

an invitation to meet the defendant, and did so, in company with a fellow nurse, who, however, had to get back to the hospital at ten o'clock. The defendant and Nurse Wood subsequently went to a place of amusement. After having some wine with him the nurse accompanied her companion to an hotel. She afterwards met him again by appointment. Subsequently she wrote to him, but got no reply, and from July 5th had not seen him till he appeared at court. He was not known at Church Street, Stoke Newington, except as a man who called for letters, but in December she succeeded in tracing him, and wrote for an appointment. A reply came from a firm of solicitors.

Her fellow nurse, now a married woman, living at Walthamstow, spoke of the different meetings of the two, and said that she was shown the various letters written by the defendant to Miss Wood.

The defendant, on oath, said he and a friend were in the first instance accosted by the complainant and her fellow nurse, and he made an appointment with her and kept it on the following Saturday. He denied the story of the second stay at an hotel.

The Chairman of the Bench, Mr. Andrew Johnston, said they regretted to have to say that they did not attach much credence to the evidence of either side, but they concluded the case proved, and would make an order for 2s. 6d. a week and 10s. 6d. costs. It was a shocking case throughout, with its tales of drinking and theatres and hospital nurses involved.

Will not this story inspire some members of the public to work for that legal status for nurses which will enable them to disassociate themselves from women of this class, and protect the community from their ministrations?

A PUPIL'S RIGHTS.

A case of considerable interest to midwifery pupils was heard recently at the Brompton County Court, from the result of which it appears that a pupil is entitled to receive the instruction she has paid for. The plaintiff was Miss Minnie Quest, and she brought an action against the proprietress of the Fulham Nursing Institute and Midwifery Training School for alleged breach of contract. The plaintiff, who paid a fee of £10 10s., alleged that on arrival at the Home the defendant admitted in conversation that she was not a trained nurse or midwife, and that the trained midwife was then away. She received instruction from three different nurses. Differences as to the instruction she was receiving arose, and eventually the defendant dismissed her.

The defence was that the plaintiff received proper instruction, and that on the other hand the defendant had to complain almost every day of the plaintiff's conduct.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. The Judge thought the verdict very proper, and allowed costs.

Nursing Echoes.

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On Monday last the marriage took place at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, of Admiral Sir John Kennedy Erskine Baird, K.C.B., and Miss Constance Clarke. The bridegroom served with distinction in the Crimean War, and was in command of the Channel Squadron from 1898 to 1900. The bride, who until recently was a probationer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, met her husband while on a yachting cruise. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Durham, the Rev. the Hon. E. Lambert, and the Rev. Prebendary Villiers. There was a crowded congregation, which included the Admiral of the Fleet and other well-known people connected with the Navy.

At a meeting of the Managers of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Councillor Bellsham drew attention to a letter which recently appeared in the Press, which was written by one of the nurses at the Blackwall Branch Asylum, and which, it will be remembered, reflected on the treatment accorded to a sick nurse by her fellow nurses. He pointed out that the report from the Matron contradicted the letter sent to the Press, and he thought the Chairman of the Blackwall Branch Asylum Committee should repudiate the statements that had been made. He would like him to state what the Local Government Board inspector said with regard to the matter. It was only right, as the letter had been published, that the Chairman of the Blackwall Branch Committee should inform the Board what took place.

Mr. Finden, Chairman of the Blackwall Branch, said the statements about the boycotting and about the treatment the nurses received from members of the Committee was absolutely untrue. Their conduct in the presence of the Committee was simply abominable, and such conduct fully bore out the report of the Matron as to insubordination on their part, although, he would point out, it was not due to the report of the Matron that they were brought before the Committee, but to the action they themselves took. The Committee were lenient to the nurses in question in allowing them to resign.

The Leeds Ladies' Hospital Fund Committee have for some time been desirous that Leeds, like other large cities, should number amongst its charities a

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