

## Legal Matters.

### THE MONEY VALUE OF (?) UNTRAINED NURSING.

IN the Sunderland County Court, before his Honour Judge Meynell, Mary Kirkhouse sued Henry Hornsby, an assistant pawnbroker in Monkwearmouth, for £1 4s. The case for the plaintiff was that she agreed to nurse the defendant's wife, who was suffering from paralysis, for 5s. per week. The illness lasted seven weeks, and during that time the plaintiff received 11s. It was alleged, on behalf of the defendant, that Miss Kirkhouse attended Mrs. Hornsby as a friend, and the money received by her was not intended as a fee, but as a present. His Honour found for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed. It would be interesting to know if Miss Kirkhouse is a district, or daily, nurse, or, indeed, a trained nurse at all. We can hardly think this is possible, or she would hardly have been content to accept so very inadequate a fee for her services.

### A DISPUTED LEGACY.

THIS case was heard before Mr. Justice Kekewich, and was briefly as follows: The late Sir Francis Lycett, who died in 1880, bequeathed, after the death of Lady Lycett, a legacy of £500 to "King's Cross Hospital." The legacy was claimed by the Great Northern Hospital, King's College Hospital, the Small-Pox Hospital, Charing Cross Hospital, and King's Cross Hospital, Dundee.

After hearing the evidence, his lordship was of opinion that the Great Northern Hospital, which was formerly situated at King's Cross, and was often known by that name, had made out a satisfactory claim, and he decided, therefore, that the legacy should be paid to this institution, after the costs of the trustees and the Attorney General had been defrayed.

## Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of Miss Tedford, a nurse of the West Kent Hospital, Maidstone, which recently occurred at this Institution. Miss Tedford entered the hospital as a probationer more than eight years ago, and remained on its staff up to the time of her death. She gained the respect of all who knew her, being a most willing, conscientious, and thoroughly capable nurse. A funeral service was held in the hospital chapel, which was attended by the medical and hospital staff, as well as by old patients, after which the body was conveyed to Ireland for interment.

## Nursing Echoes.

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A LARGE number of persons recently accepted an invitation given by Mrs. Creighton to attend a meeting at Fulham Palace, in order to consider the question of the formation of a Women's Jubilee Memorial Fund, in aid of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association.

THE following letter from Miss Nightingale to Miss Curtis, the Superintendent of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, will be read, as all that Miss Nightingale says upon Nursing must ever be, with the greatest interest by nurses:—

"DEAR MISS CURTIS,—I have been in familiar touch with district nursing ever since its first establishment in Bloomsbury. I do indeed look upon it as one of the most hopeful of the agencies for raising the poor physically and morally, its province being not only nursing the patient but nursing the room, showing the family or the neighbours how to second the nurse; also, and eminently, how to nurse health as well as disease, and especially the health of infants and young children; a matter of national importance, for it includes feeding (above all feeding) them, clothing, and cleanliness; for if a child sets out in life with digestion weakened, feeble mind, and craving for stimulants, its prospect is poor indeed. It includes being a friend and helper, not a patron or almsgiver, to the poor family which receives her as a friend to mind and body. And I bid you God speed with all my heart and mind.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE."

AT Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses the news of the departure of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for Greece was received with feelings of the deepest interest and admiration, coupled with much anxiety for her safety. Her health was drunk by the nurses with much enthusiasm, in the following words, which they desired might be forwarded to her as an expression of their sincere sympathy in her undertaking:—"We drink to the health of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Honorary Secretary of this Home, wishing her God-speed in her difficult and dangerous undertaking, and with the earnest prayer that she may be preserved through all her difficulties, and brought safely back to England again."

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