

Chairman said that the commission had already visited the Clones, Maryborough, and North and South Dublin Unions. They (the Bandon Guardians) were only anxious they should come there. (Laughter.)

Colonel Kirkwood said he had heard there was a lady going around; he was not aware that there was any Commissioner.

The Chairman said that as the articles were anonymous, it was difficult to ascertain the sex of the writer.

The Clerk said Dr. Browne had informed him it was a lady was going about, and she was a regular sharper, it appeared. (Laughter.)

Colonel Kirkwood: She is not going to Unions that are anxious for a visit.

We feel sure the mysterious "she" will be delighted to visit an Infirmary where "she" has been given so hospitable an invitation.

DR. KERR, late Examiner in Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen, says it has been noticed that there is a very distinctly appreciable lowered vitality in infants which are fed on boiled milk. The process of absorption is more delayed, and the quantity of milk required is distinctly larger for the same amount of growth and nourishment of the child than is the case when fresh milk is used. He explains the fact by suggesting that the living cells in fresh milk are at once absorbed, without any process of digestion. It is interesting and important for Nurses to realise the differences and changes taking place in the cooking of foods, and the question of the nutritive values of boiled and unboiled milk has long been a disputed one.

DR. JACOBI in some notes on a case of his in New York, shows the effect that a note-taking, science-loving Nurse may have on a highly neurotic patient. Dr. Jacobi's patient was a typical neurotic, who after he had heard any symptoms talked about, generally managed to exhibit the same. For instance, the notes say:—

"Hates the day Nurse, who is sceptical, and has no attacks in six days; has them after the night Nurse comes on, who takes elaborate notes, which the patient is allowed to read.

Has cataleptic spasms after having been told what the visiting physician expects of him.

Conscious during temperatures of 117° and 132°.

Pulse very irregular, while but slightly increased in frequency.

Difficulty in passing urine.

Loss of memory complained of.

Frothing of mouth, tinged with blood. Is stopped after he heard one Nurse telling the other that such things were often done by biting the lips."

Dr. Jacobi puts down the high temperature as being caused by a paralysis of the inhibitory faculty of the heart centre. He must have been a highly interesting patient.

A VALUABLE utilisation of the electric heating principle has recently been made in Hospitals and sick-rooms. An electro-therm or electric heating pad has been devised to take the place of the various troublesome methods hitherto in vogue for applying and maintaining artificial heat in local applications to the body. The electro-therm is a flexible sheet or pad containing wires embedded in asbestos, connected with the socket of an electric lamp. Sufficient resistance is offered to the current to produce a constant uniform degree of heat. This can be kept at a uniform point for any length of time. The temperature can be regulated with the utmost accuracy.

If this invention prove on trial to be as practical as its theory is good, Nurses will have reason to rise up and call the inventor of it blessed indeed. In the vista offered up of the future possibilities of electricity, one wonders what the Nurses in the Hospitals of the twenty-second century will find to do! It would seem that everything then will be carried on electrically and automatically.

THE Belfast Nurses' Home and Training School has this year become connected with the Royal Hospital, and a Lady Superintendent was appointed early in the year, who was given, subject to existing rules, complete control of the Nursing of the Hospital. But a new development on the part of the Committee appears to us to be calculated to produce the most troublous times in the wards of this Institution. The Board has arranged that the ladies of the Nurses' Home Committee "shall in turn act as 'orderlies' in the Hospital, invested with their authority to visit not only the wards but the Hospital generally, and to report to them directly on any subject they should consider necessary or desirable."

And thus a new race of Hospital workers has been established—lay "orderlies," whose duties appear to be to supervise work they do not understand, and to "make reports" on technical subjects in which they have not been trained. There

CARLSBAD—the renowned Spa in Bohemia—has been thronged this summer with patients suffering from all kinds of liver and gouty complaints, who have reaped great benefit from taking the celebrated waters; but it is not sufficiently known that persons unable to visit the Spa can obtain the natural Carlsbad Sprudel Salts or Waters at all Chemists, Stores, &c. To distinguish the natural salts from artificial imitations, note the names on wrapper of "LOEBEL SCHOTLAENDER, CARLSBAD," and INGRAM & ROYLE, Ltd., Sole Agents, 52, Farringdon Street, E.C.; 19, South John Street, Liverpool; 80, Redcliff Street, Bristol. Pamphlet on application.

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