

some may become teachers in Training Schools, or get married, but many will have to be attendants on the sick. Do not fancy that this will be giving orders and directing others to carry them out, for depend on it, in by far the majority of cases, you will have to do the most yourself, and therefore, I say again, learn everything possible whilst here. Often too, in emergencies you will have to act immediately and on your own responsibility, and ignorance may be death. In the houses of the opulent there may be and undoubtedly often will be found good and comfortable quarters, nice people and assistants, but not unfrequently, even here, there will be disagreeable, querulous, exacting and never satisfied people, but remember, sickness alters the natural character of individuals, and therefore, bear with patience these vagaries. When recovered they may turn out grateful friends, or begrudge your rightful, perhaps modest remuneration; nursing is, generally speaking, undervalued. Now, take warning, never carry tales from one house to another. Tale bearing works often irreparable misery, and in the end will cause the tale bearing nurse to be shunned. Every house is said to have a skeleton in the cupboard. Mind not to make it known. Keep your eyes open but your mouth closed. If the professional attendant ought to know, tell him privately; never dispute at the bedside. Sometimes you will be called to people of the so-called middle class. Here there will be work as well as nursing to be done, for in many instances you will have to take the place of the mother, clean the room, and the children, hear them lisp a tiny, simple prayer, and most likely have to prepare, or at least see to the preparation of the food for the patient, which always is of the utmost importance, particularly in medical cases, with which indeed you will have the most to do, so please mind and pay every attention to the medical wards and kitchen whilst here. Sometime or other, a poor "neighbour" may ask your sympathy and assistance, and a true nurse never can refuse to lend a helping hand. In this perhaps miserable abode, you may kindly scrub floors and children, clean up generally and put everything in order, for you know that cleanliness, pure air and decent diet are often the only necessities, but in these instances the most difficult to get. The poor are always ready and willing to make great sacrifices