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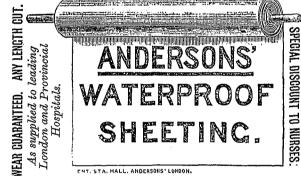
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CASE which, last week, came before a criminal court is, in several ways, of the utmost importance to the Nursing profession. A woman was convicted of the most abominable cruelty, continued over a period of eight years, to helpless children placed under her charge in the Hackney Workhouse; and, everywhere, she has been described as "Nurse' GILLESPIE. To the circumstances of the barbarities practised by this creature we need not allude. Sufficient to say that they are horribly disgraceful to herself and to the system which permitted them to be continued, year after year, in a public institution, in this so-called Christian country. allude to the matter because we desire to emphasise several of the salient lessons taught by the circumstances divulged in court.

The term "Nurse" has misled the public into believing that this woman was a member of our profession. She is not on the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and we are informed, on good authority, that she had never been trained in a Hospital, so that the title was entirely erroneous and misleading; yet to hundreds of thousands of people the impression has been conveyed that this criminal is a Trained Nurse. It appears to us that it would be well in this, and every similar case in future, if the Registrar of the Royal British Nurses' Association could state officially, in the Press, that the accused was not a Registered Nurse; just as it is customary for the controlling authorities of the registered members of other callings to make such a statement when it is falsely asserted by a criminal that he is a member of such or such a vocation. This would, previous page next page