

was not carried out. Plaintiff could not recover, and as to the counter-claim he held that the improper treatment to which Miss Seville was subjected, entitled defendant to the return of the £19 5s. 9d. already paid to Miss Canning, and he said that he felt it his duty to award Mr. Sivell £5 as damages against the plaintiff. He should also give defendant costs on the higher scale.

WE have been asked to state that the London Association of Nurses, 123, New Bond Street, is in no way connected with the Ings House Nursing Co-operation, of 81, New Bond Street. In some instances confusion has arisen between the two, and trouble and annoyance has been caused to the London Association in consequence. In professional circles it is well known that the standard attained by the nurses of 123, New Bond Street, W., is vastly different to that which obtains at Ings House, but the general public cannot so readily discriminate between them.

BUCKNELL v. BUCKNELL AND MARSHALL.

SOME interesting questions arise out of the divorce suit of Bucknell v. Bucknell and Marshall.

According to the opening statement and the evidence, the marriage took place on February 27th, 1882, at the Registry Office, Croydon. The petitioner and the respondent were both nurses at the Metropolitan Asylum, Caterham. The co-respondent, who was a friend of the superintendent of the asylum, used to attend the weekly dances given there during the winter months, and upon one or two occasions he had danced with Mrs. Bucknell. In June, 1894, the husband found in his wife's room a ring, and he asked her about it. At first she said she had bought it, and afterwards she asked him not to let her mother know anything about it. On November 7th following, she went out on the occasion of her half-holiday, stating she was going on a visit to her mother at East Grinstead, but she never returned.

Now, we should like to know if the male and female attendants, in asylums under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, are married, and given in marriage during their official connection with these institutions, with the knowledge of the authorities, or if the marriage was clandestine? Under either arrangement, it appears that the discipline must be peculiarly lax, and that these "dances and dominoes" so lately alluded to by Mr. McDougall, as the compensation of asylum attendants, for being compelled to work for fourteen hours a day, are hardly conducive to that high tone which it is most essential should be maintained in institutions for the remedial care of the helpless insane.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF YORK recently visited the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, to express his sympathy with the wounded and fever-stricken of the Benin expedition. After he had visited the wards Miss Isabella Smith and Miss Eva Mary Keogh, the nursing sisters who were on duty on the *Malacca*, were presented to His Royal Highness. They were dressed in the tropical uniform of white calico, which they wore throughout the expedition.

WE understand that a grand garden *fête* is to be held in the grounds of Chelsea Hospital on July 5th, in aid of the Homes for the Nurses of the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association. There will be an inspection of veterans, representative soldiers and sailors of battles during the Queen's reign. After the inspection, the veterans, together with the Chelsea pensioners, will have tea served in the Great Hall.

WE cull from some of the papers, recently read before the St. John's House Debating Society, on the Private Nursing question, the following suggestions:—

"Do as you would be done by" is an all-important axiom for private nurses to remember, not only as regards their patients, but more especially as regards their patients' relatives and friends. Merely mechanical training in the art of nursing, of whatever length, will not make a good private nurse. She must have quick comprehension and instinct as to the feelings of others, much sympathy, great tact, so that she may not rub people up the wrong way, and real self-forgetfulness. Some of the reasons which make persons hesitate to engage a nurse are stated to be—the necessarily high fees required, the difficulty of housing, feeding, and waiting on the nurse.

It was also stated that nurses are sometimes very unreasonable about their food. An instance was given of one who was engaged for night duty. The lady of the house gave orders that a portion of the late dinner should be kept hot for the nurse to have before going on duty. The following morning she found the nurse in the

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