleroy

Jackanapes

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**f139**

Longton good Victoria June 10 {arch: [1896]}

9.30 gave out the Toys  
at 11 Lecture *going first to the Home x*  
*to report myself to Home Sister.*  
12 Staff? dinner  
changing stone cloths  
a little boy with Tubercular  
glands of neck & axilla & groin  
*Show Day: clean jackets*  
*"my" children to bed &*  
changing stone cloths  
*"changed my 3 Babies"*  
very good  
*this had most sympathy*  
*with the children - it must*  
*"be either those dear little things*  
*"or those tiresome children*

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X Miss Crossland

**f140**

Diary  
Victoria Smith June 17  
7 a.m. mopped stone-cloths  
8.15 brought in sterilizer  
10 counted & charted stone-cloths  
11.10 changed & mopped out stone-cloths  
of 8 babies  
11.30 mopped out stone-cloths

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ophthalmic baby dressed eye of  
6 p.m. mopped out stone cloths  
7.30 p.m. changed & mopped out  
stone cloths

Miss Crossland - Sister Tilt - bad  
"family history" - bad Victoria - F.N.

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**f141v**

on Night Nurse' side Clayton  
called off my dusting a good  
many times by Patients to fetch  
different things

washing accident in bed - putting  
up his clothes in a net  
35 Patients in Ward  
Tobin Leopold  
a little tubercular boy  
No 4 insists on washing himself  
Lunch - They all hate their bread  
& milk except 28 (tracheotomy)  
who always has his own little  
tray the usual rush with  
the dressings - It is feet } night  
washing }

Miss Crossland discontinued Revd Weigall  
for Bible Class on Friday

**f142**

Block	Wards
2	Adelaide ? Florence
3	Ophthalmic Alexandra Elizabeth <del>Clayton</del> Beatrice
4	Victoria Charity Christian top of 4
6	Albert Arthur George top of 6
7	Edward Leopold P Clayton top of 7 a noble life if you make it noble - not otherwise - it isn't the Hospl that makes the work noble

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Little No 3

Swanley

Convalescent Home

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**f143v**

Changes in Sisters during  
these 6 months of 1896 June/96

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Alexandra F.S.	S. Russell (new pro tem
Elizabeth F.S.	S. Tippett (new
Clayton M.S.	S. Goodhew (new
Charity F.M.	S. Mitchell goes 25th (Russell succeeds
George M.M.	S. Garvey (new
Beatrice F.S.	S. Easton (from Elizth
Florence M.M.	S. Allardice (from Clayton
Edward M.S.	S. Roberts (from George

Monday or

Wednesday Miss C.  
next

Miss Trinnell Probr  
R.C.

Miss Escreet  
i.e. Mrs. Hopkins

{printed address, upside down:}

10, South Street,  
Park Lane. W.

**f144**

thermometer for Miss Mitchell  
scissors Sister Charity  
dressing forceps as a poor  
dissecting " clergyman's wife  
probe {arch: [June 1896]}

Nitrate of silver  
tongue spatula  
catheter (silver)  
thimble  
matches

pulse glass

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**f145**

Miss Jessie Blower        July 3/96  
Manchester & Salford  
    6 Jubilee Nurses - where trained?  
how nurse the Patient?  
    reporting to Dr.  
how nurse the room?  
    clean with their own hands?  
difficulties with landlord  
how report to Sanitary authority?  
Bloomsbury  
with thorough Nurses - great work  
with not thorough - small  
    sink to the level of Patients  
terms with Patients  
as you go round with them?  
    to new cases?  
Mrs. Redford  
    Health Visitors  
Public Baths  
Overcrowding

**f146**

    2nd Envoi  
Elizabeth Ward July 10/96  
Little Folks Vol 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
    "    "    July No Park Lane. W.  
Childhood of Christ  
Ministry  
  
George Ward  
    Wreck of Grosvenor  
Passion of Christ  
Resurrection

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**f147**

[12:484-85]

Sterilizing Instruments

Miss Milman

Aug/96

when absolutely cleansed  
in a lather of soap & water,  
sterilized in boiling water  
containing 1 p.c. Bicarbonate of  
Soda to prevent rust -  
kept in sterilizer 30 min.  
after use  
then emptied straight into  
Carbolic Lotion (1 in 20)  
*Sponges* wool sponges used  
but once & then thrown away  
absorbent wool wrapped in  
gauze - sterilized & dipped in  
lotion (1 in 40 Carbolic)  
must always be kept in air  
tight jars & wrung out dry  
before handing to the Surgeon,  
T.O.

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**f148v**

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in Theatre handed on forceps  
to prevent germs from contact  
*Marine Sponges* used where  
much haemorrhage - very  
carefully washed in tepid  
water while operation going  
on, dipped in 1 in 40 carbolic  
After operation leave them  
soaking in cold water, then  
clean thoroughly in tepid,  
then dip 3 or 4 times in  
boiling water & Soda, then  
put into airtight jar of  
carbolic - Never use hot  
water - it congeals blood &  
makes it stick to sponge  
Sponges can't be sterilized  
as they shrivel up

[end 12:485]

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**f149**

Miss Gibson

I went into Miss Crossland  
one person - & I came out  
another - I had no discipline  
- she put it into me - & so  
wisely, showing me the  
necessity of it - not thumping  
it in

She was the making of St.  
Thomas - she made it  
different from any other  
School - She saw directly.  
half these Probationers who  
come in have had no  
discipline at all in their  
lives - And she put it in  
in the way I say.

**f149v**

St. George's, Middlesex  
St. Bart's have no  
method - no discipline,  
no purpose - I know  
what Assistants from St.  
Bart's are now - they have  
quite a different tone from  
St. ~~Bart's~~ Thomas' - It's  
all for money -

And the loyalty - Miss  
Crossland never would suffer  
the least failure of loyalty  
to St. Thomas' or to Matron  
or any one - You never  
loyalty

**f150**

find anywhere else any  
thing like the loyalty, the  
tone of St. Thomas'  
And the students are quite  
different at St. Thomas'  
from what they are any  
where else They only  
come into the Wards at  
certain hours

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**f150v**

Our 51 Probrs at Birming  
ham are all for 3 years,  
except 30 paying (80)  
Probrs whom we don't  
certify

Chairman of Guardians  
now not good  
Guardians not gentlemen

Miss Wood's Home in Percy St  
for the Co-operatives

**f151**

*Miss Gibson* of Miss Crossland  
Such wise *discipline*  
such *loyalty* to her  
superior Officers & to  
the School (which *loyalty* she,  
Miss Crossland, always  
taught - no one ever  
dared to say what is  
said in all other  
Hospls, as far as I know)  
such entire self-devotion  
you will never see again

**f152**

Sister Snodgrass Oct 27/96  
Cleansing of Typhoid Soiled sheets  
& stone cloths

[15:576-77]

- 
- 1 first scrap off what you can
  - 2 then brush them in the  
slop sink with this  
Disinfectant  
[Mercurial Disinfectant  
1 in 777 (1000  
"Acid solution of Mercury"]
  - 3 then run on from the cold  
tap
  - 4 then place them in a  
mercurial bath for 12 hours  
in a zinc tub (size of round  
tea table
  - 5 at the end of that time  
wring out  
& dry

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& dry in the *open air*  
over a galvanised iron rail  
(better than a rope)  
6 then send to  
Public Disinfecter  
for steam disinfection  
better then dry heat  
7 & then send them to the  
wash

**f154**

*Sister Snodgrass* Oct 27/96

7 years at *Dublin*

R. Military Infy in charge of  
the Enteric cases (& Orderlies)  
[Col Douglas is her brother]

*Dublin*

The cases chiefly came from

-Island Bridge Barracks

-Richmond

[these two are what are  
commonly called the  
Kilmainham Barracks]

*Island Bridge Barracks*

The cause is not far to  
seek - They are at a *lower*  
level than the Liffey  
which is a tidal river  
& the sewage comes back  
into the Barracks

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**f154v**

[It is supposed that the whole of the subsoil of Dublin is impregnated, which accounts for the prevalence of Enteric among the Civil population  
see Miss Dunn]

But there was a second & almost unknown cause - & that was those horrible Urine tubs in the Wards at night (abolished by Sidney Herbert so many years ago) - These were at first outside the Ward, but owing to the proximity of women & children were

**f155**

put inside - They frequently overflowed, of course - & the floor became saturated.

I asked Miss Snodgrass whether no Medical Officer or N.C. Officer reported it to the Military authorities

She said that one young (& enthusiastic) N.C. Officer did -

but that the Military authorities always gave notice of their coming round - that everything was cleaned up, as only soldiers can clean -

& that the Military report was that everything was

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**f155v**

perfect & that it was  
all nonsense -

Of course the young  
man who was snubbed  
never would report again

The Island Bridge Barracks  
are now closed - that is  
nominally - for it often  
leaks out that they have  
put married quarters & some people back  
there - by fresh Enterics  
coming to the Fever Wards  
under Miss Snodgrass -

Still ~~it~~/the Enteric is little in  
comparison

**f156**

*Miss Snodgrass -2- Dublin*

*Richmond Barracks*

another great fountain  
of Enteric

Here the cause is said  
to be different - that the  
men are at work opposite  
the outside latrines, which  
are in a very indifferent  
state

[But *generally* there ~~is~~/are  
said to be numbers of  
forgotten drains, lying perdus,  
And there is no map of  
the drains -  
even opposite the R. Military

Infy this is said to be  
the case - ~~&~~/also the cause of



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**f159v**

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want of water - too small  
cistern - constipated  
bed pans  
change of Sisters bad  
"I should go next year"  
to me  
Nurse Harvey's delight in being  
taught Subcutaneous injection  
or ear-syringing or anything new  
Miss Milman "component parts"  
from Sussex County Hospital  
man struggling with Night  
Nurse top of stairs  
see Liverpool  
water supply scanty  
Cycling  
Theatre Xmas  
Night Nurse with me one day  
Day " " " another

**f160**

Miss Froude 7/Dec 17/96 [12:493]  
Theatre Sister boiling  
filter  
sterilizing candles - porcelain  
forced thro'  
drop into {Theatre s  
boiling all dressings { 6 years  
all bandages {Miss Pepper  
aseptic in Wards { 4 years  
handing instruments  
history  
sponges - cyanide gauze  
of cellulosic wool wool  
thrown away

King Lucky Boy  
illustrated by Crane  
[machinery for ~~washing~~ preparing  
stone-cloths for the wash  
Dr. Sharkey  
1 year - home  
8 mos. Sister Assistant Theatre  
now Theatre Sister  
{in right margin}  
carbolic  
perchloride

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**f161**

Men don't read a great  
deal

scrubbing hands well  
with Green Soft Soap  
& particularly one's nails  
then if there any little roughness  
take them off with Perchloride  
& rinse in sterilized water  
We use no other in the Theatre  
The Surgeons do the same  
They like to take the instruments from perfectly  
clean hands  
[Sealed jars of sponges of cellulosic  
3 days old child imperforate anus  
~~Aesthetic~~ Ether the only Anaesthetic  
Anaesthetists all Medical not Surgical                   **[end]**  
{written the other way}  
Miss Crossland used to read the newspaper  
before our meals & tell us what was in it  
I was so glad when she was at our table  
Food good at St. Thomas' (after Bath)

**f161v**

boiling wet cloths - to dust  
Lawrence Humphrey's  
Manual of Nursing  
Down Brothers  
sterilizer of milk  
  
Handbook ~~of Nurse~~/of Sterilizing &  
Clutton  
  
Honor Morten Dictionary                   [honnor is correct]

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**f162**

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Miss Froude Dec 17/96

*Theatre Sister*

I was so glad to be under  
Miss Crossland

We have to eat a good deal of  
humble pie at St. Thomas

-But it does us good

I taught the poor mothers  
where we lived in

Gloucestershire as much  
as I could about feeding

babies - And I think  
they imbibed it

**f162v**

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I suppose the men are  
braver or *show* braver  
than the women

I hear them talking  
quite loud together  
as they are waiting for  
the Anaesthetic before  
coming into the Theatre  
to be operated upon

I - Talking what?

Talking *politics*

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**f163v**

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All the pictures in the  
Surgical Wards were  
taken down after the  
spring cleaning this year  
- in order to be a-septic  
& in order to be a-septic  
we are not to put up  
ivy or Christmas greeneries  
this Christmas

But we shall

[end 12:493]

talking politics p. 3

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**f164**

Sister Beatrice Dec 8/96

(Miss Vesey) F.S.

over Elizabeth

History - do of a young Sister

2 yrs & a mo - 1 Year in Home 1 year in Adelaide

Staff Nurse - Night Nurse

Whitley

Buckley Night Supt

Probationers Stirling 1

Russell 2

Williams 3

Are they made slaves?

Mr. Pitts

Dr. Anderson

Grounding Cleanliness

Ventilation

Bed sores

Residents feeding helpless

Mr. Abbott

" Wallace Diets

Electric Bells Lotions }

called up herself 1 in 2000 }

leeching

catheters?

over Elizabeth

Book

**f164v**

6 children

voiceless child

gay little thing of 5

burn of 5

Miss Spencer - so conscientious

gets worried

& worries the Nurses

& they feel she does not

know so much as they do

{written the other way}

I confess I did not like

Dr. Sharkey's Lectures

I was too tired

But Miss Crossland's

classes - they were

the thing for us -

only 6 weeks

Sister but had

ward before -

Add Mss 49623

**f165**

Mr. White  
the great anaesthetist  
{written the other way}  
    Stirling (& Tobin) Newfoundland  
    Russell perfectly refined  
O it does make such a difference  
to have a woman perfectly refined  
who does not tell nasty stories  
about her Patients  
Williams her first Ward  
Night Nurse is so much nearer her Patients  
than Day Staff who has to go round with the  
Doctors - or Sister who has so much business

**f165v**

Whitley N Nurse    Special  
    children so fond of her  
Miss Pepper - Victoria - voiceless child  
    "    Jenkins - Adelaide

Surgical Registrar  
fortnight of Accidents  
    no afternoon off any day  
Miss Xtie ideal Sister  
    in Adelaide  
Miss Easton - predecessor  
    taught me so much  
Miss Crossland my great  
    teacher - but sometimes sharp  
Hoblyn's Diet?

**f166**

Dec 8/96

*Ground work*  
Absolute Cleanliness  
Diets  
Lotions                    Yes  
Weights: measures    Yes  
Temperatures  
Catheters  
Enemas  
Blisters  
Leeching ?  
Poultices  
Fomentations  
Baths  
Ventilation

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**f166v**

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bones & different organs  
of the body  
fractures  
hernias  
concussions  
*typhoid*  
*fits* &c  
all from Nursing point  
of view

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**f167v**

Ground work -2-  
*hypodermics*  
*how to prepare patients*  
*for examination*  
*to set the bathroom for*  
*plaster or operation*  
to fill water pillows  
what to set for lapping  
or aspirating  
*dressings*  
*padding of splints*  
*bed sores*  
rigors  
peptonizing milk  
*feeding of helpless Patients*

Add Mss 49623

**f168**

Sister Albert            Dec 10/96  
    (Miss Maclure) M.S.  
History - do of a young Sister  
Staff Nurse - Night Nurse  
                so much nearer Patients  
Probationers    Trinnel    1  
                  Chaplin    2  
    ? slaves        Holland    3  
Surgeons    McKellar  
Resident  
    Abbot  
Grounding            Cleanliness  
                      Ventilation  
hours off            Bed sores  
    2 afternoons        feeding helpless  
    dinner time till 6 Diets  
                      Lotions  
Children            1 in 2000  
Electric Bells        see p. 2  
Book

**f168v**

    lived so much in  
    French Normandy & Brittany  
for deafness  
Dr. Payne knows French  
    German & Spanish  
we have sometimes to  
call in a Probr who  
knows French  
Miss Crossland    splendid

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**f169v**

Walsham's Theory  
Practice of Surgery  
Day Nurse  
only just out  
of her Probation  
Night Nurse been there  
a year - knows Mr. McKellar's  
ways  
Accident Ward  
old man - septic blood poisoning  
dreadful smell - gone to Block 8  
1st  
2nd Operations all septic  
3rd  
4th  
excision of knee  
collapse Ether  
we boil everything in the Ward  
large boiler

**f170**

Miss Maclure S. Albert  
escape of the man x  
Mr. Abbott (resident) the great  
referee  
Runtjen rays x Danger -  
of leaving no  
Telephone or  
Bell  
curious person - woman of the world  
languid like an Oriental  
Hospital quite different  
since Miss Crossland left it  
my 3 years almost over  
I wouldn't go into the  
Home ~~now she~~ under the present  
régime  
All the Night Nurses see quite beyond  
Miss Spencer - she is no authority  
to any -  
Luke 6 weeks diphtheria  
some tracheotomies  
men nursed the measles child  
3 caught it & had to be sent to  
Block 8  
{in the right margin}  
T.O.

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**f170v**

Miss Maclure -2- said bitterly  
they give us glass-topped  
tables  
& they neglect the life/our lives & death  
essential - of telephones &  
electric bells  
daughter of a Manchester MP  
said he saw me at Manchester  
Infy - mistaken - Mrs. Gaskell  
man escaped - a crowd  
doctors & porters followed  
him - they had the greatest  
difficulty in capturing him  
*they did not bring him  
back to the Ward*  
concert tonight - Dr. Toller's  
people

**f171**

? Miss Vezey - her first Ward  
I went up - Epileptic case  
delirious - I did not know  
the danger - Physician  
followed me - *he did* -  
the man seized him & bit  
him in the hand quite thro'  
*He* held one arm - I held  
the other - He called out to  
the Nurse 'Run down &  
'fetch porters.' She did  
They were there in an instant

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**f171v**

Miss Allardice Sister Florence  
changes her shoes 4 times a day  
sometimes more - last pair  
the easiest she has  
She means to stay on  
& be Night Supt

*Miss Vezey* Beatrice  
india-rubber bands/tires to  
beds wheel into Bath room  
without disturbing other Patients  
poor little burn - Eliza  
wheeled out

*Miss Maclure*  
Constables - many - because  
of Mr. McKellar - neurotic  
have neuralgia & think it  
Sarcoma

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**f172** {black-edged}

Miss Shuter 19/12/96  
Ophthalmic 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.  
Names of Doctors Lawford  
Fisher - bad  
what they taught Probrs  
what she " "  
cleanliness  
Probr drops  
ointments  
bandaging  
Dr. Lawford  
grounding Mr. Fisher should have  
Miss Boyd classes  
Carpenter  
would Doctors teach more?  
No Nursing  
{written the other way}  
Taylor's  
Medicine  
accustomed to sleep  
3 months Night  
3 day - *Doctors*  
Prob Blair careless  
*Night Nurses*  
will have been a  
year  
wonderfully brightened up  
Book Flowers

**f172v**

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City of Dublin Hospl  
~~none of these~~ Home Sister  
(opposite) has all the power  
-chooses the Probrs  
has the Private Nursing Home  
entirely under her - deals  
out the Hospl Nurses, Extra  
Nurses when wanted -  
Private Nurses -  
Probrs live in the Home  
Charge Nurses in the Hospl

5 years  
Old Davis - Out Patient Nurse

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**f173**

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Cocayne ? the only anaesthetic used [12:493]

*Operating Theatre* most objectionable - none of the other Theatres' improvements - wooden floor - dirty couch -nothing of the a-septic about it - no cleanliness next door to the Out Patients Dept  
we have a septic case now

Dirty Table cloths?

**f173v**

-2-

Ophthalmic

Necessity of Ophthalmia  
Class teaching (Clinical) for all the Probrs. They know nothing about the eyes -  
I have one Probr every month, i.e. 12 a year  
Dr. Lawford wd do very well  
[Dr. Nettleship is clean gone for ever]

*Mr. Fisher* is a good lecturer but very much the *contrary* in *practice* - his operations often fail {Cataract  
{Glaucoma  
{ &c &c

Patients so grateful but uneducated people don't see the good of an operation unless it will restore their sight completely go to 3

[end 12:493]

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**f174** {arch: [?1896]}

Miss H.B. to  
Mother the Probrs

Monthly Diet of Probrs  
& to go thro' it with ~~me~~/F.N.

teach them not to  
~~don't~~ do fast things {on the side} Consult  
Matron

Probrs are to go to Home Sister  
go to her for all ~~you~~/they want  
with all ~~your~~/their little  
troubles  
if ~~she~~/Home Sister thinks anything is wrong  
body or soul she is to come  
to ~~me~~ Matron  
you have to get at the new women

**f175** {arch: [c.1896]}

Miss Littlewood  
tears Night Supt  
only to make them happy  
at first - to take them  
out. see what they eat  
-afterwards - to tell me  
Sir H. Acland

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**f176**

Miss Shuter 6/1/97  
Dr. Lawford - *will* he give  
Clinical classes?  
who will teach  
dropping *drops* into  
the eye  
~~lotions~~ ointments?  
House  
Surgeon *bandaging*?  
does not  
know how  
What else do you teach?  
Ether & Chloroform  
anaesthetic Cocayne  
how does Night Nurse/Pollock  
by the *year* answer? where  
does she sleep? Block 7  
Nurse Clemence

Operating Theatre  
Mr. Lawford

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**f177v**

Miss Shuter -2-  
*What do you teach?*  
Dr. Lawford  
20 Probationers  
6 or 12 lessons  
once a week  
choose an afternoon  
XIX Century for January  
Nursing à la mode  
by Lady Priestley  
  
who is to be your successor?  
Miss Whitley

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**f178**

*Miss Haig Brown* Feb 20/97  
Miss Spencer: Night Supts  
who? divided in two (Hospl {illeg})  
a year? where do they meet  
Nurse Clemence - her prospect  
never off duty together  
Sister Charity still who?

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Invalids: Dr. Sharkey  
Victoria Ward  
Probationers? on night duty  
Diaries of Probationers  
Victoria Ward} Longton  
Punctuality  
Walking along Corridor  
with them  
Noise  
Probationers out of ~~bounds~~/Home  
Chaplain - Bible Class

**f179**

*Nurse Franklin* March 22/97  
Plague: Bombay  
Deputy Supt  
Language  
typhoid fever experience  
to run with patience the race  
that is set before you.  
A sick man wants according to  
his wants  
Hospital? Female?

Oceana

Dr. Haffkine's inoculation  
Karachi & Poona  
lymph -  
for plague  
{written upside down}  
Miss Cameron  
Charing Cross Hospital  
Sister has  
been 4 years

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**f179v**

Dr. Haffkine  
Surgeon Major Genl  
Staff Office

Bombay

will come & meet us  
change at Aden  
on the Carthage

**f180**

Dr. Payne  
the keenest most active  
man we have

**f180v**

until Wednesday evening  
50 Nightingale Road  
a Hold All Clapton  
from Liverpool St  
Heath's 11 a.m. S.E.  
Friday

Dictionary of Surgery  
Sir Edwin Arnold  
Light of the Word  
Light of Asia  
Indian Idyll

W. Robinson Esq  
Resident Clerk  
I.O.

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**f181**

Nurse Franklin III March 22/97  
4 years  
1 year Miss Crossland: Prob  
6 mo: Female Ward  
1 year Night Staff Nurse  
Edward Miss Young  
Male Surgical Mrs. Clutton  
1 year & 9 mo: Day Staff Nurse  
Arthur Mrs. Swan  
Male Medical Dr. Payne  
6 weeks Children Miss Pepper  
Mrs. Swan admirable  
~~teacher~~ sister

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Franklin a most striking  
personage deep & quiet  
& so pretty!  
an admirable trainer as  
Day & Night Staff Nurse

**f181v**

one or two men often  
troublesome won't  
have the Enema -  
but talk to them  
as you think I'm doing  
it for my pleasure or  
your good  
they don't resist washing

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the most striking  
person I have seen of  
the present Staff better  
than any of the Sisters  
except Miss Allardyce  
- trained Miss Goodhugh

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**f182**

thinks 1st year is too  
much - practical &  
theoretical - then after  
the 1st year they have  
no teaching at all -  
thinks London & Glasgow  
preliminary - good  
new Probr comes into  
the Ward - she does not  
know the names or even  
the things of what she  
is called upon to get -  
no one has time to tell her  
- all fully occupied  
I used to teach mine in the

**f182v**

evening -  
how to mix an Enema  
(not to use it)  
cleaning things  
making beds  
the 3rd Probr is quite at  
sea - the best Sister can  
give little time to her -  
Probrs are very kind to each  
other  
Staff Nurse must do the  
training  
Night Supt  
Howes useless  
Miss Young told  
her everything

Add Mss 49623

**f183**

Nurse Franklin

her little brother 3 years  
old at Guy's operation  
pain after - he was crying  
but he stopped himself - he  
said 'God has pain & He  
does not cry' - he died  
some little time after ~~but~~  
he said: 'I want to go &  
spend my birth-day  
with my little brother  
in heaven (whom he had  
And he did never seen

**f183v**

appalling danger while  
Night Supt Nurse in Edward  
- man with abdominal  
Section - had been 3 times  
in collapse - Drs gave him  
brandy: he suddenly se

**f184**

Franklin II

this time she saw  
Dr. Hooper &  
~~Miss~~ Mr. Robinson  
Resident Clerk  
but only ~~once~~/one week in 3  
both too much in a hurry  
but Dr. Hooper very  
keen - 'how often do you  
drink tea?  
'take the precautions you  
would for Typhoid Fever  
- secretions 'contagious'  
She has nursed Typhoid  
in Arthur but 7 cases  
were removed to Dorcas

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**f185**

Mrs. Swan      March 25/97  
Sister Arthur   M M  
*Nurse Franklin*  
new Probrs never have seen or  
    heard of the utensils  
        preliminary teaching  
    mixing Enema &c cleaning  
                making beds  
Staff Nurse teaches not to leave  
    mugs about &c  
    afterwards to be regular in  
    enemas, washing &c &c

talking to the men to persuade  
    them  
Night Supt                      Hold All

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native Nurses  
Inoculation: Diphtheria St. T.s  
    Plague

Miss Young: Edward

**f186**

Diary  
Ashley Albert                      June 16  
    gave 18 screens                      97  
"Ambulance"? "stocking the bottles  
    & ambulance for the night  
  
Milman Beatrice                      June 13  
    *washing Tracheotomy sponges*  
    *how?*  
Innis: Florence:                      June 18  
    No 12 Pneumonia  
        Oxygen Gas  
    died  
Poole: Beatrice:                      June 2  
    I next lighted the Boiler &  
Sterilizer & set the table for the  
dressers  
Irby: Elizth                      June 22  
    put the Syringes into Sterilizer  
[illeg] - worst of all: pitiable

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**f187v**

Wilson Edward June 24  
put screen to door, gave urine  
bottle to each Patient in bed  
then collected them all,  
carbolyzed 3 catheters &  
removed screen from door  
Spray Table?  
Victoria: Chamberlain: June 26  
mopped out sheet & stone cloths  
changed children one side of ward,  
mopped out stone cloths  
took one very dirty bed into  
Lavatory -changed it & washed  
the Child - mopped out sheet, night  
& stone cloth  
changed stone-cloths 7  
changed children - mopped out stone  
cloths  
Arthur gave round 2 bottles  
& 2 Screws??

**f188**

Miss Roberts } July 13/97  
Sister Edwards}  
going to Fever Hospl  
Monsall  
What sort of Fever Hospl?  
Nurses - Wards -  
What experience of Fever? x  
Miss Easton } what Hospl? x  
late Sister Beatrice}  
What to put right at St. T.'s?  
x What Hygiene of Fever?  
Doctors - powers - Salary  
Earlier life at St. Thomas' -  
Mr. Clutton  
x Women & Children  
Waterloo Road  
D. Mail  
popular  
D. Graphic  
Star - }not good  
Morning Leader }  
Dumpster



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**f190**

pictures -  
so good are the children  
that a little girl, called  
Gladys, will sit up in bed  
all day with a toy &  
never grow impatient  
or want attention

**f190v**

Servants of the Sick  
little prayers for children  
& for children's servants

corner toyshop  
left hand side  
from (Regent St

**f191**

Miss Shuter  
Charity Commission man  
comes round to us - & to every

Ward very dark & dull  
I read newspapers to them-  
I had rather be doing nursing

Infants a few days old, with  
bad eyes - go as Out-Patients  
much hereditary eye disease  
much from want of care in  
washing the eyes in the first  
few days -  
but these don't come in  
to us -

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**f192v**

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Mr. Gladstone has brought  
immense practice to Mr.  
Nettleship - He now has only  
6 beds & the small Ward  
Dr.

Add Mss 49623

**f193**

Sept 6/97

Adelaide Miss Jenkin  
ground floor. Block ~~7/6/7~~? charming  
Probrs Heritage N. Home  
Glaholm  
Day Nurse Russell Sp  
Night " Ramage

Dr. Cullingworth - Operations  
Lavatory  
Patients - better educated?  
do they read?  
troublesome - gossippy?  
talking together at night  
Lyings in? Caesarean Section  
Telephone  
Ovans 3 Sp Adelaide  
best of all

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**f194v**

Porter always  
up all night  
he can ring to all the  
Wards & all the Doctors  
but you can't ring to him  
Sister has to be waked  
& Nurse sent to Doctor's  
room  
I (S. Adelaide) is frequently  
waked

Miss Crossland writes to us

Add Mss 49623

**f195**

S. Adelaide Miss Jenkin  
charming  
brisk round hat  
Hart & Barbour's  
Gynaecology  
Electric Bell  
from Porter's lodge there is a  
Porter always up x Night Nurses  
do want him  
2 operations a week so much  
abdominal  
Parish Magazines Section  
book light for the hand  
x 2 Night Nurses much wanted  
Miss Christie  
to be married  
Mr. Scott  
good Chaplain Thursday  
nosegay  
3 weeks

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but it is often difficult for Nurse even to run for Sister  
x what happens is Sister is waked  
(I am constantly waked) to take  
charge of Ward & Nurse runs for Doctor

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**f196v**

Miss Jenkin  
10 months & 10 months  
in Adelaide  
there is a room in Porter's  
Lodge

a man escaped & went  
into the hall & broke the  
glass

- McLachlan

- a new one

{written upside down, with a stroke through}

Lizzie

Mackerel Dinner

Soda Water Syphon Squire

Add Mss 49623

**f197**

Adelaide                    soup  
                              pear  
Elizabeth small            soup  
                              Ward            pear  
                                     grapes  
                                     melon  
                              book} b/Cassy

**f198**

Miss Loyd Still: Sister Charity            [lloyd still]  
                              Sept 7/97 Block 4  
                                      over Victoria  
Day Nurse            Buckley  
Night " Sp. Freeling Spencer  
                              age  
Probrs            ~~Sp. 25~~ Chaplin No 1  
x                    Sp. 30 Russell No 4  
                              Wadham No 15  
Dr. Ord Hawkins  
                              Sharkey  
Female Medical  
teaching of Probationers  
                              in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone            afternoon  
Miss Crossland  
*Gray's Anatomy*  
x change every month?

**f198v**

F.N. I feel as if I had done  
something when I have  
*written* this  
I have done nothing  
what I say to the Sister  
or to the Matron afterwards  
(carefully veiling the  
personality of the Sister)  
that is doing something

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F.N. O surround your daughters, your  
young people, with girls or  
married women of their own  
~~illeg~~ or superior education  
It is the greatest safe-guard  
from ecstatic marriage.

Don't let them always live  
doing good to inferior people  
& mothers often wax tired of their own  
daughters

Add Mss 49623

**f199**

Miss Walker                      Sister Edward  
Theatre Sister    Sept 9/97    Male Surgical  
  Day Nurse        Baster ~~Clark~~  
  Night "            ~~Dempster~~  
                          gone to Manchester

Probrs            Sidley  
Mr. Clutton  
has had only a month  
~~teaching~~ of Probrs  
evenings  
change every month  
? Nurse helps

Telephone

*Book*

Erichsen's Surgery  
{written in the right margin}  
*Mr. Makins* very  
considerate to Sister  
"I think if I were you,  
"I would give milk"  
never says anything  
before students. [Diets usually left to Sister]  
Mr. Clutton impatient, cross, the terror  
  of students, & of inexperienced Sisters  
He has had 2 such good Sisters - Roberts, gone to  
Manchester, Mitchell - married

**f199v**

rather affected - very fine  
  tray at the top of her  
head  
much more interested  
about Ellin Verney & Ellin  
Verney's marriage that  
about her own Ward & her  
own calling

What ~~is~~/are the Sister's &  
what                      Staff Nurses  
  duties

Add Mss 49623

**f200**

When Miss Crossland waxed enthusiastic over her own lessons to us, & raised her voice & thumped the table, we often heard Dr. Edmunds rap on the other side - And Miss Crossland laughed at her own enthusiasm -

Her ~~less~~ classes to the Nurse Probationers were so good, better than what she gave us - because those were her own - what she gave us was only the working up of the Professors' Lectures - her notes

**f200v**

Miss Walker -2-

1 year under Miss Crossland

1½ years Theatre Sister

2 months Sister Edward

(including holiday)

has never been Staff Nurse

had not an idea how to manage or arrange her Ward

Matron only said: Oh you'll learn

So she went & consulted Miss Easton (formerly Sister ? Elizabeth) now Matron of Women & Children's Hospital, Waterloo who told her how to arrange her work between Staff Nurse & herself - Staff Nurse linen, carrying diets} bedmaking her side tables}

&c

Mr. Makins vice Mr. Clutton

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**f201**

Miss Whitley - S. Ophthalmic  
Sept 14/97  
dropping drops  
teaching Sister's routine of Ward

book

"She knows as many words  
as I do

telephone

Home Sister come back?

Shuter gone }under Alexandra  
                  } Block 3

training of Probationers

change every month?

Nurse ? helps Johnston

N. Nurse           Freeland

Pollock

Prob               Gilliat

What does Nurse do?

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**f202v**

Swanson on Eyes

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**f203**

*at top*

Miss Garvey: Sister George  
over Arthur M.M.

History - 1 year Probation

Sister pro tem - Edward

1 " Theatre - in Ward a few  
weeks

Any boys - books - Kingsley

Yes, readers Henty

Doctors - Sharkey? Ord?

Clinical Clerks House Physician

Night Dr. Toller

Nurses

Cadsden - good rather young

who Day Nurse?

was {illeg}

Probrs who helped them

Day & Night Nurse

Ward Maids - 1 bed

Newspapers - men

picture newspapers

no Penny dreadfuls

Chaplain - ~~Weigall~~

Bacilli - dirt

Night - Telephone - Electric Bell

none - much wanted

Nurses: ~~Beer~~ no milk

*not* good cooking

Report of myself

Book - Piano - Yes

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**f204v**

-2-

Miss Young - Edward  
taught me most  
Miss Spencer - made for a  
Night Supt - ventilation &  
*must* have influence

dying heart  
pneumonias very bad

no lock up cupboard  
for tests  
only one (in Arthur)

Glass tops to Doctors tables  
always making such a mess

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*Sterling* - special - most promising [12:501]  
Probationer - two others not so good  
{written in the left margin}  
Miss Garvey came a deal too *smart*, but is so nice &  
unaffected & joyous -  
{written in the right margin}  
F.N. Theatre is/might be some  
use as introducing Aseptik  
in Wards

**f205**

-3- Miss Garvey

Taylor's Medicine

Cassy

for boys alone in London

Biographies Gordon

Stephensons

self-help

3 of Mrs. Creighton

Simon de Montfort

Sir W. Raleigh

for men

Poor Law

Jackanapes

Miss Wainwright lets us keep  
the books as long as we like  
George so light & airy a Ward

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**f206v**

Dr. Ord very energetic likes testing himself  
Dr. Sharkey up to date  
a lesson

Miss Garvey

[end 12:501]

O if I had a Surgical Ward  
I would soon introduce Theatre  
ways - but I am trying in my  
Medical Ward  
Theatres  
sterilizing - pack the things/instruments  
in jars & send them down  
-subjected to an immense heat  
by steam - sterilized water - tap in Theatre  
no other used -  
they come up - Sisters unpack them  
Dr. takes them - but does not touch  
anything  
lockers old white deal  
not varnished  
God loves a cheerful giver

**f207**

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Cooking at dinner not good  
supper better  
more variety  
Nurses drink milk  
Matron presides at dinner  
twice a week  
Assistant other days  
Dinner the same for Nurses  
& Sisters

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Miss Garvey's history

1 year Probation  
Nursing Typhoid &c in  
Block 8  
Day Staff in Edward when  
Nurse took the Ward during  
Miss Young's illness  
1 year in Theatre (Miss  
Herbert's)

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**f207v**

Miss Garvey

The Resident,? Dr. Toller, goes  
round every night at 8.30 -  
sometimes later - The House  
Physician? at 12 midnight - If  
there is some anxious case,  
he may come back - or he  
may tell them to call him  
if such & such symptom appears  
But then there is no one to  
call him but the Night Nurse  
And he may be here, there or  
everywhere - Sometimes the  
Sister will go & ask him  
if such a case of likely sudden  
delirium should have a Porter -  
D.T. more common in Surgical  
than in Medical Wards

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**f209** {arch: [1896-1897]}

Block

2 Jenkins? S. Adelaide  
3 Shuter ? Dublin  
    Whitley Ophthalmic  
Herbert Alexandra  
" Tippett Elizabeth  
" Veszey Beatrice  
4 Pepper ? Victoria  
    Loyd Still  
" Russell!! gone Charity  
    Mitchell gone  
        married  
"? Boyd Carpenter? Xtian  
6 Maclure Albert  
    dreadful  
" Swan Arthur  
    first rate  
    WITH Nurse Franklin  
" Garvey George  
    cheerful  
    young  
7 Roberts who? Edward  
    gone to Fever Manchester  
McMaster? Leopold  
\_\_\_ Goodhue - young Clayton  
    cheerful  
2 \_\_\_ F+Allardice Florence  
    very best  
15 & oldest we  
    have

**f210** {arch: [c.1897]}

Taylor's Medicine

Miss Maclure } good  
" Russell } Extra  
Probr Sharp very useless

Miss Howes - how does she manage?  
    she does not manage it  
    all  
    is she isn't respected  
    by the Night Nurses  
    she does not help them

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**f210v**

The young Sisters -  
they don't know things themselves  
things which only experience teaches  
-how can they teach others?  
But they will learn

Ward - Atmosphere  
blow from the river  
Sisters Rooms absurd

Night Nursing  
never should a woman be left  
alone at/s Night Nurse - especially not  
in Medical Male Wards  
We have Porters when recommended  
by Resident - And Residents are  
careful about telling the Sister this

I only leave them in Bath room  
Medical Children for 2 minutes with my hand  
on door

**f211** {arch: [1897]}

Miss Mills  
what good Probrs?  
what change of Staff Nurses?  
Night  
Extra  
Children? crying in Bath room?  
what teaching of Probrs  
Staff?  
bacilli?  
Lectures? Dr. Sharkey?  
Theoretical Practical?  
Literary?  
Book?  
Taylor's Medicine  
Miss Mills

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**f212v**

Goodhugh special good  
Machin "

extremely kind to  
Patients

2nd year  
lectures

N.N. Davis  
D. Phelps

Electric Bells - unsafe

Guildford O.P.  
Barton 3 mo

Miss Hickson Preston  
bad going

**f213** {arch: [c.1897]}

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no overcrowding in Canada  
man buys a bit of ground  
puts up a *front*  
enlarges it for wife  
& their children  
3 fronts  
you have your cottage  
& your ground  
no tenements

1 year Probation  
1 " Theatre - profitable  
for a male Surgical  
Ward  
aseptic  
antiseptic

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**f214v**

men read a great deal  
travels  
Treasure Island

more difficult to keep  
up ventilation in a Medical  
because by the time you  
have been told that  
next to 10 12 14 &c  
you must not open, there  
are only 2 or 3 left to  
open

not such a subdivision  
of classes in Canada  
as here

**f215**

Miss Goodhue -3- hat with a  
garden of large  
yellow flowers  
Washing stone-cloths (napkins)  
or rather preparing for the  
washing  
The difficulty is that with  
a baby with Diarrhaea  
it is going on all day -  
The napkins should be  
cleansed for washing  
with a long handled mop? or brush?  
Some Probationers *will* use  
the *hot* water tap - And  
the *hot* water, it is said,  
makes it more injurious  
to the Probationer

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**f216v**

*Casualty* -3-(9) very interesting

Women personally much dirtier than  
men

And it is astonishing when  
you undress a woman,  
you find a quantity of  
dirty old petticoats stitched  
into one - it would seem  
like a ton's weight - no  
washing of them or personal  
cleanliness - nothing but  
feet, hands & face ever  
washed

Very little poverty or  
crowding in Canada -

**f217**

-4-

Mr. Pitts so very kind  
thinks what homes of the  
Patients are bad, & keeps  
them a little longer

x  
C.O.S. looks to that - all  
the Hospl visiting done by women now  
Cabman - aneurism  
says it came on between Saturday  
& Monday with lifting a heavy  
box - very nice man - not  
drinking (Cabmen's shelters)  
but never saves a penny  
family left quite destitute x

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**f219** {printed form with written comments}

1897 Report

Brief Remarks in reference to the Practical Instruction given to the Probationers by the "Ward-Sisters."

**f220**

Report  
for 1897  
Remarks  
on  
Sisters

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**f221**

{continuation of f219 dated 19 March 1989}

**f222**

Sister Victoria

*Miss Strangman* June 14/98

(*Staff Nurse - a year*) 10, South Street {printed address;}  
Park Lane. W.

Feeding children at home

Improper food

x Indigestion

    qy if before two years

    never cured in after life?

What ~~is~~ improper food?

Milk - do parents at home

    know its value?

Or is it "in Hospital they gave

    "it nothing - nothing!"

    when on "Milk Diet"

x Other Diseases from improper food

How many

Your children under two?

Staff Nurse - Probationers

Night " " Night

Napkins - washing?

Presents

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**f223v**

Victoria

Qy Probationers like Ward?  
how long do they stay?

Children up to 6 years?  
how many of " " ?

Are they useful among the babies  
cheerful?

do you often get children back  
2 & 3 times?

children religious? happy?  
" good Nurses?

x the best Nurse I ever knew was  
x 5 years old

the strongest influence we know  
viz over a younger one

dressers? child swearing?

doctors? Sisters?

Mr. Abbott

**f224** {arch: [1897-98]}

Nurse Shore N.N. Florence

Beatrice Miss Vesey

Elizabeth Miss Tippet

D.S.N. Nurse Phiel

Alexandra

Ophthalmic

Christian D.S.N. Longton

Charity \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Buckley

Victoria lady \_\_\_\_\_ Strangman

George Spooner

Arthur happy go lucky Miss Pane

Albert

Clayton

Leopold Milne

Edward Clark

St. Thomas' Home Glover Gibson

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**f225**

*Private*

You know perhaps that she has 'a story'. She left Winchester to be married, & the engagement fell thro' & is quite at an end. All that she said about this was nice & brave, & as if she did not allow vain regrets in herself, but threw herself into the work all the more for this. Please, however much you know or do not know about this, never to tell her or any one that I told you. Please ignore what I have said except in your own heart.

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She would never spare herself  
I guess would rather *like* the Patients  
appealing to her & thinking no one could  
do anything like *her*

**f225v**

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bad or interesting case. 6 that she would always be inclined to do a thing herself rather than see that the Ward Nurse whose business it is does it I can form no idea of her order or method. Her devotion to Patients appears unbounded. She is not conceited I think the above '*buts*' may have been more impressed on my mind by her Irish manner than perhaps they deserve. She may be more steady-going in her work than she seems - She will never make a '*party*' - but be quite ready to throw herself in with the others to work gallantly under you & the cause.

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**f226**

Cottage Hospital  
Berkeley  
Gloucestershire

Thames Ditton

4 hours off duty every  
7-11 to lie in Nurse  
bed once a & Prob  
week till 9  
2-6 then not on duty  
5-11 again  
go home to lunch or dinner  
or to friends  
music - concerts/ Theatre  
Exhibitions to broaden their  
{illeg world?}

**f227**

Nurse Dell pony & trap  
house & girl trains  
large district  
in Lancashire  
Ladies Commee

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**f228v**

Nurse Parsons - Egyptian War  
John Billings Hospl 3 months  
Hopkins endowment Washington  
University Hospl of Maryland  
Baltimore  
has entirely reformed the Nursing  
& persuaded the Nurses to stay

Medl Supt  
Boston  
2 Hospls  
New York

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**f229**

Nurse Venables - Throat & Ear  
                  Baltimore  
Nurse Parsons - University -  
                  Baltimore  
Cooper          Johns Hopkins  
                  Baltimore

**f230**

Miss Gibson  
    gruesome account of some  
of the present Jubilee  
Nurses for what an entirely  
different class (in motive  
& character) they come -  
from those you used to  
train at St. Thomas' for  
Bloomsbury - ~~from~~ those  
who are now sent to  
Birmingham & different  
Institutions to be trained  
for Jubilees  
    all for money now    a  
class

**f230v**

Ladies' Committee call  
Miss Peter a "nice little  
thing."  
She & her sister - a  
"family affair"

**f231**

Nurse Jackson  
                  Surgical  
    up                  book  
                  Fairlie Clark  
Sister Mouat  
                  Medical  
Workho: Infy  
Sister Sillame  
    not Walsham  
    36 beds  
    Male Surgical  
  
    Accts          men  
18 men    properly cared for  
          accidents

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**f232**

clever, vigorous, sensible, devoted  
quite above all nonsense -  
a little too much talk

but that will keep her spirits up

How will she like a dull little  
colony of stolid labourers after  
the stir & 'Greek meets Greek'  
of St. Thomas' - the clash not of  
arms but of wits - the  
life & death cases - the change  
& driving excitement

Tennyson - colony 140 miles W. of  
E. London  
S. Africa

Sister Enid

She will find the tricky, naughty  
Gordon boys a relief - Commandant  
says he *knows* they're lying but  
can't find out how - so plausible -  
so devoid of shyness.

**f233**

4 Lady P.s            *Edinburgh*  
{in a box} Miss Jenkins: Dublin  
Miss Clyde            no engagement  
                          beyond a year  
Western Infirmary don't pay  
                          Glasgow (eligible as Sister)  
Mrs. Strong            Lady P.s receive  
                          R. Infirmary            pay  
Dundee                if they will }  
                          drop the lady}

**f233v** {written on the back of an envelope}

ladies as

'Nurse Probationers  
~~must~~/might take night  
duty for a year

Edinburgh

no vacancies

till May

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Add Mss 47765, 136 folios, 34 pages, notes and drafts of letters to nurses, Adam Matthew reel 84

ff1-4 about prayer arch: for Jowett

Undated note, Add Mss 47765 ff1-2 [4:112-13]

*Lord's Prayer.* Mr Jowett. These few words have probably had a greater influence on the world than all the writings of theologians put together. Docology [doxology?], probably a later edition. Truth does not descend from heaven like a stone dropped out of another world, about the origin of which men would vainly dispute, but is the good word, the good thought, the good action that is in the heart of every man. "The word is very nigh, etc." And the divine teacher does not present novelties to mankind--rather he tells them what they all know or ought to know: *he draws out what is latent in them; he finds a witness to his teaching in their hearts and consciences.*

Any vital sense of a Christian virtue is of infinitely more value than the latest discoveries refuting the Pentateuch. They may help or free error but they will not guide us into truth when that is all over. *The work of fashioning the Christian life* has to begin for the student or scholar just as much as for the poor and ignorant, and we shall find our souls *poor and wasted* if in the process of inquiry and criticism we have left behind us the faith in Christ and in goodness. Can we imagine our Lord raising such a question as "Who wrote the *Lord's Prayer*?" Nay, does not Christ repeatedly call upon us to identify his teaching with that of the prophets and ancient teachers: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me."

The words are like the words of children addressed to the Father *who is listening to them and recognizes them. They neither contain nor imply any statement of doctrine.* "Our Father." We mean that He *loves us, that He educates us for all mankind (nurses), that He provides laws for us, that He recognizes like the prodigal. We mean that He knows what is for our good far better than we know ourselves and is able (and loves) to do for us above all that we can ask or think.* We mean that in *His hands* we are children, whose work and pleasure is to do His will, whose duty is to trust in Him in all the accidents of their lives.

We destroy religion if we set up faith against *universal experience.* He of whom Christ says, "are not two sparrows" and "the very hairs on your head" is also the *universal law, the mind or reason which contains all laws,* as much above the world of which he is the Author as our souls are above our bodies.

In prayer we desire to approach that which is highest in the world with that which is highest in His. The beginning of true prayer, to second the divine will.

The beginning of the prayer:  
to second the Divine Will. We  
*Must not try to make His will  
our will, but to make our will His*

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*will. X x Can we not rise out  
of these crises of our life x starting afresh  
to do him service, making stepping-stones  
of our former selves towards something higher  
setting our hearts where true joys are to be found.*

F3 pencil not

3x P.s

*against impurity, for our better self  
against our worse self x x  
when we think of Him as not only  
co-operating with us but going  
before us or preventing us*

*when we begin to see that He has  
an education or plan of salvation  
prepared not only for us but  
for all mankind, extending thro  
many ages even to eternity, in which  
we too may take a part & have a  
share & find the true meaning of  
our lives in His service.*

*(When kneeling at the Communion)  
are there any who have done him  
good wh: he would return?  
Or evil wh he would forgive? X x  
may he not pray to be able to do this  
in the right way, not from egotism or  
love of influence but from the love of them*

**f3v**

*& from the love of God. That so  
the friendships wh: have begun at this  
School may last thro' life & be a  
strength & help to us. Is there any  
of us who does not desire to become  
better?*

*X x There are sins wh. we have  
committed or a course of life idle  
or dressy in wh: we have indulged  
or feelings wh: we have entertained  
towards others wh: were not right*

*x x Then is the time to get rid  
of hypocrisy & see ourselves as  
we truly are in the sight of God*

*xx Our use of prayer is to maintain  
in us a higher standard & to prevent  
our principles insensibly sinking to our  
practice or to the practice of the  
world around us.*

*X x We desire for a few minutes in each  
day to live in the presence of God.*

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**F4**

in the presence of truth & justice  
& *wisdom* & *power* & holiness  
& love & *goodness* & to think of  
others as they are in the presence  
of God yes & of ourselves also-  
that we may free our minds ~~of~~  
from enmities & jealousies x x  
& learn to devote our gifts wholly  
to the service of God & man.

F5 continues.

f5 notes nursing

f7 he that repeateth a matter separateth friends arch Jowett,  
friendship (poss notes from?)

ff11-12 (seems to be from Jowett section on friendship) not all used  
in letter 1873, includes Bracebridge part

Such a friendship we may be hardly able to reconcile either with our  
own character or with common prudence. Yet this is the Xtian ideal in  
the gospel. And here and there may be found someone who has been  
inspired to carry out the ideal in practice.

Is not this what the scripture calls "bearing the image of his  
Christ until his coming again"? [f11v] Let us not neglect to cultivate  
one of the best of God's gifts (friendship). To live in isolation is  
to be weak and unhappy--perhaps to be indolent and selfish. There is  
something not quite right in a (wo)man who shuts up her heart from  
other women. I may seem to be telling you what you already know and  
bidding you do what you are already doing. Well then, shall I turn the  
matter another way: make such friendship as you will look back upon  
with pleasure in later life, and be loyal and true to your friends,  
not going from one to another.

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried  
Grapple thou to thy soul with hooks of steel  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new hatched unfledged comrade."

[f12] And do not expect more of them than friends can give, or weary  
them with demands for sympathy. And do not let the (wo)manliness of  
friendship be impaired by any fondness or sentimentalism, or allow  
hearty good will and geniality to degenerate into vulgarity and noise.

Mr Bracebridge: We must sometimes lose a friend as we have lost  
during the past year, who was a lover of this school. He was the  
kindest of friends and one of the best and noblest of men. All his  
life he was fight battle against cruelty and oppression--Greece,  
Waldenses. And to the last he was young in heart and mind, and had as  
much interest as ever in the events of the world around him. And all  
who came across him the poor of his town, Catholic nuns, furious  
dissenters, Church of England, which he himself was no less than his

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intimate friends were sharers in his consideration. We ne'er shall look upon his like again." His work was finished and therefore we do not lament for him as we might for those who leave behind them an incomplete life.

Always like yourself - always the same.

Noble friendship of David and Jonathan--two men who seemed destined almost necessarily and by nature of case to be enemies: D. rival of J., and yet at first sight J. loved him as his own soul. No cloud of envy intercepted his admiration of the great warrior, the sweet singer of Israel who was hereafter to supersede him in the kingdom.

It is only a noble mind which can feel admiration of a superior equal in years, without any alloy of jealousy. Then truly friendship has got rid of selfishness. Of all the person sat Saul's court the man whom he was destined to supplant was the only one whom David trusted.

[f13] People have been though proud and cold when they were really shrinking into themselves, and as they grew older *a sort of callous outside... began to cover the tenderness within*. People are strangely affected by the persons whom they meet. One person *sets us at our ease and draws out the best side of us*. Another has a freezing and depressing influence.

There are a few to whom instinctively the weakest and feeblest person in the company will turn, sure of a response. We admit them to our *confidence* because we know that they will *not misrepresent or improperly repeat* what we say to them.

(TALE BEARERS) And there are other causes in ourself as well as in others which affect our external behaviour. Some family or *personal* misfortune or *defect* may weigh too heavily on an *ill-regulated* min [f13v] There are some who exaggerate in a *fanciful* manner *the veriest trifles and accidents of life*. No one quite knows how much of this perilous stuff his neighbour has weighing upon his bosom, whether *real or imaginary*.

Some cannot do justice to themselves *or say what they mean*. They have a *provoking consciousness* that they have conveyed a very *different impression from what they intended*.

These weakness or defects we must do our utmost to cure, because they impair our influence in life, and lead to endless misunderstandings--apt to fancy that everyone is looking at us when in reality no one is thinking about us. And after all, selfishness or sensitiveness or vanity or love of approbation do lie very much at the root of the evil.

f14 If the *busy restless image of self* were not always interposing--if we thought of others more--if we were more anxious about right and duty and following the example of Christ than about the opinion of the world, if we lived habitually above ourselves, *we might hope to attain that self-control* which is the *source of freedom*, and might have the *true use and enjoyment* both of society and of the world (school).

No one can make friends of his servants and yet retain authority over them who is not of a truly gentle nature. There is a similar and even greater test of character in being able to mix with our inferiors with simplicity and kindness

(Over spirit of our school: formerly the nurse probationers took the

lady probationers under their protection....[ref to Robinson, a nurse P of such use to others).

f14v The true nobility is to be able to cast off any advantage of rank or wealth or connections as trifles or accidents any day, *as one must cast them off at death.* x x We should regard these with jealousy if they in any degree separate us from the virtues or talents or interest of other ranks of life--or if they lead us to create a false standard of truth and right.

f15 But few persons comparatively have the power of disengaging themselves even in thought from the society which surrounds them. They take the view of their own set (if it is the fashion to conceal, they conceal, if to carry tales they carry tales). Everyone in their own sphere may help to knit together (not by levelling it to common ignorance, but by raising it to common intelligence), the ravelled web of society and reunite men to their fellows.

We should sometimes pass the different classes of society in review as they appear in the sight of God. The poorest, the meanest, the humblest (patient) may enter into the kingdom of heave before the rich or highly educated. *For in another world many, many of the conditions of this world must be changed.*

f15v Everyone complains of the social state x x yet everyone in her own circle may do much towards raising it, *may raise conversation above the level of mere gossip, may banish ignoble talk about persons, may refuse to listen to scandals, may seek to bring women together who are of different ranks, and there is no nobler social ambition than this.* There are a few who from *some innate nobility* of nature have *never allowed themselves to speak against others,* and have exercised *such an authority when they were present as to prevent others being spoken against in their hearing.* These are the *peacemakers* of whom Christ speak. they seem more than any others in this modern world, *to bear the image of Christ until his coming again* (who kept the "home" together).

f16 Good manners. First principle, not to think of ourselves. Second, to have a care and consideration of others. Simplicity of childhood, do what we have to do without regard ot the opinion of others, *without a tough of how we look or how we speak or what is said of us, but for the work's sake only, to be really grieved at our failure in THAT* and not at the censures or criticism of others, *to have got rid of the little petty ghost OF SELF-CONCEIT* which is always flitting about *our bed* and our path. This is simplicity and may be called indeed a sort of *magnanimity.*

His care of them will not be officious, will not *minister to his/our own self-importance or interfere WITH THEIR INDEPENDENCE.* He will be their friend and equal only, not their patron or benefactor. f15v He may perhaps have an eye to doing them good, but he will hardly *suffer them to discover this,* partly because he shrinks from placing himself above them, conscious as he is of his own defects, and also because he knows that influence must find a way to the heart of (wo)men unperceived.

(S)he will feel a (wo)anly affection for them, sowing itself on the greater occasions of life in real services to them of which she is

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studious to conceal the obligations from them.

Seen also *in daily trifles, the pleasant look, the kindly word, the encouraged responses, the attention to little things, the readiness to listen as well as speak, the absence of levity or personality.*

If there were more of these qualities among our society, it would begin to wear a different face. For when we find fault with our society, we are really finding fault with ourselves, and when we improve our society improves.

f17 address to probationers, ask Miss Machin trustworthy - faithful, stewards of grace, in 1874 letter

f17 Trustworthy = faithful...Peter says...untrustworthy servants  
The poor in their *homeless homes, disregarded by relative and children.* Reflect to us faintly. His poverty, whose attendants were mocking soldiers.

*Heroic virtues.* This evening if something is offered to us at table that we dislike, will it be accepted joyfully? If our clothes are not what we like, shall we think readily of our Lord when the soldiers divided His garments? x x *Let us never waste anything, even pins or paper, as some do by beginning letters or resolutions (or cases) which they never take the trouble to finish. Let us never wish for more than is necessary and be cheerful even when that necessary is denied us.*

Giving the children of a poor school an instruction on *heroic virtues*, he asked how they thought *such small people* as themselves could manage to practice *those great virtues.* x x Child of 7: "Please, my lord, we might *pick u pins* when you don't like to." He practised it himself, picking up pins whenever he saw them. *In great material trials not allowing anxieties to cast a gloom over him. "Let us not be unhappy about it." "Our Lord helps in proportion to our wants."*

As if this great act of *passing into elements* were a simple *function of her daily life.* Ill: "My child pray for me, *ask that I may do the will of God as the angels and saints do it in heaven.*

If a superior does act really from caprice or natural motives, it alters not the designs of God *but is simply an imperfection in His instrument, like the shaking of a train.* When a person says "I am discouraged," say rather "I am disobedient." They always mean the same thing. "I pray the Lord to bless you and the community and give you grace *to love and serve Him, accomplishing the duties of holy service.*" "I'm the authority now, a patient is bound to obey his doctor. So you must take it, and no nonsense."

f19 pencil notes, draft for 1874 (revised for printed)

The Supt

in her nobleness & simplicity - being, not seeming without name or reward in this world - clothe din her justice merely: often having no gifts of money, speech or strength: never preferring seeming to being

And if she rises still higher she will find herself in

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some measure like the great Example in Isaiah LIII  
bearing the sins & sorrows of others as if they were  
her own: often despised & rejected, yet opening  
not her mouth: led as a lamb to the slaughter.

She who rules best is she who lives best & shows  
her love not by foolish indulgence, by taking a  
real interest in those of whom she is in charge for their  
own sakes & in their highest interests  
Her firmness must never degenerate into nervous irritability  
And for this purpose I will advise you always to take  
your exercise-time & your monthly or annual holiday

Be a Judge, not a Detective: your mere Detective  
"is wonderful at suspicion & discovery," but is often at  
fault, foolishly imagining that every one is bad.

She must have been tested in the refiner's fire/tried by many tests  
& have  
come out of them stainless - in full command of herself  
& her principles never losing her temper

The nurse/Supt never nurses/governs well till she ceases to  
command for the sake of commanding: or for her own sake  
=till she commands/nurses only for the sakes of those who are  
commanded. But this is the highest exercise of self-denial.

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& without it the ruin of the nursing, of the charge, is  
complete.

She must be just, not unjust.  
Now justice is the perfect order by which every woman  
does her own business: and injustice is where every woman  
is doing another's business:  
this is the most obvious of all things: & for that very  
reason has never been found out.

Injustice is the habit of being a busybody & doing  
another women's business, & which tries to rule & ought  
to serve: this is the unjust nurse.

Prudence is doing your nursing most perfectly  
Aiming at the perfect in every thing.

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The Supt must be a Saviour, rather than a Ruler  
each in our poor measure

And she must love truth & not opinion that is regard not what  
is thought of her, but what really is

O my friends: do not scold at women: they will be of  
another mind if they are gently entreated & learn to  
know you. Who can hate a woman who loves them?

Or be jealous of one who has no jealousy? Who  
can squabble with one who never squabbles?

It is example which converts your Patients: your Nurses.  
It is example which converts the world.

The Supt or Nurse is there: not that she may do  
as she likes but hat she should leave all for

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the common good of all

f37 seems to end a section, Martha Rice death, then f38 starts omitted section on Miss Ireland and Fisher and particular nurses

Editor: It would appear that Nightingale drafted a fairly detailed account of where various nurses had been appointed, but dropped it, perhaps on account of the death of Martha Rice in Montreal (there are added remarks in pencil, "but one is gone.")

Draft letter, Add Mss 47765 ff38-47 [12:824-26]

[1876]

Miss Ireland<sup>1</sup> has taken the Southern small hospital at Manchester as matron. Miss Alice Fisher went for six months to the Edinburgh Infirmary to take charge of the Nurses' Home, no small charge: 124 nurses, probationers and scrubbers, in Miss Pyne's place; Miss Pyne having had a most serious surgical operation at the Edinburgh Infirmary to go through, from which she is now, thank God, fully recovered, thanks, under Him and the doctors, to Miss Pringle's and Miss Williams's excellent nursing. She said she blessed the invention of the Nightingale nurses. She has returned to Edinburgh and Miss Alice Fisher has left to take charge of a fever and smallpox hospital at Newcastle on Tyne. She was a happy and genial influence on all about her. Will she forgive me for telling you the reason? She has such a happy trust in God. "There is a Providence over us," she says. "If I am to have this (which I desire) I shall have it; if I am not, I shall not have it. What is there to be anxious about?" This is a plain saying, but who of us acts up to it? She does.

Miss Worthington left the Edinburgh Infirmary last year to be matron of a small hospital for incurables at Edinburgh, where she is doing excellently well, overlooking the nursing of each patient herself, like a sister.

Nurse Bothwell, from the Edinburgh Infirmary, was appointed superintending nurse of the Aberdeen Infirmary last November. She is an excellent trainer. Mrs Robinson from the Edinburgh Infirmary became matron of the Northern Infirmary at Inverness last January, and our Nurse Pilcher from Alexandra Ward has gone to be her nurse. They take probationers.

All our nurses at the Edinburgh Infirmary, a vast and difficult hospital, with 800 students in daily attendance; none of the hospital conveniences which you have at St Thomas' in the old building, but the new Edinburgh Hospital is nearly ready. [All our nurses] are doing well under the splendid superintendence of Miss Pringle and Miss Williams; they have as you know a large training school. The clinical and other lectures given by the professors are most valuable and valued. And I am sure you could say the same of yours.

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<sup>1</sup> Katherine Soame Ireland (c1836-?), began her training in 1874.

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Nurse Plummer from our "home" and Nurse Hancock, from Soho Hospital,<sup>2</sup> went to them last year as night nurses, both in surgical wards, a very onerous charge, for there are perhaps as many severe surgical and acute medical cases passed through the wards in rapid succession at the new Edinburgh Infirmary as there are chronic cases in London asylum infirmaries, and as few chronic as there are acute cases in London asylums.

Our good Sister Leopold, Miss Notcutt, is gone to take charge of the Belfast Home and Training School in Ireland. She is most prosperous.

To Highgate are gone last year Nurse Anstey, and Nurse Maffey<sup>3</sup> as night nurses. Nurse Skipper as day nurse and this year Nurse Barnacle and Miss Johnson as nurses in charge of wards. Nurse Clark and just now our little Nurse Brain as night nurses,<sup>4</sup> all from this our "home." All are doing nicely.

Miss Cadbury left Highgate last midsummer as you know to take Mary Ward as sister in St Thomas'. And Miss Jackson left Highgate this year and went to Switzerland to take a small eye hospital but is I believe returning to us....

Our dear home sister, Miss Machin, who did so much for us all, went back to her native Canada last August to begin the nursing, soon to become a training school, in the old hospital of Montreal. Miss Blower and Nurse Martha Rice from our training school, Nurse Randall from Victoria Ward and Nurse Sealey, who had been at Soho Hospital, follow her in September. They are doing their work bravely through many difficulties, for the old hospital is detestable and acknowledged to be so, and a new building is, we trust, determined upon. Nurse Cross, Nurse Masters, Nurse Marsh, Nurse Webb are following to help. [pencil: but one is gone]

f42 Nurse Hancock has just been promoted to be day nurse in charge of a medical ward. Mrs Barker who has been with us from the very first opening of our training school fifteen years ago, our first probationer, who was part of our nursing staff at Sydney, New South Wales, for some years, is now night superintendent at Edinburgh. Her services are most valuable.

[f42] To Leith Hospital, under Miss Mackenzie, one of our former pupils, Nurse Perry went in April of last year. She has been promoted to the charge of the male wards, is thoroughly efficient in both surgical and medial nursing, a good trainer, a good nurse and a good woman. Last November Nurse Gosling, also from our training school, went to be on night duty. She has had typhus fever, but is quite recovered. She has proved an excellent fever nurse.

To Canterbury Hospital under Miss Gardiner, from Highgate, was sent

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<sup>2</sup> Sarah Plummer (c1837-?) and Elizabeth Hancock (c1851-?).

<sup>3</sup> Jane Anstey (c1854-?) and Emma Susanna Maffey (c1839-?), both of whom began their training in 1874.

<sup>4</sup> Ellen Barnacle (c1840-?) and Florence Wyver Brain (c1856-?), both of whom began their training in 1876.

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Nurse Bartlett this spring to help Nurse Crump, who went there from Soho Hospital; both are giving great satisfaction.

[f43v] Nurse Ridgwell has become day nurse in Adelaide. Last midsummer Miss Mackenzie, formerly of Soho Hospital, took Alice War in St Thomas'. This year Miss Hull succeeded Miss Notcutt as sister in Leopold. The sister of Alice and Mary wards was dismissed the service last year, under circumstances which can only be mentioned by silence.

[f44] Last year was started, as you know, under Miss Lees, a former pupil of ours, with besides a thorough and unique training in the Paris hospitals, civil and military, and who had charge of war hospitals in the French and German War of 1870-71, district nursing in London, the first attempt to bring first-rate trained hospital nursing to the bedsides of the London sick poor. Our Miss Gibson, Miss Girling and Miss Heathcote have joined her, and Miss Wilson from the Edinburgh training school. They speak enthusiastically of their work. It is very hard work indeed, for, besides the nursing, what they have to do of essential importance is to put the poor sick rooms into a state in which the poor sick people can be nursed, and you can guess what this work is when you look around at your own neat and orderly wards. But--this is their reward: no one room that they have put into good order has ever been allowed to fall back into bad by the inmate.

They have to take notes for the doctor, to do the work which is here done by dressers and clinical clerks, so that their highest intelligent qualities as well as their highest manual qualities are tested. Make haste, if you would not let them catch us up....

f45v Miss Browne has gone to the workhouse infirmary at Liverpool as assistant matron. Miss Franks has succeeded the excellent Miss Hawthorn as sister of Elizabeth Ward at St Thomas'.

[f46] Miss Gordon has gone as sister to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, Miss Flockton who came for three months' training under a special arrangement is gone as head nurse to the Magdalen Hospital at Streatham....

f47v Nurse Chapman, an excellent nurse, who was for several years nurse in Albert and Elizabeth wards at St Thomas' is now nurse of the Cottage Hospital, Cranleigh. Nurse Wand has taken her place in Elizabeth. Nurse Yarnley, night superintendent, died of typhoid fever last December. Her permanent successor has yet to be appointed. Nurse Hodgson from Soho Hospital, Nurse Tayler, are new night nurses in ophthalmic wards at St Thomas'. **[end 12:826]**

ff54-56 is letter 10 1884, pen, in British Library tab 1281.a.2,  
3 July 1884 **[12:856-57]**

My dear friends

A very good day to you and God bless you.

We hail our successes and we press forward to more. Let us hail too the successes of other training schools which have, thank God, sprung up or gone on in the last ten years, especially --. But the best way we can hail them is not to be left behind ourselves.

Let us in the spirit of friendly rivalry rejoice in their prowess as they do I am sure in ours. For some are applying to us for you, in

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the spirit of friendly rivalry, for while we don't wish them to stay behind, we don't want to stay behind ourselves.

We must with a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether uphold the good cause of nursing.

Like good soldiers, not seeking our own way or flourishing our own fancies, but, with steady discipline, keeping in the army which presses onwards to perfection.

Cultivate your eyes, ears, hands, and above all your brains. Someone asked a great painter how he mixed his colours. With brains, Sir, he answered. But even brains are useless if we follow each our own way. If we only think what we should like ourselves, in going, e.g., to our new posts, and not what posts there are to fill up for the good of the great work what institutions want nurses.

What would you think of a soldier who, if he were to be put on duty as sentry, were to answer, No, I had rather mount guard at the barracks. Or he had to go as a pioneer or on a forlorn hope were to say, No, that won't suit my turn.

We would rather be among those who volunteer for a forlorn hope, to throw our bodies in the breach, and do each of us what seems best for all.

So God bless you. I wish I could be among you all, but I hope to see each of you one by one at home.

ff54-56, then another, neater 57-59, ink letter to "My dear friends" [1884]

ff57-59 [1884] ink draft another

ff60- May 16 1888, starts off together, then change

f60 pencil and pen note

May 16/88

One year more, ~~our~~ very dear Probationers  
My very best love, and heart-felt God  
speed to the work.

To each & to all, I wish the very highest happiness  
succession the widest meaning/sense of the word, which I  
am sure is what you mean yourselves, in the life  
s work  
you have chosen

And I

f65v-66 (after steadily and devotedly)

At the present time, where there are so many associations, and  
~~leagues~~

periodicals and unions are so much the fashion, and that the good in each may grow and prosper, my heartfelt prayer, I am sure, inasfar as they really give support and pledges for progress where there is such a dragging of everything into publicity and notoriety, there is some danger of our forgetting that the true nursing work must be *quiet*

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work. *Noise and notoriety* are contrary to the whole realness and spirit of the work. A noisy woman--we have on high authority--is a contradiction in terms. What would HE have said of a noisy *nurse*?

This little caution is what each of you will give herself, I know, but therefore you will kindly excuse it in me. Once more, my love to each and to all of you....

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ff67-76 Sept 27/89 Crossland, but no 1889 letter. starts with pencil notes, then clean ink ff77-

f67 pencil note

Sept 27/89

Miss Crossland says that at the little Service in the Chapel every year here for the Probationer Nurses she renews her consecration of herself, her flock & her work to God that consecration is I will do the thing for God's sake & my fellow creature's & not for the usual reason "because I wanted to"

[Methinks I have often heard a nice young friend of mine give that reason]

Have we renewed that consecration of ourselves since your confirmation?

You told me then that a Y was drawn - & you were so truly told that we arrive at the fork, which young Xtian way will we take? The way to the right is God's way

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the way to the left our own way - which shall we choose?

God's way or our own? [added in ink]

shall/will we make? To be wilful - or to be willing. There is no way between

For self or Christ to be our Master - Like the man who in his dream saw Self always closing his shutters & leaving him in darkness.

Which have you chosen?

What have I chosen?

When we take the Sacrament - or it may be every Quarter - this is Michaelmas Quarter.

We make the choice afresh - for self or God [for.. added in ink]

We take the opportunity to break off our bad habits, our obstinate choice of Self & Self's own way & Self's darkness, & free from that darkness we give ourselves anew to God, & ask Him to be our master & our Friend

Or we go in leading our darling self by the hand & going on with our own way, giving no other reason by "Because I wanted to"

And so we go on, /crawl, crawl, crawl, after year [crawls in ink]

And we deny our God with a kiss as Judas & Peter did Christ [ink]

Now shall we break loose from that

bondage? / Prays for me & I for you that we do [ink]

to glorify God or to glorify Self

what did you put in the P.O.S.B. last year/Quarter?

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or because it is delightful to feel the Almighty

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our Father & our Friend  
yet possessing  
if our God

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or as preventing us from having  
our own way? As if we Shd not be very sorry  
if God were dead? Or [go to 1 above to make sense]  
Do you know I believe that God is dead?  
And do you know I am not very sorry?  
Now do we look upon giving ourselves to God as  
[up side of page]  
I can't tell you anything about  
the sermon as if you had said  
I can't find a daisy in the street.

f69 FN pencil list arch: [1897]  
A Nursing Reform  
B Mrs Wardroper's Hospital  
C  
D Poor Law Infirmeries Nursing  
E Metropolitan  
F District Nursing  
G Private "

f72 pencil note

Birmingham, Gibson, Miss de Laney  
1100 average of occupied beds  
characteristic perfection in a thing which  
often deters Hospital Nurses from taking to  
Infy Nursing where they could do so much good  
And that is the attending to the cleanliness of  
the old & infirm. Treat them like children  
- talk to them about their own interests - this  
keeps off imbecility - at stated times attend ot  
them as you do to children - this gets them into  
good habits. They are either "dear old things"  
or those "troublesome old creatures"

[c1890]

This nursing reform differs from most others in that it was founded on no church, on no sect, on no particular doctrine, party or nationality, except Christ's professing churches are not always religion. It was not embraced by any church, but it hoped and its hope was not deceived--to embrace all churches and all nationalities--to spread over the world. It was founded on the common sense, the true inspiration of religion.

It had organization, but not the organization of a party or church. On the contrary. Before the Crimean War the only trained nurses, speaking loosely, were the Augustinian nuns and the Soeurs de Ste Marthe, etc., in the Paris hospitals. In France, when the empire became a republic, the nursing nuns, except the Soeurs de Charité, were turned out of hospital. There was nothing to keep it alive when the Roman Catholic Church fell.

But the nursing reform carried its reform into the Roman Catholic Church without becoming R. Catholic. This was its distinction. In England the want of the training was felt: the training was engrafted on the R. Catholic Church itself. It has spread over Germany, where already there were deaconesses, and even Russia, not over Italy, where the contest between the papal and the anti-religion was too bitter. It has spread over the new world.

The principle of the new reform was no literary reform. The principle was that no training or registering in technical skill would do without the training as goodness and habits, which cannot be registered, that training in goodness and habits would not do without training in technical knowledge and skill. This is what founded the new reform--this was its common sense.

It spread to all the great hospitals in London, to Edinburgh, Liverpool, etc. If it were, alas! perhaps more successful in the latter, the training of technical skill than in the training of goodness, let us not rest till the claims of goodness are satisfied. Let us never cease to "hunger and thirst after" goodness.<sup>5</sup>

[f79] It brought sobriety, purity of life, honesty, into an occupation almost distinguished by the absence of all three. (These already existed among the nurses of nuns with some training. But then they were precluded from doing what our nurses do about the sick. And as already said, when the church fell, they fell with it.)

The machinery was to make the hospital, where alone training could be given, a home for all three--where all three could exist and be cultivated--and dishonesty, impurity, intemperance fall off because there was no longer an atmosphere which cherished them, in which they could live. It is not punishment which does away with these things.

This atmosphere Mrs Wardroper created. Then had to be cultivated kindness, self-devotion, a higher aim. The negative only will not do. There must be a positive.

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It is unbelievable now what was the state of things when Mrs Wardroper began. Out of this chaos she had to evolve the present--not to be stereotyped, but to be farther developed. Stealing the patients' food--notoriously by the night nurses, who were untrained women, charwomen, who had no sleep in the day--part of the business of the resident medical officers in one of the finest hospitals in Great Britain [Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh] was to carry out the drunken nurses on stretchers. Deserted wives, women of bad character who could not get domestic service, formed a proportion of the nurses, though there were exceptions.

Now see the change. The hospital instead of being a hotbed of iniquity is a school for the patients, if the ward sister does but understand her opportunity, as well as for nurses and students.

Could I but tell you the state of indiscipline where discipline is supposed to reign in the military hospitals. But that is a matter of the past--thank God, not of a dead past, but of a fruitful past. Let us see what Mrs Wardroper would desire of us now, and let us see what we mean by a school for the patients. A child die din the children's ward of St Thomas'. Another child patient said to the others, "Tommy is dead. Sister carried him out in her arms. God was waiting for him in the corridor, and carried him to heaven." Compare this with the terror or indifference with which poor children generally speak of death.

[f82] Mrs Wardroper lived in her work. That was her great secret. That was why her word was law. Those under her felt not that she was a lecture or a book or a register or an association--not that she was only a set of rules or one who viewed her work from without, but that she was a living, sometimes a lively and impetuous influence which pervaded her whole place and institution--and without self-consciousness (as such a one always is) who knew everything and everybody about her.

You see before you in the training school one who is a living influence, one devoted in her work, who knows all she has to do in the same fashion--yet whose name is rarely heard outside the training school.

Let this be a model. It is not an association that works the charm. An association is only what its individuals make it. The nurses of this hospital and trained in this school are an association without badge or mark. Let us take care that each one of us is an inspiration to that association: a moving, living power. It must be either for good or for bad, unless indeed we are nothing at all, which is perhaps the worst of all. Each of us may be a pioneer, as Mrs Wardroper was, in keeping up or improving our calling, that is, one too much engrossed in her work to remember that she is a pioneer.

O our nurses! if we would keep clear from, on the one side, making the nursing of the sick a mere pecuniary transaction for gain or notoriety, and on the other from being a merely fashionable pastime for a year or two now in these lecturing days, where so many women dabble in a little physiology, enough to pass an examination. We much always bear in mind that we have to do with living bodies and minds in nursing, not with book physiology and anatomy, but with life and

death. But more we must always remember the danger of unreality, of seeking applause among nurses. We are thinking not of the patient but of ourselves--we may even be thinking of the different uniforms.

This is a new phase. We are not trying to raise earth to heaven, but to pull down heaven to earth. This is the unreality of the day. It is hard for us to kick against the pricks.<sup>6</sup> Now this is what Mrs Wardroper never did. She never kicked. She set to work. She never made a fuss, an oration about nurses, a puffing of nurses. She was so real herself that everybody about her must needs be real. Let us beware of unreality. Has it added anything to the art of training?

[f85] What was the beginning of trained nursing in Poor Law infirmaries instead of pauper nursing? Agnes Jones, one of Mrs Wardroper's pupils, brought to the large Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary by Mr Rathbone with twelve (?) nurses from St Thomas' Training School, began it and died there. But the root she had planted prospered and bore fruit. The Liverpool select vestry placed the whole of the beds from 1000 to 1500 under her nurses. And it has now become one of the first training schools for nurses.

Wherever the trained nurse came in the policeman disappeared. The trained nurse was the best police.

In London the first trained nurses in a Poor Law infirmary were set on foot by the St Pancreas board of guardians under the tutorship of Sir William Wyatt. *Then* it might be, without laughing, a dangerous service, urging and being hustled by guardians. Miss Hill, one of Mrs Wardroper's pupils, with - - of her nurses, was the first matron of a London Poor Law infirmary. It was at Highgate.

How beautiful are the feet of those on the mountains, the difficult places, who bring good tidings.<sup>7</sup>

We ask our nurses not to despise the parish service, because there is not such a "drive" of "good cases" (i.e., bad cases) as in a general hospital. they will not, if they see there great moral opportunities, as well as physical ones, in the poor "mountains" and with their vast numbers too. What the parish infirmaries--nursed by paupers paid chiefly by beer were, and some still are, you perhaps scarcely know.

And then the change. How ell I remember a poor woman left a widow with children at twenty-three who slaved at a small shop till she had got her girls out of service, her boys as apprentices. Then, at about forty, she came into the Highgate Infirmary, slowly dying of consumption. "O," she said one day, "I always prayed God to give me rest before I died. And now He has brought me to this beautiful place, which is like heaven."

And the little chidden, who heard "good words" for the very first time, though no preaching. One little girl, one of many who have to leave because their bad parents are going to leave the workhouse, was heard praying on her knees, hidden by her cot, that she ought not

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forget the "good words" she had heard there.

Such was the change which can hardly be expressed in words.

Miss Elizabeth Vincent was the lady who, after having served long as "sister" in St Thomas', as matron and assistant matron elsewhere, undertook the nursing of the new St Marylebone Parish Infirmary, with - - nurses from St Thomas', and after years of work established there one of the very best training schools for infirmary nurses. Before them, the diversion of the men patients, considered particularly appropriate for Sundays, was to fling their plates and cups at one another across the ward, and then to call a policeman, and give one another into custody.

Some of these persons, being in a ward under the new régime, and one attempting the same game, another was heard to say: Shut up, Bill, there's no nonsense here now."

Miss Styring, of Paddington Infirmary, is doing an excellent work there. There is a thing which often deters hospital nurses from taking to infirmary nursing, where they could do so much good, and this is the constant attention necessary to maintain cleanliness among the old and infirm. "Treat them like children," is the diction of a wise and efficient infirmary matron and her assistant: "Talk to them about their own interests; keep off imbecility; attend to them at stated times as you do to children--get them into good habits." One thing is certain: they will be either "those troublesome old creatures," or those "dear old things."

Miss Gibson and Miss Delaney, with an average of 1100 occupied beds, and plenty of telephones, are doing splendid work at the Birmingham Infirmary.

[f90] *District Nursing*. From Mrs Wardroper too sprung the hospital training of the pioneer of district nursing, that is nursing the sick poor in their own homes, a home which alas! in a city means too often only one room. Into that room the district nurses have to introduce order, to put the room into "nursing order" in order to make it possible to nurse the patient. They have to improvise, without a single hospital appliance, often not even clean water, all that is necessary to nurse the sick.

The pioneer and creator of this great and difficult work was Mrs Dacre Craven, then Miss Florence Lees, and several of her nurses came from St Thomas' and several are still trained there. The highest idea embodied in it is that of the most perfect nursing, without any help from building or from hierarchy of nurses, teaching also the nursery of the home, the founding of health by healthy habits in the home, that one room, but not almsgiving, all that is de-pauperizing, noting that is pauperizing--the very opposite of all the fuss making of the day, the truest reality--their very names unknown. And how this work of district nursing has spread, from its very simplicity and reality. But for it to do no harm, but all good, it must keep to its type--the angel type, of leaving behind it, when the patient cued, it bids good bye, health giving to the home, be it but one room. It must be sanitary as well as sanatory. (The district nurse knows where to find the officers of health, for what she cannot do herself--and for food, stimulants, linen, the various organization which supply these

things.)

District nursing before Miss Florence Lees meant an untrained and uneducated woman, where the highest training was necessary, living in a poor lodging or with her own family, and her work with the sick poor, meaning mainly appearing at the sick bed with a mutton chop sticking out of one lid of her basket and a bottle of brandy out of the other--which of course the poor people, knowing no better, though very nice. It means now the highest kind of trained nursing, of gentlewomen living in a common home under trained supervision and sympathy, the lady superintendent going round say once a fortnight with each nurse as far as possible--each working under the doctor.

District nursing perhaps requires the greatest tact and love of all, and the highest skill, for they have no doctor, no hospital apparatus, no ward sister always at hand. They must be always keeping not a trained nurse but an ignorant family up to the mark. but, instead of making excuses for the dirt, the disorder, where we know they are not fit to be district nurses at all, we find that the poor people, when once the nurse has taught cleanliness and order, while seeming not to teach anything, make excuses to the nurse if they have fallen short of it.

This is the district nurse, unconscious of self, her very name unknown. The highest activity has the least consciousness of self, because it is so absorbed in its work that it has no time to think of self. Applause is one temptation of hospital life to the sisters.

[f93] To say a word about *Private Nursing* among the rich--that is, among those who can pay--seems necessary. For some of you may take to private nursing. It has taken a new start since Mrs Wardroper began work. It requires perhaps more steadiness and a higher moral tone not to degenerate than any other branch. It is done without female trained supervision and generally the intervals between cases are passed not in a common home, under a trained superintendent, but in a hired lodging, as the private nurse overworks herself by taking one case after another without interval.

May I mention the warning which several doctors of large practice have given, that we shall lower the standard of character in the nurses themselves, or shall get a lower kind of woman to enter the calling. Some say that, within the last two or three years, this has been done already, not: the nurses won't do this, they won't do that. Patients are created for nurses--not nurses for patients. All have imputed it not the same cause--not namely, the puffing of nurses, the disputes, not the healthy rivalry between different associations and all that fuz-buz which real nurses deplore as much as say, "Let us then be up and doing. With a heart for anything."

More has been done within the last few years to sever nurses from pursuing their calling as nurses than in any previous time.

But let this year be the happiest, the holiest, the most active in our lives (as a poor woman said to me) and every year be more and more so.

D What was the beginning of trained nursing in Poor Law infirmaries instead of pauper nursing. select vestry (seems to be draft re

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Wardroper)

f90-

F District nursing

ff95- June 1897

f98 monotony of cases, not in

f103 congratulate me on my 80th, not in

ff105-08 pencil draft May 28 1900 and pen ff109-14

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f115 pencil note

Dear friends whom I have known so long & led so long - who have been my fellow-worker

ff116-18 neat ink draft, black-edged paper on death of Agnes Jones

[1868]

"Dear Nurses and fellow-workers"

I wish I could tell you in few words how much I feel for you & with you. But my words must be few. And what are my words, compared to hers who is gone? but who, being dead, yet speaketh. If she could speak - and she does speak - she would say: - Live to carry out the work which I did for God, for Christ's sick poor. Don't let them suffer because I am called to my Father. Indeed, dear fellow-mourners,

**f116v**

I never knew any one who lived & died to do her Father's business, as she did. Don't let this great sacrifice be in vain. Let us live to complete her work. But, you will say, we have lost our General. then let us fight the good fight al the more, as soldiers of Jesus Christ. You don't know how many battles which seemed desperate while the General lived have ben fought & won by the soldiers who when they saw their General fall were determined to save their General's name

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& win the ground he had  
died for?

And shall we fight a heavenly  
battle, a battle to cure the  
bodies & souls of God's poor,  
less well than men fight  
an earthly battle, to kill  
& wound?

But the battle is long-  
Yes- and so is the strength  
which God gives.

Let us run with patience  
the appointed course- the  
race, the combat to the end.

Don't let her say to us in  
another world that we  
left her work in this  
unfinished.

[pencil] Scarcely anyone has lost more in her than  
I have ~~lost almost more~~

than any one in her. [pencil] It made me happy just to think of the  
work & yours=

Who could have thought  
that I should have survived

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her?

I could almost envy you  
who have been always with  
her these latter years  
- and envy you too because  
you have the more immediate  
opportunity to finish her  
work which she had so  
nobly begun.

Do not let us be cowardly,  
now she is gone who was  
so brave in God's service.

That would be a poor  
love to shew to *her*.

The greatest ~~best~~ love we can  
shew her is to do as she  
did & as she would have  
us do.

This is the time, the best of  
all, to hear God's voice,  
this time of sorrow, of never  
to be forgotten misery- ~~and~~  
~~if we listen, we shall~~

**f118**

which seems so like a  
wreck of all we cared for-  
But, if we listen, we shall  
hear him say, as Christ  
did in the storm, Lo, it is  
I, be not afraid. And  
we shall answer, as Samuel  
did, Speak, Lord, for thy  
servant heareth - answer not  
only to day, & tomorrow  
but every day of our lives=  
be working on patiently  
& bravely at His work  
and at hers, for His  
sake & for her sake.

God bless you all.  
your affectionate friend  
and fellow-sufferer  
Florence Nightingale

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ff109-14 draft for May 28 1900 St Thomas'

ff119-31 pencil draft for Edinburgh letter 6 Dec 1873 **[13:332]**

ff132-33 pencil draft for Edinburgh letter Xmas 1873 **[13:337]**

ff134-35 ink draft Christmas 1873

f136 ink list

To Nurses Lyons

Bothwell

Barnard

Upton

Papps

Hignett

Downes

Robinson

Monk

Watkins

Attwooll [pasted on]

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Add Mss 47766, 233 folios, 10 pages, RBNA rough drafts, Adam Matthew  
reel 84

ff1-33 rough drafts, some in FN and some in HBC hand

f19 FN pencil

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A Public Register in the best of hands at the  
present stage may become a gigantic  
swindle.

For nothing equals the credulity of a sick  
~~me~~ public, of sick men except that of  
sick women

f20 FN ink and corrected in pencil

*Our* trial is not crucifixion but fashion...  
March 25/92

On the other hand, an extra mercantile  
spirit has come in - of forcing up wages,  
regardless of providing a life, a 'home', in the  
meaning that *home* ought to bear,  
of 'constant supply' & 'constant sympathy' -  
regardless that Hospital & Workhouse Nursing

f22

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has been raised from the sink it was, not  
more by training than by making the Hospital  
& District Home a place where no good  
mother of any class need fear to send

**f25** [similar in Hants]

A General Register is not adapted to  
the profession of a Nurse

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ff31-32 ink draft

**f31**

The problem of the R.B.N.A. is not how shall further progress be secured? not how shall nurses and nursing be still farther improved? not how shall the training schools in friendly rivalry raise the standard higher?

It is how to stereotype the present, how to reduce all to the same level, how to give the stamp to mediocrity? how can we give the public, which wants private nurses, the small technical accomplishments, putting aside all essential qualifications, making them naught in the nurses' eyes, as far as we can, thus stamping the nurse as a clinical thermometer

**f32**

or an antiseptic dressing  
as yet no still small voice  
whirlwind...

The R.B.N.A. tried to get legislation or licence

**f33**

from the Board of Trade for this  
registering not the living nurse  
but the busy Molecule - or even a bit  
...of paper cut to a pattern  
or a wax figure like Mme Tussaud's  
Strange contradiction.

IX The analogy between the Medical profession  
& its Register & the Nurse calling & the proposed  
Register fails entirely...

Almost the only similarity between the  
Medical profession & the Nursing profession  
or Art is that both have to do with sick  
people. But one might as well say that a  
gardener is the same as a botanist,  
because both have to do with plants.  
It seems absurd to put the Medical & Nursing  
profession in point of Registration on a par,  
when the principal art of a Nurse is how  
best to obey the Doctor. It is perhaps natural  
that those who have been loudest on the  
danger of Nurses knowing *too much* are now  
loudest on the analogy between Nurses & Doctors

ff49-69 typed version, A General Register is not adapted to the  
profession of a Nurse

ff70-85 copperplate version: Royal British Nurses Association  
Remarks by Miss Nightingale on a Register for Nurses

A General Register is not adapted to the profession of a Nurse.

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ff88-107 Memorandum and Articles of Association of NA

f108 printed BNA Draft Bye-Laws, with FN underlining and comments in margin, includes VII General council shall consist of the Pres, Vice-Presidents, 100 Medical Men, 100 past or present Matrons, and 100 sisters of Nurses. FN: 300?

ff110-13 printed Report of the Joint Sectional Committee on Registration to the Council

f113v FN rough notes again

ff119v-20 printed letter with signatures: Sir, At a meeting of the Royal BNA, protest, nurse training schools that the great advance has taken place, ends with: While recognizing in full the great interest taken by Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian in the welfare of Nurses, and its value to Nurses, they cannot but regard the manner in which H.R. Highness's name has been introduced into the discussion as wholly uncalled for,  
signed by Westminster, pres of MNA and Westminster Hosp and Tr School; Rutherford Alcock, pres Westminster Hosp and Tr Sch; HV, chair of Council of the N Fund; J.G. Wainwright, treas St T; Ed. H. Lushington, treas of Guy's Hosp; E Murray MD ch London Hosp, Henry Wace, ch com of mgt KCH; W Rathbone, pres Liverpool Tr School and Home for Nurses

f121 FN rough notes draft again

ff123-24 ink FN draft...inevitable crisis, fashion

f125 FN pencil

Qu to be asked in the Ho of C  
before P.C. committed  
Sir R. Webster Attorney Genl  
apply to him privately  
sent in thro' Solicitor  
speech to him alone  
Sir Guyer Hunter MD MP  
RC to be laid for 30 days  
on table of Ho of C  
Ld Ripon week after next  
going abroad  
Times  
Queen

f126 FN pencil note

Nov 16-17/92 Claydon - South St.  
The R. Charter will win: Sir H. Acland- Claydon Station  
*Our "golden bow" will be broken - dissolved in their acid*  
But it will be got out of their "acid" better  
& stronger. Stuart - my note. p

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God's finger  
preparation for away for the Master's feet

f127 FN pencil note  
Privy Council  
r. Charter  
Lord Spencer  
Lord Aberdeen  
Mr Arthur Acland

f131 FN pencil note arch ca. May 1895  
St Thomas' matron on council w/o her knowledge or consent. she wrote  
to them to take it off

f133 FN pen

R.B.N.A.

[left col]  
H.R.H.'s statement  
that St Thomas' Matron  
gave her name & adhesion  
to the R.B.N.A. & its  
council - & then, after this  
signed the petition against  
them.

[right col]  
The R.B.N.A. put down  
St Thomas' Matron's name  
as on their council without  
her knowledge or consent  
She wrote to them to take  
it off--to which she  
received no answer, but  
she understood they had  
not.

[left col]  
St Thomas' matron was  
further put down as in  
adherent in a letter  
inserted in the "Times"

[right col]  
She was only present at  
one or two of their  
meetings  
by invitation, but without  
giving any adhesion  
whatever.

[left col'  
that F. Nightingale signed  
"all those letters" in the  
"Times - as did also

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the D. of Westminster."

[right col]

F.N. signed one letter  
& the Petition. How could  
she do otherwise?

The D. of W. signed two  
& the Petition

[left col]

that F. Nightingale was  
"under Mr Burdett's  
"leading"

[right col]

She never saw him  
nor had any intercourse  
with him whatever.

It would have been  
absurd with her 40  
years' experience

f134 FN pencil draft

June 15/93

When I see scientific gentlefolk like Lister & Dr  
Miss Macdonald teaching others by doing work  
with their own hands - washing babies in India=  
dressing Patients in K.C.H., I think these are  
not men & women but Angels & Archangels.  
in contrast with all this work of getting untrained  
Princesses, Countesses & Duchesses to give their names  
to charitable business, to jump full dress into  
philanthropic muddles or not to jump at all  
[upside down on same page]

*Isolation Hospls* sign of weakness & failure

but as w. & f. are everywhere

necessary

But the thing is to remove the cause  
Infection from one Patient to another  
not the sole danger while cause remains  
*Certificates*. The Pope was so good as to confer  
a certificate of Immaculate Conception  
on the Virgin Mary- Princesses & "representative"  
women are now to confer certificates on 3000  
Nurses.

f135 FN ink draft July 1/93

f136 FN rough pencil notes resume

f153 All this cannot be tested by Examinations

f164 A Hospital is a Hospital

& all Hospitals are alike...moral aspect of calling of a nurse

f168 great discrepancy between different  
training schools & hospital

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f170 private nurses & district nurses

47766 f184 FN pencil note

Batrachy omachia

Burdett has got the £20 000

Matron " Prss Xtian

Both setting up Nurses' Register

A formidable movement

will do Nurses harm. But

Progression by Antagonism

Popes called forth Luther

Luther Loyola

Loyola Jansenism & Pascal

Jansenism was destroyed by

but destroyed Jesuitism

Xtianity Survived

They are trying to make a Nurses'

Republic with a Princess at its

head, without the smallest idea

of governing themselves or of

*knowing how to raise their own*

*standards. Training will be destroyed*

*by registering. But nursing will survive.*

v

McKendrick's Animal Physiology

f186 more FN rough pencil notes

f202 pencil note

Not to bring matters to a point

it will make other matrons

either resign or give under.

This is the great tussle not

only between matrons & doctors

but between Treasurers ( lay

element) & Doctors

a perpetual caballing

Pss Xtian's blunders

of course she reduces herself

to those who were neither

Doctors nor Matrons

Mrs Craven

mad doctors

f203

I hardly know whether it is worth mentioning

except that the queen's party is likely to get hold

of the enormous extension of the Nursing Service or

profession, as a proof that trained District Nurses

cannot be lacking

If it were not

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for Pss X's movement

f215 pencil note

2. cuts both ways mixing up midwifery & nursing

Present *absence* of training for Midwives overlooked

Present *existence* of high " for Nurses

but great discrepancy between different

Training Schools & Hospitals overlooked

All Nurses are to be confounded- the highly trained  
the little trained

in a common Register

You have to create the means of training for Midwives

before you can have a Register - not mere

Obstetrical Socy no good - book training

You have to create the means of training for

Nurses - only to distinguish before you. put them on the Register

f218 pencil note

You cannot by examns & certificates

determine who are good nurses

as you do for the Civil Service or a

degree

It is the life of a nurse which approves

her

Moral qualities go to make

competency, quite as much as skill

Your would not take servants by

certificates

You ask their last employer.

A good nurse must be a good woman...

**f222** pencil note

B.N.A. R. Comm & Ho of C Comm

Sir HV!! But midwifery?

who secretary?

paid secretary

R Comm: We cannot help having

Sir W. Savory - inaccessible

to argument

Sir J. Paget accessible

Burdett only to jokes

*Everything will depend on who is  
chairman. ?Mr Rathbone*

Bonham Carter - the only

man who understands subject

Sir R. Alcock

some M.P. who is persona grata

with the Govt but then who

will be the Govt "next Session"?

Sir Lyon Playfair MP

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will he do for Midwifery?

Sir W. Bowman

Sir Thomas Crawford

Sir Kennett Barrington or Mackinnon

Sir Henry Acland

Lord Rosebery - or one of Lords' Committee

**f223v** pencil note continues

Ho of C Comm:

Sir Lyon Playfair/Rathbone to sound him

Sir Wm Houldsworth

Manchester

Leonard Courteney - independent

Rathbone talks to him in

lobby of the Ho of C

Everything will depend on chairman

Sir John Lubbock

But who is the Midwifery MP?

X would not have the money

procedure Mr. Rathbone wd know

II Great objection of

uniting Midwifery with

Nursing under one Commee

conditions almost opposite

xx the enemy

Is a man more powerful as

evidence or as a number?

**f224** pencil note continues

Playfair's book says Medl

students so under-trained

in Midwifery then how about midwives?

One month St Bart's

no man except an accoucheur

& very few of those

understands the question of

the Registration & training

of *midwives* Obstetrical Socy

Wholly insufficient

Can Midwife wash/feed babies?

over 2 there are few or no

midwives who are Midwives

now to register

but when there are Midwives

who are Midwives, they can be

tested/registered

the higher the qualifications of nurse, the less

can these/she be registered - the more

she loses by a common public register. Only

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mediocrity can be registered.

**F224v**

Rathbone to get out of Sir M.H. Beach  
whether he refused Licence on testimonial

f225v continued

Danger of Midwifery Registration

Nurse                    "

being under the same Committee

or Commission

It cuts both ways.

Present want of training....[repeat]

f226 Memorial against Registration Scheme B.N.A.

Sir W. Bowman's proposed 6th paragraph

"6. Should the "Registration Scheme" as proposed

be modified so as to take the form of a *simple*

*Register* merely giving the name of Nurse, he

address, and reference of a certificate

received from a Training School, with the

name of such School, we are of opinion that it

would be impossible to keep it up to date,

or make it carry with it the same securities

**f226v**

"as to reliability" while the registration by

the several Training Schools now provide

"we consider that the time has not arrived

when any such general Register will be of

practical advantage to the nurses, to the medical

profession or to the public."

**f232** pencil note

Gratuities Book

"Registry"

There is nothing as to *character*

in it, either of excellence or

the reverse, that might not

be cried at Charing Cross.

Was not, e.g. *Beckwith* that

strange impostor? There

is nothing to warn anybody

of it?

*Miss Glover* left "on account" of family circumstances"

In *Miss Lückes*" "Supplementary

"Register" the exact facts

would be put down. And

she suffered for it before

the "Lords." but she says she feels

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every da the value of the S.R.  
We have grounded part of our [breaks off]

**f233**

Pape. Was she the one who went to a  
Workho: Infy. E.G. Fulham  
    & then left to marry a young  
Doctor she knew at St Thomas'  
    No record of this  
/not there in the Register/  
Pape & Piper  
the ones I have been  
so asked about  
De Laney - not in Register that I can find  
    at all  
Register dates from 75.

**F233v**

Dell. Shd have been put  
    District nurse alone  
    with a Probr  
    not belonging to any Socy  
[no record even of the Annual report  
given by different Matrons.

[end]

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Add Mss 47767, microfilm, 327 folios, 61 pages, notes and drafts on nursing, Adam Matthew reel 85

printed report. The Training Institution for Nurses, St John's House, Norfolk St., Strand. 16th Report of the Council, for year ending March 31 1864. London: Harrison 1864. Shows £10 donation by FN; lists council. Master Rev H.A. Giraud. Lady supt Miss Jones; 32 sisters, perm or assoc, and 61 nurses and probs, plus master and lady supt.; a sister and a nurse died of fever from patient

ff14-16 JS pencil draft, re Rappe

questionnaire on midwifery, ff17-22, pen

**f17**

*Training of Midwives*

Would you be so very good as to furnish me with a general account of the Midwifery instruction at the Maternité, Paris, (or any other Midwifery Training School you have been engaged in) including as full information as you may be pleased to give on the following points: -

1. Duration of training before certificates of competency were granted?
2. If, e.g. there were a two years' course for 1st class Midwives, a one year's course for 2nd class Midwives, please state differences & tests, by Examination or otherwise, of the two courses.

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**f17v**

3. Whether during training instruction was given in Anatomy?

If so, how?

By models?

By drawings?

By dissections?

By Lectures?

4. Also, if this instruction was given, by whom?

by a Professor? a. man?

b. woman?

by an Assistant Professor?

a. man?

b. woman?

5. Were there Oral Examinations?

Or written Reports

or Exercises?

6. By what method was efficiency in this anatomical knowledge estimated?

by marks?

or otherwise?

**f18**

7. What instruction in the elements of Midwifery was given before Pupil Midwife was allowed to deliver a case herself?

by the bed-side?

by Lectures?

by Models?

by drawings?

8. By whom was this instruction given?

by a Head Midwife?

by an Assistant "

by 2nd year's Pupil Midwives?

by a Professor - a. man?

b. woman?

or Assistant Professor?

9. How long did this instruction continue before Pupil admitted to deliver case herself?

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**f18v**

10. What instruction was given respecting accidents of labour?
  - & how to deal with them?
  - respecting unnatural or unusual presentations including performance of operations?
11. Also, on diseases of childbed & of infants?
12. State, please, what, if any, were the other branches of study?
13. What opportunities were given for Post-Mortem Examinations?
  - for Dissections?
  - whether at the same or at different times & places (from Midwifery practice)?

**f19**

14. In what manner & where was the pupil first allowed to practise?
  - & under whose direction?
  - whether allowed at once to take charge of a case or only partially & under superintendence? -
15. Suppose a case of difficulty to arise in the pupil's hands,
  - how
  - by whomwas she instructed to deal with it?
16. How was the use of instruments in such cases taught at the bed side?
  - & by whom?

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**f19v** [faint pencil next]

17. During the practical training of pupils, how simple cases generally? was oral instruction Drs not sent for by lectures given on except on difficult cases the cases?
18. What was the practical Induction instruction at the bed-side Forceps given
- a. in Midwifery wards Matron taught on natural cases
  - b. at laying-in women's Doctor unnatural own homes? asked questions
- Turning/craniotomy Dr Wiltshire

**f20**

19. In what manner was Matron's of practical an estimate formed of Doctor's of the [illeg] fitness of Pupil to /Dr Smith twice sees the delivered cases undertake Midwifery practice? including length of course? 3 months nature of oral & written examinations? practical with 6 Q the answ 3 hrs number of examinations? Questions 2 final Examns by whom conducted? Obstetrical 4 examining:oral & written / Has Dr Smith & Dr Edis: Endell St. written
20. Likewise what personal attendance was 2. required on what number of labours? - what number of these must have been difficult did not matter or complicated in character? - what was the No of Labours
- a. normal 25
  - b. abnormal none supposed to send for Dr
- a Pupil Midwife must conduct to obtain a certificate no certificate but for conducting
- a. first-class natural labour/no difference
  - b. second-class?

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**f20v**

21. Please state the elementary Anatomy of pelvis  
nature & extent of  
general education  
in Medical science  
& practice  
required of candidates on entrance examination required  
for Midwifery certificates  
with the kind  
& number  
of Lectures & Instructions Entrance Examn  
which have to be followed? Amateur looking at skeleton in  
St Thomas'
22. Please append a  
copy of Rules for training  
Midwives -  
also, if possible,  
of Diploma or supposed to be competent  
Certificate - to attend natural labours

**f21**

- Visit outdoor cases  
for 10 days
23. Where did Pupil Midwives  
reside  
a. in the Institution Yes  
b. in private lodgings? None  
- what disciplinary rules none instructive  
were in use?  
- & by whom administered? By instinct  
- what fees paid &c ? £3 a month board  
£10.10 Drs fee [illeg]
24. Please state of what  
the teaching Staff consisted:-  
Head Midwives  
Assistant "  
Professors a. men  
b. women  
or Lecturers
- was the Head Midwife also No gave practical illeg  
a Lecturer?

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**f21v**

25. If possible, please  
give, approximately,  
number of abnormal Deliveries  
e.g. wrong Presentations  
& Versions  
Forceps  
Craniotomy  
other Instrumental cases  
accidents, e.g. Haemorrhage  
&c &c  
per cent of Total Deliveries?

**f22**

26. If you would be kind [more faint notes]  
enough to state any  
improvements which  
in your opinion might  
be effected in the  
Training course -  
any points in which  
in your opinion it fails  
- you would be greatly  
adding to our obligation  
to you for answering  
these questions

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27. Has the course of instruction  
been enlarged or curtailed  
within the last twenty years?  
In what directions?

28. What has been the relative  
proportion of Midwifery cases  
attended by men & women,  
each year, during the last  
ten years? 8/3/72 [more pencil notes]

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unsigned notes, ff23-23v, pen

**f23**

Miss Mackenzie

Miss Gregory

1. after 3 months of  
Dr. Heywood Smith  
& Dr. Edis

we have a written Examination  
before certificate is granted

2. after 3 months Lectures  
  
and 25 cases  
we go in for the  
Obstetrical Examination  
(this Exn both verbal & in writing)  
- the papers set are very  
much easier than the Hospl  
Examn)

you must be between the ages  
of 21 and 30

There were 2 female Students  
who had been through  
100 Lectures at Edinburgh  
but these did not practically  
know one Presentation  
from another any  
more than the rawest of us

2. the Obstetrical  
Certificate  
is that you will not  
endanger the life of any body

after 6 months Lectures  
or 26 cases

**f23v**

3. only in Special Anatomy  
by Drs. Smith & Edes

By models of Pelvis &  
"different bones"  
showing nerves,  
muscles &c

drawings

made during Lectures  
anatomical drawings in a  
book

No dissections

except of two babies  
made in another room

By Lectures twice a week

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unsigned notes, ff24-25, pencil

**f24**

*Bellevue Hospital New York*  
2 Trained }  
& Training} Nurses  
? Hart, Berryman, Fuller  
at 25 dollars a month 53 pr ann.  
to be raised to 68  
board, lodging & washing in Hospl  
nurses to wear prescribed dress  
& obey Rules of Hospl & T: School  
- bound to remain for 18 months,  
- to be disciplined at any time  
for incompetency or insubordination  
to go out by steamer 2nd class

**f25**

~~Then~~ New York  
can get a better class of woman  
to be trained  
as far as brains & education go  
But American women have no physiques  
of vital importance in the rough Hospl  
here  
It is I think the noblest sight  
in the world almost - to see a  
shattered & feeble body forced  
to work to its last gasp by a  
strong unconquerable spirit  
- but the moral influence of  
persons of frail material organization  
is impaired by the tendency of  
grosser natures to think that  
if they were not quite so  
delicate they would not be  
quite so good -

ff26-27 not FN

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notes, f28, pencil

**f28** {arch: [1874]}

A good Nurse must be a good woman  
to say that is like saying  
Put your hat on your head &  
your shoes on your feet  
quite as many come in from the uneducated as  
from the educated class  
for to come in for the sake of earning a livelihood  
is not only not incompatible with but may be  
one of the highest motives: to supply destitute  
relations, to be independent is one of the highest motives  
But all these wear off & Hospital life becomes  
only a hardening routine ~~unless~~ if these highest  
motives are allowed to die  
more quickly among the uneducated than the educated  
" surely in Hospl life than in any other  
For there can be no doubt that women in Hospital  
require more help to put them straight than in  
family life or domestic service  
To induce respectable women to come, to induce  
them to stay, & to keep them above deterioration,  
you must give them respectable accommodation  
Hats & shoes we have done very well  
bad

ff29-31 FN pencil drafts

unsigned notes, f34, pencil

**f34** {arch: [1877]}

My Article

*Dr. Lyon Playfair*

"Health is the state of normal obedience to law:  
disease the penalty of its infringement.

"In consequence of this disobedience, our kingdom  
has ruthlessly sacrificed 110,000 lives every year  
whilst 220,000 people are needlessly sick all the  
year round" - Any why?

Because neither "our rulers nor our people  
will become acquainted with, & obey simple  
Sanitary laws."

"No epidemic can resist thorough cleanliness & ventilation..."

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unsigned notes, f39, pen

**f39**

Episcopal Hospl Philia founded 25 years ago x x

Nursing: we need "women" of the right kind & in the right place certainly: but we must have one or more *ladies*, (superior high-class, competent & qualified women) to superintend, direct & help them - *not the well-meaning but utterly unfit AMATEUR Superintendents who have tried their prentice hands to so poor a purpose* - but genuine Nurses of the Nightingale stamp. Without *such women* we must keep the men among our male Patients.

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The Washington Medical Library & the Pathological Museum are the noblest monuments, the grandest souvenirs, certainly the most useful results of the U.S. Army Medical Service, of our terrible rebellion. Of course I mean apart from all the moral, social & political considerations. Those grand collections are the fruit of the Hammond administration something to console us all, at least somewhat, for an amount of trial & suffering which never can be over estimated - & which even Miss N. would find it impossible to realize. We naturally desire them to be as complete as possible, & to be as full of such contributions as hers *to the humanity the better side of war* as we can make them in all respects.

Dr. Hartshorne  
Philadelphia  
Jan 28/78

x x

Episcopal Hospl Phildia  
(that every part of it is so light that a pin cannot be on the floor without being seen  
that there is not a break in any floor where a toe can be stumped

& that there are no holes or corners in which dirt can accumulate unseen -

I as the Chairman of the Building Committee superintended the construction in which we endeavoured to adhere to the principles laid down by her as closely as possible

Jno Walsh (American Minister)  
U.S. Legation in London

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unsigned notes, f45, pencil

**f45** {arch:[ca Oct 1883]}

Nurses' Provt Fund

Men engage in a profession for life  
women, especially Nurses, rarely

Men marry & stick to their Provt  
Funds all the more

Women mean to marry but  
generally want their money out  
on marriage or other event ~~of~~  
such as sick or dependent mother  
or brother

Men want only to provide for  
wives & children

women for all manner of sick or  
helpless relatives who usually  
fall the to single woman's share.

Can I have my money out if I  
cease from any cause to pay in  
-woman's first question

unsigned notes, f55, pencil

**f55** {arch: [ca April 1890]}

Miss Madden to Nurse Mackay

"I was so sorry you did not stay  
with me all the time but I  
suppose God had work elsewhere  
that He wanted you to do for  
Him. I think that is the  
happiest way of looking at it,  
when our work is changed,  
rather than thinking it is entirely  
the doing of the "Sister" or others  
in authority

"You must take care of your  
own health or you will not  
be able to go on helping other  
people"

Heir of Redclyffe

f58

Nurses' Cooperation

3 Reverence &

Reticence for Patients

Sutherlands

So little done for private Nurses

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ff59- printed First Annual report of the Nurses' Co-operation.  
(Established to secure to Nurses full remuneration for their work)  
1891. Has FN comments on printed pages  
[on page of committee names, incl Mrs Malleon, Baroness von Hugel,  
Sir Roper Lethbridge, Henry Burdett. Hon sec Miss H. Morten.

On last page of booklet initialed notes, f60, pencil, on

**f60**

With these sovereigns you  
can secure for yourselves the  
best of English Homes - moral  
helps & physical comfort good  
supervision & careful companion  
ship -

My soul is gone down into my  
shoes.

F.N.

unsigned notes, f64, pencil

**f64**

It is like putting down a parcel  
of sovereigns among Europeans in  
Ashantee - without Home,  
means of moral help or physical  
comfort.

& no  
Home  
!!

To say that some have their  
own homes is nonsense  
- with District Nurses our object  
is to give them a common Home  
with loving supervision & careful companionship

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unsigned notes, f65, pencil

f65 {arch: [20 Feb 1893]}

Questions to bring out the Training  
in Midwifery - what enquiries  
should be made of any given  
Lying-in Institution in order to  
determine whether it is suitable for  
training

a

as to whether men students are  
admitted

whether the 3 months' female students  
were ever sent out without a

Midwife

to attend outdoor cases

When/Whether Midwifery Nurses ~~of 2 months~~  
are first allowed to officiate without  
inspection

what practical instruction they receive in  
washing & dressing infants &

whether this consists in looking on -

while the ~~Head~~ Nurse in charge does it - or in  
doing it themselves while the ~~Head~~ Nurse in charge  
looks on

the same about washing the mothers  
& nursing them in illness in applying medical appliances  
using Catheter

&c

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**f65v**

a. Whether the female students/pupils are under the authority of a Matron or Supt or under the Medical Officers

Whether the ~~Matron is~~ Head Midwife

delivers all cases normal or abnormal in the Hospital subject to calling in the Obstetric Physician or House Surgeon when required

and whether in outdoor cases the same

after what experience & practice/over are the female students/pupils allowed to attend outdoor cases entirely alone

& what are the rules/instructions when & ~~from~~/from whom they are to call in assistance when required

what are the rules/instructions as to antiseptic cleanliness - for the Patients

for nursery ~~pup~~ female students for ~~bedpans~~ syringes & catheters & instruments

**f66**

what are the domestic X  
arrangements as to their  
accommodation - sleeping rooms  
meals

- hours turns of duty

what instruction practical  
by lectures

do the female pupils receive  
from the Head Midwife instruction  
& supervision

Obstetric Physician

House Surgeon

Nurse in charge

other pupils

after what time are they allowed  
to conduct instrumental labours

X what housemaid's work have they to  
do for herself?

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**f66v**

& what ~~practical~~ practical [illeg]  
After what time/how many months may the pupils  
& what ~~ex~~ theoretical examination  
receive a Diploma  
as Midwifery Nurse  
after what time  
And what do these two terms/in each of as Midwife imply  
in each case  
after what number of normal cases  
abnormal  
what would prevent her receiving her  
Diploma failure in attending cases  
" in examination  
after what experiences  
back  
when considered equal to being entrusted  
with outdoor cases  
upon how many cases in door  
out door  
normal  
abnormal  
must she have attended & reported on  
before she can obtain a certificate of qualification  
to practise as Midwife  
Midwifery Nurse  
or diploma (see above) Lady's Nurse



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unsigned notes, ff75-79, pencil

**f75**

But in France, Germany, Russia they are  
most carefully trained in France for two  
in Russia for 4 years in Govt Establishmts  
No training whatever is here proposed

**f75v**

And 4  
no  
training?

Then are the  
present ill  
trained Midwives  
to decide how the  
training is to be  
organized?

But "Registration" is not training  
And "information" is not training  
And "Examination" is not training

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**f76**

But The old A "probation"  
all this is system of is during  
how to perpetuate testimonials training  
bad training v. training But what  
revived "probation"  
is there  
here?

?admission

to training

And are by the *bedside*  
you to on women  
consult in labour  
by letter  
on a "difficulty  
in delivery or  
puerperal  
fever?

But of what real value will this "Service  
book" be? It is not "stamping it with  
gold letters which will be a test of trained  
skill.

**f76v**

Hopes  
without  
training are  
poor things

do these ladies  
know anything of  
training in any branch  
of Nursing?

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**f77**

No training

**f78**

the Obstetrical  
certificate gives no  
training & is granted to those  
who have  
no real  
training

But how is this to be enforced? is not  
"Regulation"

but a duty

~~How~~ Is this a *Sanitary* condition?

And how is it proposed to give *training* in  
"Sanitary conditions"?

**f78v**

Is this a  
Regulation  
or a Moral  
duty?

And can  
you  
enforce  
duties  
by  
Regulations?

Who is to  
enforce this  
Regulation?

If they  
were  
*trained*  
to these  
things all  
these would  
be excellent

But  
who is  
to judge?  
And who is  
to train?

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**f79**

Most of  
all this  
is excellent  
But the woman  
is not a "Midwife"  
but only a  
Midwifery  
Nurse

unsigned notes, f80-81, pencil

**f80**

March 23/98

The Angels are *not* they who go about  
scattering flowers - any naughty child  
would like to do that - even any extraordinary rascal  
The Angels are they who, like Nurse or  
Wardmaid or Scavenger, do disgusting  
work removing injury to health or  
obstacle to recovery, emptying slops, washing Patients &c -  
for all of which they receive no thanks  
These are the Angels - they speak kind  
words too, give sympathy, so much needed.  
A Railway official in an accident, is an angel -

**f81**

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The drabby Nurse, -crying as if her heart would  
break, with her dirty apron over her head,  
never given her anything but trouble,  
~~was/is~~ dead, - is an Angel, while the nun  
noting how many children ~~were/are~~ dead  
who were alive when she last made  
her round, (S. Emmeline), is by no means

**f82**

1. Sisters & Nurses are coming to look on  
Nursing as a game, an interesting life  
for a very few years with plenty of  
variety & gaiety & in *some* cases  
flirting & marrying, of which life  
Hospital Nursing forms a part  
most piquant & exciting &  
introducing many of the lower class Nurses to  
superior in point of education Society  
in the persons of the Junior Medl Staff  
-to gentlemen -

**f83v**

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Does Miss Gordon when she pays the  
quarterly Wages ask who will  
save or does save?

Nurses could save a very large part  
of their wages, because almost every thing is  
provided for them so well.

But they buy knick knags & photographs

Reality is so different from  
theory

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unsigned note, f96, pencil

**f96**

The higher the culture of the Supts & Matrons, the more readily will they be able to introduce the various needed ----

In the interest both of the ---- & of the Matrons it shd be made obligatory on the latter to take some holiday every year to recruit their health & energies, which are often now subject to the ceaseless strain of unbroken responsibility & work.

unsigned notes, ff97-98, pencil

**f97**

In different Hospitals the Medical School does different things. More is left to the Sisters & Nurses at St. T.'s - less at Edinburgh

The Sister is in charge of responsible for the nursing of the Ward & the discipline of the Nurses - The Visiting Surgeons who are only there once in 48 hours cannot be said to supervise the Nursing.

**f97v**

Resident Physicians & Surgeons may be said to be in charge or to supervise (which implies a certain length of time) the nursing or the treatment of the Ward inasmuch as if any change of treatment is to be made, it is the Resident who does it, orders baths, change of medicine &c - But he is in no charge of the discipline of the Nurses (tho' they wish to be) - & is not in charge of or responsible for the general nursing of the Ward, tho' of the treatment of the Patient he is

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**f98**

Dressers & Clinical Clerks are only occupied about one particular patient to do something particular for a/during the short time they are there & ~~are~~/may be helped by a Nurse for that time - They are not in charge of the general Nursing of the Ward in any sense - & know nothing about it -  
~~The Resident Physicians & Surgeons may be~~ Supervision implies a certain length of time. Dressers & Clinical Clerks do not supervise.

unsigned notes, f112, pencil

**f112**

{arch: n.d.}

Miss Darche

New Jersey Training School for Nurses

gives Diplomas & Degrees for "course of study"  
no mention of a Hospital at all

Night Nurses - what part of the two years' training is given to *Night Nursing* -

unsigned note, f130, pencil

**f130**

I do not like thee Dr. Bell

Commode Pan - no handle - wire handle no use to take hold of when you empty them into the W. C. It waggles about.

American shape - cover slips as much as these do dangers of slipping - won't go under a low bed it is to be presumed this is made to what they call fit. With sand knob & cover - best - but lid does not fit - my lid fits much better than this - dangers of unfitting lids but knob difficult to get hold of -ditch should be deeper

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unsigned note, f135, pencil

**f135**

*Burns* if clothes stick,  
put Patient in warm boracic  
bath - or in water with  
bicarbonate of Soda in  
solution- clothes float off.  
Soda a local anaesthetic  
Change of dressing in bath  
once a day -  
Oil dressings out of use  
Burn dressed with wet boracic  
& bandaged with plenty of wool  
to keep out the air may  
usually be left for 2 x 24 hours  
Gangrene to be feared, if  
the part below the burn  
atrophies.

F164 clippings of ads: Holborn Union Workhouse- Superintendt Nurse  
Wanted. 39 to 45 age. Salary £30 per annum, rise of £1...  
Paddington Workhouse. MO.  
East London Union. Maser and matron wanted.  
Stepney Union relieving officer

f165 JS pencil draft [ca Feb 1867]  
I have read these letters & think the  
bearing of the question of  
illeg so important to the  
entire nursing question that I send  
you the following remarks, together with the  
letters, into both of which some such  
explanation as I have now sent  
shd be inserted.

F166 pencil note [ca Feb-Mar 1868]  
I do not agree with those who say  
the most ignorant religious woman is better than a  
untrained  
Mrs Gamp. On the contrary. I believe nothing gives  
greater scandal than this. The only right path is  
surely this: to shew "in the flesh" that a religious  
woman can, to serve God & man, give herself the  
best professional & practical training attainable  
And this was Agnes' principle. And what is "a  
"Bishop's commission" to this?

unsigned notes, ff167-71, pencil FN

**f167** {arch: Liverpool Infirmary [1869]}

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What are your difficulties?

& What do you want?

Your {illeg}

eg What ~~do~~ you propose to do?

what Regulations upon each {illeg} would you  
require for Nurses

Probationers = School boys

Then draw up a {illeg} for Sir John Tulloch

Vestry - Dress

I should have gone to the Comm: & told them how  
undesirable it was that the Nurses should go on  
without their uniform - ( What was adviseable for the  
Nurse

And Comm: should have agreed to it first



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**f170**

~~4~~

Assist's Duties

Supt training of Probrs & nursing generally -  
present at operations -

attend Physician in any special Medical case

preside at Nurses' Table at meals

attend to domestic arrangements of bed rooms

enforcing neatness & order

check washing lists.

see that each Division has its own linen

Linen Store generally

Writing - Music & Singing Class

Dress

Change on the necessity of knowledge in Assistt

Miss Branwell - 2 months training perfectly useless

If we are to be consulted at all about Workh:, we

must make it a condition that the Assistt should

have a good practical knowledge of Nursing

Miss Duke

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**f171**

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Does not Miss F. propose to make her Asst  
virtually her Supt  
& give her too much to do?  
she is to breakfast & drink tea in her own rooms  
dine with Miss F. & sup -  
after wh: lock up Nurses, turnoff gas  
& then turnout & walk to bed - in her own Hospl  
an accomplished Assist  
& one who cd settle all differences without troubling Supt  
Walker  
Emm  
Truemans  
Harding

Changing Nurses - appointing an Assist - same  
thing would happen to {illeg nurses?}

Nurses are responsible to other heads than their own  
- & this will never succeed - not if the other  
heads are angels from heaven -

f172 pencil note  
to follow & walk in procession after  
public opinion  
Crown lawyers - Mr V. has been in  
consultation with  
obliged to walk on the surface  
B. Of Gns underneath  
we have certain powers  
but these abomination  
are just what we have no  
direct power to contend  
against  
part of a rotten system

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unsigned notes, ff173-74, pen

*Papers of the working of the Local Government Board*  
(in London) the country Board or authority in England,  
on the appearance of Epidemic disease

(in a country town or rural district in England inhabitants, acting thro' their own Board or representatives (or individuals can apply

On the breaking out o Typhoid Fever, the  
A direct) wrote to the  
Local Government Board in London to send down an Inspector, who came down, inspected & reported. The country Board sate upon the Report; adopted the suggestions: the cause being discovered to be fouled drinking water.

The works were sanctioned, carried out, inspected - the inhabitants taxing themselves by direct rate, or raising money from Government

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with sanction of Local Government Board

The cause was removed  
- the disease ceased  
[But the dead could not be recalled to life]

These are some cases in point  
out of many  
In an entirely rural places the same procedure took place - viz they reported themselves to the Local Govt Board in London & got themselves put to rights.

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**F175** pencil notes

3. How much of this Nursing is Midwifery Nursing & does the same Nurse do both?

What Statistics are kept by District nurses/Ranyard does not  
nurse fever  
as e.g. under printed headings of Disease as Typhoid  
Scarlet Fever &c  
Consumption  
Accidents  
Ulcers  
Cancer  
Childbirth  
Paralysis

to compare with Hospital cases

E. London does this partially Are surgical cases  
Fever {by same  
{nurse  
& Childbirth See E. London

Under printed headings

2. Visits of each case: how many weekly

how many cases to each nurse?

Duration of case. And over what time does the number of  
visits extend?

Deaths/Cured/Improved/Remaining

A little in this direction appears to be offered by *Bible Nursing Socy*  
but they remark themselves that the numbers of visits by each

Nurse do not increased with the number of cases {visits seen to  
{have diminished  
{from 50 to 26  
{per case

showing either that the nurse has too many cases

or that she visits less serious cases

or that the cases are neglected

or that less nursing & more relief is done

& what check is there that it is not all relief & no nursing?

They remark very sensibly that sick cooking & food is part

Of the cure, but a very small part

So also cleanliness including that of bedding is part of the cure

A very large part

The food given is reported

Is the cleanliness given reported? Disease born of dirt

**f176v**

4 What connection between Doctor & Nurse?

This appears nowhere in no Report  
tho' one of the principal duties of the Nurse is  
acknowledge to be to prevent doctor's skill/visit from being  
almost useless/thrown away  
& to report to Dr } as friends cannot do  
change in Patient}  
& to explain Dr's orders to friends

5. Is any assistance in *Night Nursing* given in any case?

Ranyard gives 1/ a night to night nurses selected by Nurse

6 Does the Nurse apply Enemas, Poultices &c herself?

& teach the friends how?

How does the nurse prevent the friends undoing all she  
has done in her absence/when she is gone? Not in the least attended to  
when her back is turned

7 In how many cases do the Nurses live with their  
families or in Homes? Or are encumbered or  
unincumbered? Ranyard unincumbered but live  
at home not in Homes

In how many cases must the Nurses  
board, cook for & lodge themselves?

I.e. not live in Homes

Lodgings *provided* for her in E. London Socy  
/Miss Lees' book does not tach  
how to nurse themselves

See 17 Ensure. Medl Off. Stoke Newington Dispy

Mr John Denny

has his 'establishment' been visited?

Mr Guyton might do this.

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**F177**

8 How is the temptation, universal in Hospitals of the old régime of feeding on the Patients food guarded against?

9 Is there any danger of Patient feeding nurse as in Hospitals of old régime?

10 E. London says & most of clergy's answer. Septimus Hanserd  
Bethnal Green one

Surry Bent says no diffy to find Funds  
make abstract of who says they can

11 Septimus Hanserd advocates small fee  
the class who struggle on with noble independence  
but gradually drop by almsgiving into pauper class  
Respectable sick poor have no friend but

the parson of the Parish  
to teach the Guardians  
how to neglect their duty

//Haggertston

Revd John Ross

offers a building//

The Socy will do more than  
any present Sanitary machinery or Local Govt Board  
or Hospital  
to prevent disease

unsigned notes, ff179-98v, pen & pencil

**f179**

Nat. Nurs. Assn.

A few scanty notes (by desire)  
on the Sketch Report, 6 Appendices,  
Abstracts of Replies from Clergy & Medical men  
&c &c sent me by Mr. Guyton 24/2/73

I have read these all through most carefully:  
the difficulty, as anticipated, is to ~~make~~ attempt  
anything in the way of suggestion until Miss  
Lees has furnished her part, so closely  
connected with the rest.

And I am afraid that the following hints will  
prove some of them more for her than for  
Mr. Guyton

The first one or two however will come under  
the desired head of summarizing more from  
printed matter than from rounds with the Nurses

1.a. *What Statistics* are already kept by District Nurses:  
~~or~~ to be abstracted afterwards by Socy employing  
them from their cards or note books -  
and b. what should be kept:

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especially as regards their cases as compared  
with Hospital cases

& Recoveries among their cases as compared  
with Hospital recoveries

so as to bear upon the most important problem  
of all: whether the sick poor are or are not,  
*if* attended by Doctor & Nurse      *better at home:*      except

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in cases of severe surgical injury

E.g. Are their cases kept under *printed headings*: as Typhoid

Scarlet Fever

Measles

Consumption

Accidents

Ulcers especially Ulcerated Legs

Cancer

Childbirth

Paralysis

& some few more headings

Out of such Statistics, if kept, would arise many questions.

1. "*East London Nursing Socy*" appears to keep such Statistics (partially)

But "Accidents" are curiously lumped up with "Sundries" in their Abstract [Probably their "Accidents" go into Hospital & are therefore few.]

Out of this arises of course the enquiry

does the same Nurse go/attend promiscuously to "*Childbirth*," "*Scarlet Fever*," & "*Wounds*" or "*Accidents*"?

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2. The *Bible Nurse's 'card'*

(this is to be had at Nisbet's: Berners St.

& is given in Mrs. Ranyard's "Nurses for the Needy": surely it ought to be given in Mr. Guyton's Appendix)

contains only 4 *printed headings*

Surgical Cases

Helpless

Consumptive

Confinements

& is obviously intended chiefly for practical purposes of relief: & not for Medical

She is however expected to fill in the name of the *Disease*:

& there is a printed heading "Disease" on the other side the card: to be filled in, we believe, by her "Lady" (Supt)

There does not appear to be any Abstract of the "*Diseases*" attended published by this Socy as by the E. London

The Bible Nurses do *not* nurse FEVER

On the other hand, they nurse much in

Childbirth

Out of this would arise the enquiry: whether the

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Nurse has ever ~~seen~~/known a *Death in Childbirth*  
*at home*

Of course, if a Nurse nurses Fever, she should  
be set apart for that alone: To nurse  
"Childbirth" & "Fever" together is simple  
woman slaughter

Still, one cannot conceive how a District Nursing is to  
~~fill~~/leave out *Fever Nursing*

Mr. Guyton gives us no information as to what *Statistics*  
are kept of Diseases nursed by the (untrained) Devonshire Sq.  
Nurses.

H. *What record is kept:*  
*What ought to be kept: of*  
*on )*

( & what check is there  
the number of visits to/attendance on EACH case  
e.g. how many weekly  
As also

*how many cases to each Nurse*  
*how many daily visits to/by each Nurse*  
*how many visits a simply relieving*  
*b really nursing*

&c &c &c

Out of this arise all manner of vital questions  
e.g. *duration of case:* & its termination:  
also over what time does the number of Nurse's  
attendances extend?

[I should much prefer some word like ATTENDANCES

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to "visits" *the paramount danger* with every Society, Nurse or Nursing agency ~~ever heard of~~ being *that the Visits are only Visits.* Let Nurses Nurse:

yet, in every instance "Visits" is the heading used. (What should we say in a Hospital of the Ward Nurse 'visiting' her Patient's bed side?)

II

2. *What Record* is kept of cases under printed *headings*, such as e.g.

Cases: /Duration of/ Diseases/	Cured/ Convalescent Homes	Improved/ Sent to / Died/ Remaining at end of Year.
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& a few other such headings

N.B. The *Number of Deaths* ~~are given~~/is published (in "Nurses among the Needy") (but curiously enough without the slightest record, as far as I have seen, of the Cause or ~~in~~ *Disease among* the cases nursed by the Bible Nurses (Without this, the Cause or Disease, the information is just as valuable as if it were the number of pounds of meat.)

The NUMBER of CURED is not ever given: but they are lumped up together with the "*Still on the List*"

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The *E. London*, as far as Mr Guyton shows, publishes no numbers at all of *Cured, Deaths, &c &c.*

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3. Both E. London & Bible Nurse's Societies  
publish  
Numbers of Visits

But the Bible Nurse Socy itself remarks  
that the numbers of *visits* increase  
does not tally with the number of *cases*  
increase.

[The *Visits* to EACH CASE seem to have diminished  
from 50 to 25: just half]

showing either

that each Nurse has too many cases  
or that she visits less serious cases  
or that the cases are neglected  
or that less Nursing & more relief is done

[And what check is there that it is not all relief  
& no nursing?]

The Socy remarks rather oddly upon the  
above fact that it shows that there are  
fewer "chronic" cases:

having told us that they do not nurse Fever.  
& giving half their whole number of Headings  
to Helpless

Consumptive ?i.e. chronic cases

It may be that the number of

Childbirth has increased where

the Nurse's help is inestimable but ceases naturally with the month  
But why not tell us all this?

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[123]

*Bible Nurses*

On the Nurse's Fortnightly card (not given by Mr. Guyton)  
are two *printed* headings"

/Case / How /

/Began / finished/

These, it appears, are to be filled in by the Nurse's  
'Lady': - ? fortnightly

Out of these much valuable information could

of course be abstracted: the Mrs. Ranyard herself  
explains that "*How finished* merely means

WHEN it ends

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About other Societies, the scanty information  
given prompts a multitude of questions  
e.g. E. London in 1874

Visits

Christ Church 3300 ? by one Nurse  
cases

-of these 41 Typhoid & Sow Fever  
66 Consumption

~~But this is nothing to~~

Also e.g. the Swansea Nursing Institute  
3 Nurses

73 Cases visited weekly }does not mean that  
140 Visits weekly }each Case has only  
}2 visits a week

no information as to *nature* of cases

Nursing appears from what information is given  
to be mainly *relief*

Mrs. Ranyard appears to contemplate "15 or 20 Cases  
(not necessarily all wanting *attendance every {illeg week?}*)  
to each Nurse

But in some Reports one asks oneself

how can anything be expected of the Nurse:  
*at all like Nursing or all {illeg} to each case*  
*or anything but the most flying visit {illeg}*

Devonshire Sq (~~Poor~~/District) Nurses

Mr. Guyton gives *no information: {illeg}*

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What Report is, or can be, given as to the  
 III. *CLEANLINESS*, one of the main duties, of District Nurses  
 A general (very sensible) remark in ~~the Bible~~  
 Nurses' Socy Reports is that sick cooking & food  
 is part, (or "but a very small part") of the cure  
 So also cleanliness, including that of bedding,  
 is a part & a very large part of the cure.  
 Diseases born of *dirt* are constantly mentioned  
 The food given is reported  
*Is the cleanliness given* reported  
 & the cleanliness TAUGHT ?  
 Some of The Bible Nurses, we believe, do teach families  
 much how to keep clean & how to ventilate &  
 how to nurse themselves  
 Others deal only with the cleanliness of the case  
 & not with that of the house & children  
 others not at all with any cleanliness, but  
 are only relief-givers.

Could not this be prominently insisted  
 upon in ~~any~~/the proposed Report?

A most	It is almost	unless Nurse
necessary branch	universally	can go every day
of cleanliness:	stated that	& that she <i>can't</i>
<i>tending</i> Bedding,	this can't be	go every day
Linen, Bed pans	done because	Surely this
	they are pawned as	pawning is
	soon as lent	not irreme
		diable.

Mr. Guyton gives no details as to this from any  
*Devonshire Sq* or *East London* Reports -

Perhaps they do not exist.  
 It is stated that inducing themselves:  
 Bible Nurses have poor women & that not  
 been of the to put by nearly so  
 greatest possible *for Childbirth* many  
 use in Linen for *Childbirth*  
 "bags" have  
 to be lent.

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IV. *Sanitary*

What *records are or could be*  
kept by District Nurses as to this  
as to disease 'born of' dirt  
*bad drains*  
*foul air, especially*  
*at night*  
*drunkenness*  
*&c &c &c*

Surely there is a paramount necessity for  
*heading for this* on Nurse's card.

Also: *what connection* is there between

District Nurse or her 'Lady' Supt  
with ~~medical~~ *Officer of Health*  
*or other Sanitary authority*

to report those defects in the dwelling  
(immediate sources of *disease*)

which cannot be remedied by poor themselves?

Rev Septimus Hansard in his most admirable letter

says that this N. Nurses might do more ~~th~~ to  
*prevent disease* than any present *Sanitary machinery*  
or *Local Government* or *Hospital*

But it certainly will not do {illeg if she?} *does not attend to*  
*the Sanitary part*

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V What proportion of this District Nursing  
is Midwifery Nursing?

And does *the same Nurse* do both?

It is believed that *one fourth* of the *Bible Nurse's*  
work is '*Monthly Nursing*'.

but she does not nurse *Fevers*.

The E. London does - Yet has "*Childbirth*" on  
its list

No Statistics are published (that I have seen)  
of any farther than what are named above.

Are ~~they~~/such to be had?

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VI

*What connection between Doctor  
& Nurse?*

this appears nowhere: in no Report  
tho' one of the principal duties of Nurse is  
acknowledged to be to prevent *Doctor's* skill  
& visit from being *thrown away* or made  
almost useless:

to report changes in Patient *to Doctor,*  
as ignorant families cannot do  
& (what is of at least equal importance)  
to explain *Doctor's orders* to ignorant  
families

But how is Nurse to do any of this, if she ~~does~~ is  
not present at *Doctor's visit*?

On *Bible Nurse's card,* there is a column with  
pointed heading: /If Doctor,/

/ define /

but this is to be filled up by *her Supt:* & is  
explained ~~only~~ to mean only whether *Dr.* is from  
Parish, Dispensary, or elsewhere:

*not how Nurse meets Dr.*

[Indeed, in one published Bible Nurse's letter, she says she "sent  
"Doctor," & "afterwards called "herself"

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VII

how are Patients assigned to Nurse  
whether by *Doctor*,  
Clergy  
her own Supt  
or how

how ought Patients to be assigned to Nurse?

*Bible Nurse* appears to have *her Patients*  
assigned to her almost exclusively *by Bible woman*  
one cannot complain of this: it is a part of their  
organization: & the Nurse expressly grew out  
of the Bible woman.

But of course it makes the Nurse as far as  
possible from being a Doctor's Nurse -

She sends for the Doctor, x as a Visitor  
might: does not attend him:

the Doctor neither sends for the *Nurse*  
nor gives her his orders as a rule:

They are *two* separate agencies.

(x of takes Patient to Out Patient Dept of Hospitals sometimes

Can *Mr. Guyton* give any information from Reports  
as to how this is managed

in *E. London*

*Devonshire Sq* Socies?

&c

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VIII

NIGHT Nursing: when required  
how managed?

*Bible women*/Nurse Socy give 1/ a night to  
neighbour, selected by Nurse -

IX. (purely a Nursing question)

Does Nurse apply *Enemas, Poultrices* &c  
herself?

& teach the families how?

how does the Nurse prevent the families  
from undoing all she has done  
when she is gone?

is she in the least attended to  
when her back is turned?

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(possibly for Mr. Guyton)

X

arguments for *Nurses* living with their  
" against " " " "  
own families or in common *Centres* ("Homes")  
with their *Matron*

In which *Societies*, if any, do the *Nurses*  
thus live in a common "*Home*"?

For Arguments for *District Nurses* being  
"encumbered" or "unencumbered."

[*Mrs. Ranyard*: strongly advocates *Nurses* living at  
home: while giving many reasons why they  
should not: e.g. they come home worn out, nobody  
to cook for them or 'do for' them: or indeed  
for the *Patients* but these same *Nurses*.

She advocated their being "unencumbered" yet  
many of hers not only have their own homes but  
their own children to "do for" & she says "one or  
two children to feed]

In how many cases are *Nurses* compelled to  
*board, cook for & lodge* themselves? i.e. not  
live in Central "Homes" together: which cook  
for both *Patients & Nurses*

*E. London Socy* provides *LODGINGS* for *Nurse*.

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see 17 Answer of *Medl Offr* (Mr. John Denny)

*Stoke Newington Dispy*

strongly advocates a Central *Home* for  
2 or 3 *Nurses* with *Matron*  
& *Kitchen* for sick:

says he has a "*small Establishment*" of  
this kind himself

Would not *Mr. Guyton* visit, if not  
yet done, this '*Establishment*' himself?

how a busy *District Nurse* can find time  
to cook for herself & *Patients* too,  
let alone the enormous temptation either of  
pilfering or of not cooking well for herself (or  
properly for health)  
one cannot conceive

1. how is the temptation, universal in *Hospitals*  
of the old régime of *Nurse* feeding on *Patients'*  
*food*, (stimulants,) often herself & children too,  
guarded against?
2. is there any risk of *Nurse* taking small fees of *Patient*  
as in *Hospitals* of old régime?

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XI *uniform dress*

What District Nurses wear an *uniform dress*

Mrs. Ranyard while strongly deprecating it  
gives reasons conclusive for it

a plain, unflounced

WASHING dress -

- gown & cloak/with neat bonnet warm & substantial, in winter
  - without the 'hat of the period,' - with apron & washing sleeves
  - without bugles, 'artificials,' lace, & the like
- seems of all things the most necessary  
for a District Nurse in the scenes  
she goes into? if only for example  
if only for health? & against infection.

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XII

~~Abstract~~/List of all those who in their Replies *which* say  
that their Parish *can help to find* funds.

Probably *Mr. Guyton* has done this?

E. London Socy says:

great difficulty to find 'funds', not Nurse  
most of Clergy's answers say same

[Revd Septimus Hansard, Bethnal Green, notably]

*Surrey Benevt Nursing Auxe* (Newman Hall)

employs one Nurse:

tells me they have *no difficulty* in finding Funds

*grocers* pour in groceries for *Nursing Auxe*  
if anything we wanted Mr. Newman Hall {illeg} to say  
from the pulpit]

x Revd John Ross of Haggerston offers a *building*

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XIII

Revd Septimus Hansard in his capital letter {illeg note in another hand in

advocates a *small fee* - right margin}  
on the *Provident Dispensary principle*

This is done I understand at the  
*Marylebone Provident Dispensary*  
& entitles the Subscriber to the services  
of a(? trained) NURSE

Could Mr. Guyton ascertain the details of this  
by a *personal visit*?

After all, it seems that to nearly 4 millions of people,

Nurses in London: trained or untrained:  
that *one half* of these (& more) are furnished by  
ONE Agency, the Bible Nurse's:  
(it is a noble work)

or, omitting the *untrained*, *two-thirds* of the  
whole number of (trained District Nurses.

**f198**

*District Nursing: St. Albans* [see Mrs. Toutmin] 29/10/76

1. We should not build at all: but take a small house to begin with - central to the work:
  2. If we began with only 2 Nurses ever, one of them shd certainly be the trained Supt to lay out, determine & supt the work
  3. The person in charge of the house shd be the Nurses' servant & cook. No Nurse of any class can do her duty if she has to cook & take care for herself: or cook for her Patients
  4. A Ladies' Comm: if any shd have nothing to do but with financial & general management
- For Unless every one of them, the Comm., knows better than the Supt who ought herself of course

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to be a trained Nurse, what trained nursing is  
& should do, they can only mar not make  
Same for Lady Secy mutatis mutandis {all things being equal -GW}  
Nothing about where your Nurses are to be  
trained District Nurses ought to have at  
least a year's Hospl training: & 3 months  
District training.

5. Nothing about Midwifery Nursing Experience  
has taught that Midwfy Nursing ought never  
to be mixed up with other Nursing  
never to be done by same woman  
scarcely shd Midwy Nurse & other Nurses  
live in same Home

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O if the Ch: Missionary Socy would but teach  
its women Missionaries common sense instead of  
medicine, how much good it would do.  
R. You know perhaps we have actually  
started in Bucks our (Lady) *Health Missioners*  
= See Record- after a practical course under the  
prince of medl officers of Health  
the only work of this kind in England (tho' there  
are plenty of Lady Lecturers) as far as I know  
*This* is what the Ch Missy ladies want  
Margt's Papers. But the only man  
Dr Hewlett is dead

**f202**

No Lying in Hosp in London or Edinburg  
teaches *monthly* nursing of the poor  
Do they know it themselves?  
Could one or two of the best Lying-in  
Hosps be chosen & told what is  
wanted for the nurses  
Management of health *before* & after  
conft - cleanliness of *bedding* which the  
midwives ought to do & don't  
personal cleanliness - feather bedding -blood  
6 or 7 confts on same bed

**f202v**

management of infants. Dr De'ath  
1 benefit of lying-in Hospls  
to poor lying in women  
your own maid servants' stays 2 dirty  
feather bed question never entered a lying  
in hospl's category at all  
Supt herself must learn & teach these things

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to the District nurses, lying-in Hosps  
don't & can't  
Unspeakable good to take this tremendous subject in and. For every  
body must  
be born  
[Royalty finds difficulty in getting good  
monthly nurses - what of poverty?  
York Road. Miss - -  
not 6 month sof 6 years at a lying I  
hosp wd teach monthly nursing among  
the poor on the present system or  
no system of those hospls

**f204** pencil note

I thought the advantage of  
having women doctors was  
to do what men doctors  
can't or won't do  
Instead of losing  
caste they are the gain  
caste. They are to raise  
the profession to what  
the men students don't  
How many infants are  
You want ot raise the care  
of infants. Surely mother &  
infant are equally the  
care of

v  
healthy ones - if women  
Doctors undertook this  
part of the work  
carefully with a view  
to the future instructing  
the mother as to food,  
cleanliness &c management  
of the infant.  
You probably scarcely know  
the horrors that take place  
especially among

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I thought the women were  
to raise the profession  
not to do like me  
ah thro Girton, Doctoring  
&c I have felt this  
doing like men the grand  
flaw  
There is little or no

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improvement in the  
care of infants  
£117.10 on this condition

It is unspeakable the good  
that Women Doctors wd  
do - the wretched live  
that wd be made into

**f206**

printed St Marylebone Workhouse Girls' Aid Committee. Report for 1896.  
London: J. Martin  
F.N. on cover

FN comments: Were these 120 chiefly from  
Workhouse Schools or Boarding  
out?/ [referring to line With First Baby 65

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**f207**

Were there 120 chiefly from  
Workhouse Schools or Boarding  
out?

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**f210**

March 14/97  
see Mrs. Scharlieb - plan for Q. V. Maternity Nurses  
Sister - Kensington Sq. Miss Jones

begin, continue & end in Him in all conversation  
Reveal Thyself more & more }  
in knowledge of whom standeth eternal life }  
whose service is perfect freedom  
without Him we can do nothing - take it all to God}  
to be born again - every morning `}

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**f211**

*Course of Lectures*

10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

*Sanitation* never to be mixed up  
with *Nursing*. Else they will  
serve the latter & despise the  
former.

*Sanitation not believed in* by  
the poor. *Medicine* believed in,  
especially if it be a violent  
aperient or emetic administered  
by the Doctor, Chemist or Quack  
Dangerous to mix up cure &  
prevention - unless the mothers  
ask how to make poultices  
or change a Patient in bed. Then  
it may be taught.

To teach *Nursing* by a few or  
by many Lectures is what  
we have given our whole  
lives to prevent & to show  
to be impossible -

N.B. Our District Nurses have  
actually four months' training

**f211v**

in *Sanitation of rooms* going  
about with one of the experienced Nurses  
to the sick room of the poor,  
*besides* the year's Hospital  
training. This is the answer  
to: 'you combine Sanitation &  
Nursing in the District Nurse'.

This may be said to have  
been a discovery. The poor  
at first so infinitely preferred  
brandy, mutton chops & "relief"  
to Sanitation. And the  
Ladies Nursing to Sanitation.

Also: all Midwives & Lady  
Accoucheuses eschew the *care*  
& *Nursing* of mother & *infant*  
Our object is: to make this an  
essential part of female Midwifery.  
If it is put into other hands,  
Midwives will remain as they are.

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This refers less to "Management  
of Health" "*before* lying in" -  
altho' the *Midwife* ought to be  
taught this also. Now she considers  
herself merely with delivery.  
Education of Midwives a sine qua non.  
With regard to "Disinfectants,"  
the great risk is that people  
think if the smell is destroyed,  
the danger is gone -

What is given in a book stays  
in the book - What is given  
in a Lecture stays in the  
Lecture. The lady trained  
must go about in the cottages  
& with her own hands & head  
show them what to do  
Disastrous failure of the D/London  
Lady Lecturers - paid to go  
down into D.

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*Organization*

The people/district will choose those  
Medical Officers of Health  
who have not offended them  
by being active.

In all our researches we have  
found but two who would do.

Is there more than one  
Sanitarian on the County Council  
Sanitation dry - few men or  
women really believe in it.  
What men/gentlemen do believe in is  
cooking & laundry work,  
because they have themselves  
to eat & ear clean shirts.

Dr. L.P.'s printed List of  
Medical Officers of Health  
worse than useless. Some of its  
greatest enemies & failures  
on it. Failure must be  
considered in this case as  
an enemy.

unsigned notes, ff214-15v, pencil & pen

**f214**

M.O. of Health  
great works of drainage &C  
done for the poor  
but hardly anything done ~~for~~ to teach the  
poor at home.

Health Missioners absolute necessity  
not to be District Visitors or  
Almsgivers

not to be District Nurses  
Impossible to teach health at  
Home by literary lectures  
that would be like the way we  
teach languages - we begin with  
the grammar which no mortal  
boy understands or can understand  
instead of ending with it -

In the Home

Ambulance

Lectures

Massacre of the Innocents  
not what it used to be

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not teach germs  
Leprosy Commn: "direct consequence  
of Bacillus - what's the good of  
that? why could they not say  
direct consequence of  
uncleanliness especially of person  
putrid or foul food  
or what you gentlemen know  
better than I

Teach the absolute practical  
necessities for health at home  
then take them *to the homes.*

~~People~~/You believe in the Word that will  
do everything  
~~They~~/You don't believe in the Work  
which is all the Word is for.

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**f244**

Lpool Workho. training  
Questions from Lecturers  
1 year's night duty for every  
one  
Fuhrmann B.C.  
see Quly  
reports  
F.M. Wards we don't like ladies  
Miss Hogg  
Miss Vincent's difficulties  
Miss Bird  
Diaries  
Books for Leopold  
Bells  
Miss Maitland  
Miss Flockton

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H.B.C. Feb 9/90

Love

Rosalind: Bank £64 £150

12/

pay directly

Holloway - Evans - Western Hospl

Miss Gordon Holiday

Night Supt Squeer

Miss P. written to Treasurer

make the House empty

appt Dormitories

Dr. Ord

Miss Ferguson tell Miss Crossland

Miss Herbert Miss Stains - indiscipline

Miss Pringle - not writing

Mr. Croft Farmer? saw Gordon

? keep his letters

Mr. Rathbone write Preface

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1 Successor to Miss Ferguson

Mr. Rathbone

to Sisters

2 Metropolitan Fever Asylum Board

apply for Probrs of one year

Fulham?

{illeg Hosp Prob?}

to practise Fever Nursing 6 months

? good organization - Matron: Medl Supt

middle of night cares

3. Brit. Medl Assn Bill Registration

& Education

not till they

have completed their unanimity - Circular

2nd year - or after

4th year

*Treasurer* undo all that had been {illeg taught?} administrative

improvements Sanitary & in

~~arrangement~~ in new Wards ?

? light

addition to Matron's responsibility? ?

94 in Training School ? ruin

nothing

but

cleaning

off at

10

Miss Shuter -Eye Ward - Probrs - St. B's -

Lawford

diffident

does not teach the Probationers

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unsigned notes, ff275-76v, pencil

**f275**

Charley B.C. March 27/96

Island Bridge Barrack below  
Richmond " Liffey  
Liffey - tidal - drains go  
into it  
typhoid Pneumonia  
uncleanliness of Orderlies  
Lord Roberts fire  
gymnastics  
Miss Sands 2 Soldiers' Homes  
in Dublin  
Miss Dew  
Snodgrass Fever Wards  
Clifton }  
Tutton } General  
Genl P. Smith  
Guards  
Recruits Jain  
Musketry

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Booker Wards no  
Reading & Game=rooms in  
Barracks  
? everything separate from  
Canteen  
Gymnastics  
before Short Service  
Regiment in India like  
a village  
in Afghanistan

Chas Hermann B.C. Souakim

f278 pencil note  
Miss Masson  
Lord Dillon Miss Hogg  
Council of illeg  
Sarah Acland Miss Masson  
I don't like talking  
District [rough]  
Miss Topping- Worcester District  
Electric Bells  
Answering Bell?

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Accident Sister

f278v  
Sharkey's Clinical  
Lectures to Students  
from the cell to food  
Exhaustive  
admirable

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Dr Ord 2 splendid lectures  
Typhoid  
Wanted higher Clinical  
symptoms & progress  
Miss Dermistown - Assistant  
S. Acland supervisor  
District Nurses  
Wolverhampton - advertises  
no use Lectures before  
those who answered best  
would be the worst  
Nurses  
S. Acland Princess Xtian  
registering  
never could understand  
the 3 years' training

f280 pencil note

Mrs Frederick's Pension  
enquire whether to be has it  
J.J. Frederick Eq  
21 days  
to Kimberley  
write to Miss C.  
Thena where she is  
Prof Sidgwick  
Miss Georgina Smith  
[ rough notes]

f282v  
Mrs Redpath  
alas Miss Machin  
supplying the Tommies  
with comforts  
Good Hope Society  
letter of Mrs Hanbury William [?]  
Government House  
Mrs Redpath Cape Town wants back  
Red Cross pamphlet  
for me F.N.

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Returned

O could I but

"relinquish all"

"my earthly props" (especially myself)

"& simply fall

"On Thy Almighty arms"

unsigned notes, f282-83v, pencil

**f282**

Dr. Armitage July 28/1900

Maud 10, South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane. W.

Nurse

ask Louis to come Thursday

address of Nurse

tomorrow

Nurse Nott for the night

**f283**

July 31 1900 Louis

August 2

Overdrawn Acct £225

{£25 last week}

£200 this " }

for Dr. Armitage

I have promised the bank to settle up the £225  
by Saturday

Janson & Cobb - to pay £225 x into my Bank (done to day Aug 3)

80 coming in today into my Bank

- wanted to go on with

To

Dr. Armitage lent £470 altogether  
{£70 & 2 200

Louis to come on Monday next about 5.30

~~x-£300~~

Janson & Cobb have ~~£400 to pay~~ into  
paid to day the Pall Mall Bank

Aug 3 to F.N.'S Acct.

**f283v**

Dr. Perkins attending Maud now  
in lieu of Dr. Armitage

on Saturday week 11th Louis go down  
to Salisbury Plain for a fortnight  
tomorrow you go to Portsmouth  
& comes back

Add Mss 49623

unsigned notes, ff284-85v, pencil

**f284**

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Human Anatomy & Physiology  
Part VIII

Movable Atlas  
Bones & Ligaments of  
Human Body  
(superposed Cold Plates)  
by Witkowski MD

Paris

Translated by Norton F.R.C.S  
with pamphlet  
Skeletons & Articulations

Baillière, Tindall & co  
20 King Wm St  
Strand

{f285 is blank}

**f285v**

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Part IV of Movable Atlas  
Mechanism of Vision  
Witkowski  
Translated by Henry Power  
F.R.C.S

The Eye

Baillière

{ff286-87 clear, ff288-87 faint, ff290-303 clear}

unsigned note, f304, pencil

**f304**

Jan 7 1892  
a New Year  
an *entirely* New Year  
to keep in the love of God

Add Mss 49623

unsigned note, f305, pencil

**f305**

Sam            25/6/96  
                MO of Health  
has passed Sanitary Exam  
College of Physicians here  
tendency of Exam to become  
more & more difficult  
till it reaches the impossible  
Analyses & so on  
to catch the man out with  
difficulties - not to test  
him & render him more fit  
for the every day work of  
a Medical Officer of Health  
Xtian & surname of a Bacillus  
Aseptik can't be learnt  
from a book or paper but  
from every day work & teaching

{ff306-14 clear, f315 faint, ff317-21 clear}

f320 pencil notes  
[ink' reminds us, year by year, that  
the great chapter of adminisitrative [breaks off]  
[space]  
Margaret Venerly's letters from Mediterranean  
worn ou swallows emigrating  
dropping on deck  
most going a  
baby not 2 years old sipping like a bird  
in            [illeg]  
New young Doctors from civil Hospls  
checked by old Army Surgeons  
new young chaplains ditto ditto  
Native female Doctors in India. No  
authority over their Patients to make them take nourishment  
can't make native ladies of rank  
do what they ought  
good Nizam's govt Hyderabad  
to English students

unsigned note, f322, pencil

**f322**

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Dublin: Archbp - winks very hard at Protestant &  
R.C. Nurses under  
the same régime

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A Christian priest under a Christian Queen  
refuses to let any but R. ~~Catholics~~ Nurses nurse or any  
but R. Catholics Patients to be nursed

Doctors of all others the most difficult to manage  
after the clergy

You must choose between them & us -

City of Dublin - undenominational - refused to let any  
Nurses into its District

St. Patrick: Protestant - refused to nurse unless it can nurse the  
whole

{ff323-24 clear, f325 faint

f325 pencil note

Miss Lennox

Children's W.C.s & Baths

Garden - Play room

Miss Pirrie

Pringle

Health at Home women

Father says

he sleeps with the boys

meals

Miss Champion

matchgirl

sleeps [illeg]

Bryan & May's Miss Collins

v326v

7 High Wickham

Hastings

[blue pencil]

they have all the advantages & all the  
disadvantages of a soldier's life

But you have to create the life

& you create it by [illeg]

[red pencil]

Aldershot will destroy soldier

as all cases for liberty

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unsigned notes, f327-27v, pencil

**f327**

Newspaper & Periodical

wanting not the truth not at all but they want what  
will sell the paper -

What sells best is some  
thing sharp to-day  
contradicted tomorrow  
or next month - or week -

Consequently if you can  
afford the time to read  
both sides, take ~~the~~/a paper  
on both sides

If you can't, take the  
paper you don't like -  
yourself will supply what  
you do like

But you say it MAY  
happen, that there may be  
Truth in what I don't

**f327v**

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like -

Never mind, ~~my~~  
it is always easier &  
more brilliant to contradict  
truth than falsehood

Mrs. Fisher -

always rather pleasant  
to see the "Times"  
disconcerted by being  
convicted of bad information

[end of vol]

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