

be boarded out. Mrs. Bullen wrote guaranteeing 5s. per week. No one in the locality knew that the mother had had the child, and they wished to still keep the matter concealed. That seemed to her sufficient reason for the payments going through her to Mrs. Wooton (the foster mother). When the child was brought to her later by Mrs. Wooton, she told her it had sores. She did not consider it her duty to look at them because Mrs. Wooton told her it had been under a doctor. Where the woman made a mistake was in taking the child to a chemist, and then describing the chemist as a doctor. People in that neighbourhood frequently called chemists "doctors."

THE VERDICT.

After further evidence had been given, the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes, and added a rider to the effect that Mrs. Wooton was to blame for not calling in a medical man earlier, and Sister Katherine for not carrying out her responsibility.

The coroner, addressing Sister Katherine, said he had to censure her for taking this child from her natural guardians, and concealing, or not revealing, the address of the foster mother. It was all very well for people to wish to hush up certain matters, but in her own interests she should have protected herself. When the child was brought to her she should have paid more attention to her; and by her own statement it was clear that she knew that at Plaistow people called chemists "doctors," and consulted them as such, which was quite illegal. Mrs. Wooton, he said, was also to blame, because she had the child treated by an unqualified man. He hoped this sort of thing would not occur again.

We do not doubt that Sister Katherine's intentions were of the kindest, but with the facts as elicited in the evidence before us, we do not think any other verdict was possible.

MIDWIFE CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At Bradford, on Monday, Jane Inglis, a midwife, was remanded on a charge of the wilful murder of Emma Anderton, the wife of a publican. The allegation is that the prisoner performed an illegal operation which resulted in the patient's death on Sunday last. The deceased made her dying depositions on Sunday.

A BOGUS NURSE.

A young woman named Catherine Gillespie was recently charged at Handsworth Police Court, Birmingham, with obtaining food and lodgings by false pretences, and stealing an umbrella. She was discharged in consequence of the evidence

being insufficient, but later in the day was re-arrested by the Birmingham City Police on a warrant charging her with stealing a skirt, under-dress, and other articles valued at seventeen guineas, from William Hardwick, 27, Great Western Arcade, and three ladies' costumes, property of T. and G. Williams, 63, Corporation Street. When arrested the accused was wearing a uniform of the colour usual in the Birmingham hospitals, when she called at Messrs. Williams, a brown uniform, and when she called at Mr. Hardwick's the uniform of St. Thomas' Hospital. The police consider the arrest a most important one, as they believe that in other towns the accused has induced tradesmen to send her goods on approval by the fact that she was wearing the uniform of a trained nurse. The prisoner who was brought up at the City Police Court before Alderman Johnson and Mr. G. B. Lloyd was remanded.

A Red Letter Day.

A DULL day, and the Editor, after the manner of editors in August, out of town, but for ever a memorable day to the NURSING RECORD, for the door of the Editorial Office opens to admit no less a person than Miss Hanna Kindbom, Professor of Nursing in the Medical Department of the University of Texas—the only Nursing Professor in the world, and a lady whose career is therefore watched with the keenest interest by all who are concerned in the advancement of the nursing profession. Miss Kindbom is in London for two days, and her desire being to see the hospitals first of all, and then St. Paul's, the Tower, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, the Crystal Palace, Madame Tussaud's, and as much more of interest, as can be fitted in, there is not much time to spare, but one feels that if she has made up her mind to go through with the programme, it will be done. It is easy to see that she is an enthusiast about her profession, there is no doubt that the hospitals "come first." I am also filled with admiration for her strong common sense, her energy, and capacity, and I have no doubt whatever, after seeing her, that the University of Texas did wisely in bestowing upon her the Chair of Clinical Nursing. What is the idea of the readers of the NURSING RECORD as to the personality of a Professor? Something between a fossilized don, and a blue-stocking in spectacles, probably. Imagine then a young and charming woman, whose honest straightforward eyes carry home to you the conviction of the sincerity of their owner, and as for thinking of fossils and spectacles, in the presence of anyone so brimming over with healthy life, why the idea

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