

ally otherwise. Poor 'Miss'! She was neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring, but she certainly came in handy as a scapegoat. Anything done that ought not to have been done, or left undone that should have been done, was placed to the credit side of her account. It was also decreed that 'Miss' had no part or lot in the specially attractive after-dinner cup of tea, but to the everlasting merit of old St. John's 'staffs' she occasionally of their charity enjoyed that delicacy behind the kitchen door while they 'watched out.'

Well, poor Miss, your race is extinct. *Requiescat in Pace.*"

The Poor Law Officers' Journal is protesting in no uncertain terms against Sir Henry Burdett's insulting attack in his *Hospital* newspaper on Poor Law Nurses as a class—in which publication they were recently described as of "rough, contemptuous and rude conduct" towards their patients. It is a wholesale insult to a most self-sacrificing body of women which could emanate from no other source. Poor Law Nurses are venturing to enquire into the College constitution, and some of them have had the daring to object to it. Thus this thushness. Our advice to Poor Law Nurses is to stand up to every form of intimidation—journalistic or otherwise. We congratulate the *Poor Law Officers' Journal* on setting them the example.

A special meeting of the Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Branch of the National Poor-Law Officers' Association, held at the Norwich Poor-Law Institution on the 5th inst., was attended by (among others) Mr. L. W. Greenhalgh, a member of the National Executive, who addressed the nurses with regard to the proposals of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and the Bill about to be promoted by the College. He pointed out that Poor-Law experts were working for the standardisation of nursing long before the College of Nursing proposals saw daylight. In order that nurses in Poor-Law institutions should secure adequate representation of their views, it was imperative that they should join the Association, which stood for the principle that all trained nurses, whether trained in hospital or Poor-Law infirmaries, should be placed on one level. A long discussion ensued as to the advisability of joining the proposed Nurses' Section for the district. Ultimately it was agreed to do so. Miss Alice M. Barnes, Superintendent Nurse, Norwich, and Miss F. A. Buttifant, Home Sister, were appointed President, and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *pro tem.*

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