

THE two accused, Henry Elton, solicitor, and Forrester Kennedy, who are charged with obtaining money by fraud, from two Nurses and several other ladies in connection with the American and Parisian Massage Company, have been remanded for further evidence to be called.

AMY EDITH HALE, age 34, described as a Nurse, and who is reported by the *Western Mail* as being "not unlike a Nurse in appearance"—whatever that may mean—has just been charged at the Cardiff Quarter Sessions with obtaining 5s. under false pretences from Mary Williams, with intent to defraud. The circumstances are curious. It appears that the prosecutrix lived alone, and being some time since in bad health, was attended by Dr. A. Rees. At the time she was under medical advice the prisoner called upon the prosecutrix and told her she had been sent by Dr. Rees, who had instructed her to do what she could in the way of curing her for the sum of £2.

The poor woman was unable to produce £2, and the prisoner then moderated her demand to a sovereign. When the prosecutrix was unable to meet even this reduced charge, the prisoner said that Dr. Rees had sent her for a cab to take her (the prosecutrix) to a lunatic asylum. This so terrified the poor old lady that she produced all her savings, amounting to 5s., and gave the sum to the prisoner, who speedily departed.

Not content with calling herself a Nurse, it appeared from evidence given that the prisoner has been in the habit of representing herself as a "lady doctor," and one witness gave as a reason for believing this statement, that she used to "mix medicines." The case was adjourned by the Recorder, so as to give an opportunity for some of the officials connected with the Madeley Union, to attend the Court, as the prisoner stated that she had been for some time employed there.

In this case, it appears that Miss Hale has been unfortunately mistaken for some one else; she successfully proved an *alibi*. Mr. Rees Davies, for the defence, said his client

was the victim of misfortune, having for a long time been deprived of her means of livelihood and tormented by the fact that a woman of the worst description, and bearing the closest possible resemblance to her, had passed herself off for the accused, who had to bear the full brunt of the impersonation. He asked the jury to say that the *alibi* proved at Worcester had been amply established in this case.—The learned Recorder, in summing up, said that in his lengthened experience he had never heard such a remarkable case of mistaken identity.—The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

It is to be hoped that the woman who has been guilty of such cruel deception and extortion from the sick, and who has caused so much distress to this innocent Nurse, will soon be brought to justice.

It would certainly seem as if the constantly recurring cases similar to these would prove the best object-lesson, and would plead most eloquently and effectively in favour of a State Registration for Nurses.

WE are very glad that at a recent meeting of the Guardians of the Bow Infirmity, the Rev. E. C. Hawkins protested against the appointment of an "Assistant Nurse" who had had no experience. He said "that persons with no experience ought not to be placed, even as Probationers, in charge of sick persons and children."

THE Ulster Board of Guardians has decided to insert a clause into the rules under which they engage Nurses for their Infirmity, whereby a portion—three months—of the salary shall become forfeited, provided resignations are sent in without sufficient cause, or when less than one-half the period has elapsed for which they have been engaged, and that the clause referring to one month's notice on either side be expunged.

THE death is announced of Miss Stewart, of the Blythwood Nursing Home in Glasgow, who has been closely identified for twenty years with Nursing movements in that city. She did much in those early days to raise the standard of Private Nursing.

CARLSBAD—the renowned Spa in Bohemia—was thronged last summer with patients suffering from all kinds of liver and gouty complaints, who have reaped great benefit from taking the celebrated waters; but it is not sufficiently known that persons unable to visit the Spa can obtain the *natural* Carlsbad Sprüdel Salts or Waters at all Chemists, Stores, &c. To distinguish the *natural* salts from artificial imitations note the names on wrapper of "LOEBEL SCHOTLAENDER, CARLSBAD," and INGRAM & ROYLE, Ltd., Sole Agents, 52, Farringdon Street, E.C. 19, South John Street, Liverpool; 80, Redcliff Street, Bristol. Pamphlet on application.

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