

sciatica, and neuralgia, by hot-air baths, massage, and discipline, etc."

The priestesses of this temple were mostly women who had been servants in the prisoner's employ, whom he had seduced and afterwards turned into "nurses," providing them with appropriate uniforms. All the money earned by them went to the ruffian in the dock. He never earned a shilling except by this odious traffic, while the woman Cheshire provided funds by millinery work.

Sophie Cheshire said she had lived with Davis as his wife for about three years, and supported him by book-keeping and millinery.

She left him on several occasions because he was living with servants in the same house. The ordinary fee to "patients" was half a guinea, but some of the women had received as much as £3 and £4.

When she remonstrated with Davis last Monday for bringing home another woman he savagely assaulted her, blacking one of her eyes and knocking out three of her teeth.

Constable Butler, who arrested the negro, said a large number of letters, all from women, were found on him. One of them, which was read out, referred to the flagellation, or "discipline," carried on at the house.

For the defence a flashily-dressed female, giving the name of Maud Edwards, said that the woman Cheshire was an habitual drunkard. In cross-examination the witness admitted having assisted at "discipline" and hot-air treatment with male clients when Davis was short of "nurses." She knew nothing about massage, but usually received a guinea.

Inspector Wale said he had often seen the woman Edwards dressed as a nurse in a showy white and pink dress, covered with lace and frills, at the first floor front window, evidently with the object of attracting gentlemen. Complaints had been made to the vestry and the police that the "Balneopathic Institution" was a house of ill-fame, and he believed it was.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Curtis Bennett said this was an exceedingly bad case. The negro had led the prosecutrix a life of misery, and it was perfectly clear that his so-called "massage" establishment was in reality a house of ill-fame.

Some of the letters found on the prisoner, and in his own handwriting, showed that he had enticed young girls to London, he promising to pay their fares and make them happy. A more horrible state of things one could not imagine. The prisoner had played the part of a scoundrel. Fortunately, an Act had, two days ago, come into force, which enabled him to deal with the prisoner as a rogue and a vagabond, which he was.

He sentenced him to six months' hard labour for the assault, and three months on the second charge, nine months in all. (Applause in court.)

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It is reported that a number of the Regular Army Nursing Sisters have memorialised Miss Norman, Lady Superintendent of Netley, as their senior officer, expressing a hope that she will draw the attention of the War Office to the fact that there is a very general feeling of dissatisfaction amongst them, owing to their having been excluded

from taking part in the nursing of the sick and wounded in the late campaign in the Soudan. This is the first Soudan Campaign in which the Army Sisters have not been deputed on duty, and we are in entire sympathy with those who feel aggrieved at exclusion. We hope that Miss Norman will see her way to bringing this expression of opinion upon the part of Sisters before the rightful authority.

SOME natural feeling of disapproval was expressed at one time by the Regular Army Sisters at the suggestion made that members of the Army Nursing Reserve, the majority of whom have had no experience of Nursing in Military Hospitals, should be preferred before them, and be deputed for active service, whilst the Regulars remained at home. Happily this matter has been satisfactorily arranged, and the Regular Sisters are to have their rightful precedence of the Reserve, and be deputed first for active service.

THE fact, therefore, that non-military nurses were selected for service on the Red Cross Hospital Ship *Mayflower*, and that our experienced Army Sisters have remained at home during the late campaign, has naturally caused a sense of dissatisfaction in their ranks which we consider very natural. If harmony is to be maintained, the Army Nursing Reserve, which forms part of the Regular Army Nursing Service, must be under the control of the War Office. The constitution of its present Committee is far from satisfactory, and we foretell further friction in the future.

THE Sirdar has received from the British Red Cross Society £300 for the benefit of the sick and wounded of the Egyptian Army, and £200 for the wounded Dervishes, who managed to crawl into Omdurman after the battle, and thus escaped the thrusts of the Soudanese troops deputed to murder them on the field.

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