

I hope they will have a cabin built before the other nurses arrive, but the hospital is at present rather hard up.

"To see and be in Dawson is to realize that house-to-house or tent-to-tent nursing is out of the question, and but for the hospital authorities I cannot imagine where the nurses would find a home.

"The work for the Victorian Order in Dawson is a great one, and the opening of the new hospital was providential. Their presence with the force has been invaluable, as, scattered as it has been for the past three months over a distance of nearly 600 miles, I do not know how we should have fared without them. Here, Nurse Scott holds sway: and not only the force but the surrounding country realize and appreciate the value of her presence and services. At Dawson, to see Miss Powell at work is an object lesson not to be forgotten.

"I trust this letter will reach your Excellency in time to enable you to convey to the Committee of the Order the sincere appreciation which myself and all ranks of the Yukon force feel in regard to services rendered us by the nurses of the Order attached to the force. As long as they care to stay at Selkirk, there will be a headquarters for them built by the force in its own time, and as far as possible furnished in the same way."

Much amusement was occasioned one year at a meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, when upon receiving an invitation to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the National Union of Women Workers, one of the medical men present inquired, "Is this a respectable society?" Even with Mrs. Creighton, the wife of the Bishop of London, as its world-renowned President, the futility of this question was not apparent to the majority of his colleagues. Any way, no delegate was appointed, and none would have attended had not the President taken the law into her own hands later, and nominated a lady to attend. That the Royal British Nurses Association remained unrepresented at the late Conference at Norwich this year is therefore not surprising. Miss Isla Stewart was delegated to represent the Matrons' Council, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick attended as the delegate of the Registered Nurses' Society.

THE quarterly meeting of members of that excellent Society, the Nurses' National Total Abstinence League was recently held at 4, Ludgate Hill, London, when the chair was taken by Mrs. Finlay, Vice-President, and there was a good attendance. Twenty-five members were reported as having joined the League since the last meeting

in the office on April 6th, which number was increased to thirty during the evening, and included Miss Lucas (the newly-appointed Lady Superintendent of the Temperance Hospital) who was introduced by Miss Orme. One member brought with her subscriptions and application forms from three new members. Interest was shown in the W.T.A.U. Bazaar, on December 7th and 8th, and a desire for a Nurses' Stall was expressed by the members.

At the next meeting, on February 1st, 1899, it was decided to discuss—"The best arguments to be used to persuade people to become abstainers."

ON Monday last a special meeting of the Council of the Charity Organization Society was held in the theatre of the Royal United Service Institution, when a paper was read by Mrs. Minet on "Nursing Associations and Charitable Relief." Sir Joshua Fitch presided. Mrs. Minet explained that there was "district nursing and district nursing." She referred to it only as carried out by the Queen Victoria Institute, that was to say by women who had been fully trained, not only in hospital work but also in District Nursing. She justified the existence of district nursing among the poor, but held that indiscriminate district nursing was an evil in itself, and also if cases were undertaken where the patient was in a position to pay a fee another class of nurse was wronged, the visiting or daily nurse, who was trying to make a living by dealing with the very class of case which lies on the border line between the District Nurse and the Private Nurse case.

MRS. MINET, therefore, suggested that every District Nursing Home should be in close communication with the Visiting Nurse or nurses of the neighbourhood, and also thought that every effort should be made to bring District Nursing into nearer relation with the true principles of Charitable Relief. As a practical means of attaining this end she proposed that the Superintendent of every Nursing Home should be *ex officio* a member of her local Charity Organization Committee, as her knowledge would be invaluable to the Committee, in dealing with cases.

WE should like to point out with reference to Mrs. Minet's remarks that the Jubilee Nurses are fully trained, that no doubt this is so in many instances, because well trained nurses, with three years certificates, are frequently appointed as Queen's Nurses, and the work done by them is excellent. But, for this very reason, we should like to see the training *required* by the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute raised to a modern standard. At present only a year's hospital training and six months' experience of district

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