

queer-shaped parcel in the hall, and I, believing it to be a loaf of bread, took it without thinking, when, to my utter amazement, out jumped a black Spanish hen! which I was supposed to keep alive in my sitting-room until required to be eaten.

At a recent inquest on a seaman belonging to the s.s. *Adansi*, a cargo boat of Liverpool, who died at Tooting on his return from a voyage to the West Coast of Africa, Captain Lyall Henderson, the master of the vessel, which carried no doctor, detailed some of his experiences on the voyage. He said that the deceased man had a sore leg, which he, the witness, dressed three times a week. The man afterwards had malaria. Fourteen out of thirty-four men were down with the same complaint at different times. Sometimes there would be eight down, sometimes twelve.

In reply to an inquiry from the Coroner as to who looked after the patients, the Master replied that he did, he was "at it night and day," and used to go round the ship taking the men's temperatures every four hours. He also gave them quinine three times a day hot, as well as lime juice and soda and milk. Surely if every ship does not carry a trained nurse she should not put to sea without a doctor, more especially if she is trading with the West Coast of Africa, where so many persons contract malarial and other fevers. The responsibility for the safety of a ship is sufficient without the personal care of a sick crew being added.

The Leeds Jewish Maternity Association has resolved to discontinue the engagement of a salaried nurse, but to make arrangement for paying a certain nursing fee for each case attended. The association has decided upon an important move with the object of centralising its work, viz., to combine with the maternity department of the Herzl Memorial Home (Jewish Hospital) and direct there all lying-in cases which require special attention, or where the sanitary conditions of the house are very unsatisfactory. The report mentions that Professor Dr. Hellier (of the Leeds General Infirmary) has been elected honorary obstetric physician to the association.

It is always regrettable when district nursing associations do not meet with adequate support, which is the case in connection with the Calstock Nursing Association, as the following resolution was carried at a recent meeting of subscribers: "That by reason of want of funds

the Association is no longer able to maintain two nurses in the district." In consequence of this, the nurse stationed at Calstock will be leaving to take up duties at Penzance. Nurse Chamberlain, who is stationed at Gunnislake, volunteered to do her best to supply the needs of the parish outside her own district. Mr. T. T. Bowhay and Mr. A. Lloyd were appointed a committee to formulate a scheme for securing funds whereby the finances of the association may be placed on a basis which will, it is hoped, again support two nurses.

At the recent meeting of the Oxford Board of Guardians, a letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that their attention has been called to reports of the inquest recently held into the circumstances attending the death of A. C. Adkins, an inmate of the Workhouse Infirmary of the Oxford Incorporation, and to the observations made as to the insufficiency of the nursing staff. The Board request that they may be furnished with a report from the medical officer on the subject, and may be informed whether he has made requisitions for the employment of temporary nurses in pursuance of Article V. of the Nursing in Workhouses Order, 1897, and if so, with what result. The Board also intimate that they will be glad to receive the observations of the Guardians themselves on the questions, and to be informed of any steps proposed by them for the increase of the nursing staff.

The Countess of Dudley, who takes the keenest personal interest in the Scheme which she inaugurated during the Earl of Dudley's Vice-Royalty in Ireland, is going to Dublin before her departure for Australia, and will hold a special meeting to further the scheme which she has so much at heart, and which has done so much to alleviate suffering in the very poor districts in the West of Ireland. It is now hoped to extend the work by obtaining increased financial support. Lady Aberdeen, Lady Arnott, Mrs. Berridge, Miss McDonnell, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and Mr. James Talbot-Power, are organising the meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon King Alfonso, who, during his visit to the Isle of Wight, has taken much interest in the miniature rifle shooting on the range for officers at Osborne House Convalescent Home, visited the Home, and presented a handsome cup, which he had offered in the shooting competition for ladies, to the fortunate winner, Sister Atkins, one of the Nursing Sisters stationed at the Home.

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