

The settlers and their wives and families find the Bush nurse the one person to whom they can look in dire emergencies, such as the accident occurring when a giant tree falls the wrong way, ptomaine poisoning, childbirth, &c. Where children are reared on a diet of white bread and corned beef, in parts where milk is unobtainable, the nurses find themselves with plenty to do; but every isolated settlement has its own peculiar difficulties. The ominous word 'drought' is again being whispered, and if it comes the central council of the Bush Nursing Association may find it necessary to do what it has never done before—appeal for financial help from Melbourne people.

Sister Greer told stories that sounded like fairy tales of magic growth of produce. She showed a slide where four children were rowing in the midst of the Snowy River, and their boat consisted of one-half a pumpkin! The women of Buchan use these pumpkins for all sorts of purposes, such as washtubs, washing-up dishes, and even cradles. There is an hotel of thirteen rooms at Gonyah Gonyah all built from one tree. From 12,000 to 14,000 palms are split from one tree, and these giants are valued at £50 each in the rough. Yet they are destroyed by fire in countless thousands merely to get rid of them."

It is proposed that the memorial to the late Miss Sowerbutts, Queen's Nurse at Hayward's Heath, shall take the form (1) of a tablet in St. Richard's Church, and (2) of a fund to be called the Nurse Sowerbutts' Memorial Fund for helping the work of the Association in Hayward's Heath. Amongst the suggestions as to the disposal of this Fund the following proposals were made at a well-attended meeting convened by the Hayward's Heath and District Nursing Association:—(1) The establishment of a Maternity Home, with two beds for abnormal cases, under the Government scheme of maternity and infant welfare; (2) the establishment of a Nursing Home, where two or three nurses could live together and form a local centre for nurses; (3) the provision of an additional nurse for Hayward's Heath; (4) the establishment of a nurses' pension scheme. It was resolved, on the motion of Mrs. Talbot Baines, seconded by Mrs. Perez, that primary consideration be given to a Maternity Home, and it was arranged to appoint a Sub-Committee to arrange for the raising of funds and report to the General Committee, who would submit their recommendations to a further public meeting.

EXAMINATIONS.

At the examination for nurses held in the fever hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, 58 nurses and probationers entered, and 53 passed the examiners.

The gold medal was won by Probationer E. E. Thwaites (South-Western Hospital), with 550 marks (91.6 per cent.); the silver medal by Probationer A. J. Le G. Smith (North-Western Hospital), with 545 marks (90.8 per cent.), and the bronze medal by Probationer T. Austin (South Western Hospital), with 523 marks (87.2 per cent.)

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