

Lady Dudley, in expressing her thanks to his Excellency, said that there was one consolation which she was afforded in leaving the work which was so near her heart, and that lay in the fact mentioned by his Excellency that she was leaving its continuance in such trustworthy hands. She had never had the pleasure of working with a Committee who so thoroughly threw themselves, heart and soul, into the duties they had undertaken, and she was acquainted with no Committee whatever who had done more to further the objects they had in view. She now, in taking her departure, felt that everything that was possible would be done for the furtherance of the scheme. Her personal sentiments with regard to it were well expressed by a story she had heard in her childhood, and from which she derived great comfort at the present moment. The story was that Michael Angelo in his early days used to bind a light upon his forehead so that no shade of himself should fall upon his task. It had occurred to her as being most applicable in the present case, with regard to a work which she very much wished to stand on its own feet, so that the mettle in it might be proved. She thanked the Committee for the support that they had always given her during the years she had been so closely associated with the scheme.

Nurse Walshe, Queen's Nurse, Glengarriff, Co. Cork, has, the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* announces, accepted an offer made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, through the Irish Branch of the Q.V.J.I., to give a course of instruction on district work, hygiene, and home nursing at the School of Technical Instruction, Kildare Street, Dublin. Permission has been given her by her Committee, and leave of absence allowed for the purpose. The audience consists of forty Domestic Economy Instructresses, brought up from all parts of Ireland for the purpose.

In the same magazine, Miss E. Frances C. Eastcot gives an interesting description of a day with an Alexandra Nurse in Malta. With the beginning of the morning work, there is a two days' old baby and its mother to be attended to.

"Well! Mrs. H—, has baby been put in orders yet?" one enquires. All military babies, whose parents are married on the strength, are put in orders soon after birth, and from that day forth, as long as they remain abroad, receive daily rations to the amount of a quarter of a pound of bread, and

the same amount of meat, which they cannot eat at that early age; they are then on the strength, until they reach the age of 16 years, if the father still is in the army. Then Mrs. L— is visited and found to be quite comfortable. Other cases are then visited; two feverish women sponged, a blister which had been applied to the wrist of each the day before, snipped, and the serum drawn off in tubes and sent to the hospital for examination, as these are suspected cases of Mediterranean fever. There is no doubt for the same nurse to attend maternity and Mediterranean fever cases is a risk; and it is avoided when possible, but when there is only one nurse in a district, and the Military Families' Hospital is seven miles away, it has to be done, but with great care in disinfecting hands and changing aprons and sleeves, I do not think a nurse has ever carried infection. Several lesser cases, such as ulcerated mosquito bites, have to be dressed. These ulcers occur in new arrivals; and sometimes boils form which are very painful. Sandflies in some localities are more troublesome than mosquitoes, and the bites raise pustules which give the patient the appearance as if he or she were suffering from small-pox. Pricking the pustules with a sterilised needle, and constant bathing in boracic lotion, and powdering the face and arms, the parts generally attacked, with boracic powder, give relief, and after a fortnight the bites fade away.

"If there are no more nursing cases, the nurse fills up her time by paying 'casual visits.' These consist of lectures from quarters to quarters to the mothers on health, directions to boil all milk, cow's and goat's. Lately an order from the P.M.O. forbidding the use of all milk in barracks except condensed milk sold at the canteens, has caused an appreciable decrease in Mediterranean fever."

It would be a good deed if the Nursing Board of the Military Nursing Service would draw the attention of the military authorities to the unsuitability of meat and bread as an article of diet for infants of a few days old.

The many friends of Miss Garriock, R.R.C., Principal Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in South Africa, will learn with grief of the injury which has occasioned her the loss of a foot. The operation was performed on August 9th, and ten days later she was reported as still being very ill. Further reports will be awaited with anxiety.

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