

milk were not to be had, fowls, the usual staple diet up country, were unobtainable, and beef could only be got once in ten days. Is it any wonder, under such circumstances, that a nurse living at such high pressure in an unhealthy country breaks down? Anxiety of mind is responsible for many attacks of malarial fever.

At the Convocation held recently in connection with the Wesley Deaconess Institute, Banner Road, Penzance, some of the deaconesses gave interesting accounts of their work. Sister Lucie Hawken, who wore the medal presented by the Maidstone Corporation, for services rendered at the time of the typhoid epidemic, described the work of a deaconess nurse. Sister Evelyn Oats described her five years' work at Johannesburg. Her predecessor had died after a month's work, and so lonely was her life that she lay in her room for three days before anyone knew she was dead. Sister Evelyn herself had various excitements, her house having been attacked by drink-maddened men, and by a madman, it had been on fire, and once a snake had troubled her. She, however, had had the satisfaction of nursing back to health some who had suffered from the climate.

MRS. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN has issued an appeal for £5,000, to extend the usefulness of the Colonial Nursing Association, which has already done some very good work.

LORD ABERDEEN has given the funds to equip a hospital at New Richmond, Quebec, in connection with the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, which was started a little more than a year ago by Lady Aberdeen. The first year's report of the nurses' work is a record of success. Besides its four branches at Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and Halifax, the Order has a cottage hospital at Cape Breton. The twenty-five nurses who went to Klondike are doing useful work there on funds provided by the troops under Colonel Evans. It is satisfactory to learn that the useful work of these district nurses is being acknowledged by the medical faculty in Canada, and that their original opposition to the innovation has been overcome.

WE learn that Miss Edith A. Davis, Proprietress and Manageress of the "Lady Guide" office, lately created quite a sensation by appearing at a large Costume Poster Soiree as "The Nursing Record," where the dainty presentment was greatly admired.

THE "Eternal Nursing Question" is a fortnightly source of interest to the local Chelsea press, and we are pleased to observe that the somewhat supine Board of Guardians have at

last rebelled against the intolerable assumption of absolute power by its Chairman, Mr. Brass, and at its last meeting called him smartly to account for his unconstitutional methods of conducting its business.

A FORTNIGHT ago the Board passed a certain resolution in relation to the nurses' salaries, and, as the West London Press says, "went away in the fond but illusive belief that it would be carried into effect. But they reckoned without the Chairman. Subsequently, it appears, Mr. Brass had a conference with the Matron, and the result was a decision to set the action of the entire board aside!"

At the last meeting the Chairman owned that, after consulting Miss de Pléde, he had stopped the letter approved by the Guardians, and asking for the Local Government Board's approval "in order that the Matron's suggestions might be considered."

MR. JEFFREY remarked that, in acting as he had done, the Chairman had set aside the judgment of the entire Board in order to meet his own and the Matron's wishes. If this kind of thing were tolerated, where were they to end? It meant that the Board had better give up and hand over the entire work to the Chairman and the Matron.

MR. SMITH also protested, remarking that he considered the Chairman had over-stepped his powers. The Guardians ordered a certain document to go to the Local Government Board, and the Chairman undertook upon his own responsibility to stop it. "We might spend two or three hours in debating a matter, and then find all our time wasted. If this kind of thing is to go on, you and the Matron had better do all the Board's work and let the other Guardians stop away."

MR. FRANK THOMAS said: "This is, to my mind, a most extraordinary mode of procedure. It means this—that if we pass a resolution at a meeting we may think it has been carried into effect, but we shall learn subsequently that it has been practically rescinded by the Chairman. I don't think there is any other Board of Guardians in London who would permit such a thing. It is playing fast and loose with the whole system of procedure, and reducing all our acts here to farce." Ultimately, Mr. Jeffrey proposed: "That the previous action of the Board be acted upon," which was supported by Mr. Thomas, "in order that such ridiculous interferences should be prevented in the future," and the Board then carried the resolution by an overwhelming majority. We hope the Chairman

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