

exposure to infection. Parallel cases are frequently seen amongst medical men attending fever hospitals. These cases, too, place the period of incubation within 2 days, while the case of the nurse, who did not contract the disease until 14 days after the little girl whom she attended, tends to fix the period of greatest infection at the stage of desquamation.—*Public Health*.

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SICK NURSING: AN EMPLOYMENT FOR EDUCATED WOMEN.

A writer on this subject, in *Chambers' Journal*, gives us a notable example of women of what are commonly called the "upper classes," who have devoted themselves to the care of the sick, the experience of Miss Florence Lees, the friend and assistant of Miss Nightingale. She was the first student of the art of nursing who entered St. Thomas' Hospital, London, under the Nightingale Fund, as it is called; and since that time she has seen considerable service in the hospitals of the Continent in the Franco-Prussian War, and is now superintendent of the Metropolitan Institution for providing trained nurses for the sick poor. In an address on "Nursing the sick," recently given by Miss Lees before the National Health Society, she explained the working of this Nursing Institution, and the great benefit derived from its operations wherever they extend. Unconnected with any particular religious creed or denomination, the object of the association is to provide nurses for the sick poor in their own dwellings. Unless in a hospital, but few of our poorer neighbors know the luxury of a nurse in illness. With the best intentions in the world, neither the ability nor the time of the relatives of the sick admits of the necessary care and attention. Medicine given just when remembered, and dirt and squalor rendered more terrible and overwhelming than usual, from the extra demand which sickness makes on the resources of every household—these conditions must be apparent to all who have ever visited the sick poor in