

bullets should not be used, and it is maintained that the dum-dum bullets do not come under this head, though Professor Rudolph Koehler, whilst holding this theory, is of opinion that the effect of the new projectile approaches so closely the effect produced by explosive bullets, that its employment should be forbidden on similar grounds. We must leave it to experts to decide whether, or no, the use of these bullets is a breach of the St. Petersburg Convention. Meanwhile, we are of opinion, that on humane grounds, even if it should be proved that their employment does not infringe the International Convention, the use of these new bullets should be prohibited. We think that most women hold that war is brutalizing and degrading, and a blot on our nineteenth century civilization; but, if war still continues, the methods employed should certainly be less, not more, degrading than those of previous centuries. In the olden times, battles were principally a series of hand-to-hand fights, in which the victory was to the bravest, but at the present time they are becoming a barbarous science, by means of which the most deadly projectiles are hurled at the enemy from a safe distance, and if, added to this, the means employed are to be of an explosive nature, it would be difficult to imagine a more degrading or brutalizing procedure. We hope the women of England will protest by all the means within their power against such butchery.

A JUST PUNISHMENT.

WE observe that at the recent Quarter Sessions, at Lurgan, Dr. James M. Moore, a local practitioner, pleaded guilty to having flogged a messenger boy in his employment in the months of March and August. The prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, without hard labour, and the judge in passing sentence said that the punishment did not touch the fringe of the penalty deserved. His Honour drew attention to the extraordinary brutality and calm deliberation of the crime, and said that for a most trivial offence the prisoner had bound the boy to a post, and flogged him until his back was covered with innumerable wounds. We are glad that neither his social nor his professional position has prevented this coward from incurring the legal penalty for his offence. We observe with satisfaction also that he has paid £25 to the lad's father. We are of

opinion that offences, such as this, would be best dealt with by being repaid in kind, and that a flogging of the same description as that administered to the boy would, had the law permitted it, have been the most suitable punishment for Dr. James Moore. Brutality of all kinds should be visited with as extreme a penalty as can be given.

NURSING ETHICS.

THE necessity for the establishment of a code of nursing ethics is one which from time to time forces itself upon the attention of the nursing world, but we doubt whether it would ever occur to those who are interested in bringing about a system of etiquette for the guidance of the nursing profession, to lay down rules upon a subject to which attention has been lately drawn in the daily press. It is stated that the Hambledon Board of Guardians, Witley, Surrey, recently discussed the conduct of one of their staff, who had within the last few weeks been asked by the Board to undertake the responsible office of superintendent nurse. The fact was now brought before them that the nurse in question had on one occasion attired herself in a thick corduroy suit, and promenaded the grounds. When nearing the porter's lodge, the attendant saw her. She said to the porter, "I say, gov'nor, can you put me up for the night?" The porter then recognized the applicant, and was convulsed with laughter. An exhaustive inquiry was made into the matter, which resulted in the nurse being asked to resign her position under the Board. We only regret that the nurse who so disgraced her profession was not summarily dismissed.

THE WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.

IT must not be overlooked that the West Kent General Hospital has taken a most active part in the nursing of the epidemic of fever, several beautiful wards, both for men and women, being set apart for the use of the patients, and here, under the personal supervision of Miss M. Isabel Jones, the matron, everything that skilled nursing can do is being done for an average of fifty patients. Maidstone is fortunate in its hospitals, which, in other words, often means that the hospitals are fortunate in their matrons, for it is an acknowledged fact that the personality of this responsible official often makes or mars the reputation of an institution.

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