

Legal Matters.

BEATTY v. CULLINGWORTH.

The plaintiff in this case, Miss Beatty, made an application. She said she wished to know whether she could have the case re-opened, and mentioned that she had applied at the Home Office, and they had stated that it was a question for the Law Courts. In reply to questions from the Bench, the applicant stated that the action was brought to recover damages for an operation performed on her by a medical man against her definite instructions, and was tried before Mr. Justice Hawkins in 1896, when there was a verdict for the defendant, because he said he had her consent. She had, however, evidence to show that he had not her consent. Since 1896 she had been trying to get the case re-opened, and clear her name.

Lord Russell said he did not think it was possible for the Court to do anything at all. The time had long since passed when it was possible.

Applicant said she applied to the Appeal Court. Then she went to the House of Lords, where she was told she must pay £200 down to have the case heard, and she had not the money.

Lord Russell—We cannot help you; the case cannot be reopened.

The Applicant—You refuse to grant me any justice at all in the matter?

Lord Russell—We cannot help you.

The Applicant—But the Home Secretary says that it is a case for the Courts, and if you refuse me any justice, you refuse me leave to clear my name.

Lord Russell—We certainly cannot help you.

The Applicant—You must punish me for taking the law into my own hands if you won't give me any justice.

Lord Russell—The Court has treated you with courtesy. I have told you we have no power to help you.

The Applicant—But you must; I am quite willing to abide legally—

Lord Russell (sternly)—Pray sit down.

Miss Beatty, still protesting, resumed her seat, and shortly afterwards left the Court.

A Characteristic Threat.

We draw the attention of our nurse readers to the characteristic threat made by Sir James Crichton-Browne, at the late General Council Meeting of Royal British Nurses' Association, suggesting that legal proceedings should be taken to compel those who have resigned to pay their subscriptions for the current year. We hope that neither Matrons nor nurses will be intimidated by this threat, nor be induced to contribute the fraction of a farthing in support of a Corporation governed by such cowardly methods.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Queen will visit Netley Hospital on her return from Scotland to see the sick and wounded from the Khartoum expedition. The formalities will be the same as those observed on the visit some time ago to the disabled from the Indian frontier.

THE sympathy shown by Her Majesty on all occasions to those who have suffered for their "Queen and Country" is extreme. There is no doubt whatever that she is desirous and anxious that the soldiers should have every attention and comfort. We cannot believe therefore that it is by the Queen's desire that the sick in the Soudan were deprived of the care of the Army Nursing Sisters.

HER EXCELLENCY LADY ABERDEEN has recently received a letter from Col. T. D. B. Evans, commander of the Yukon force, bearing on the work of the Victorian Nurses in the Klondyke. In the course of a lengthy and interesting epistle, the writer, who dates his letter from Fort Selkirk, Sept. 1st, says: "On returning here, I was greeted with the dismal information that the Anglican, en route to Teslin lake to bring down the remainder of my force, had been wrecked on the Hootalingqua, whose waters are now too low to permit of steam-boat navigation. The force, including Nurses Hanna and Payson and Miss Fenton, will thus be compelled to travel 400 miles in scows."

"I SAW Miss Powell at Dawson. She decided to remain there as soon as she visited the place and found how great was the need. She would have liked to have Nurse Scott with her, but the latter could not be spared from Fort Selkirk at present. I hope the other nurses may arrive before long."

"Miss Powell is in full charge of the Good Samaritan hospital (Presbyterian), and is worked off her feet. This hospital, although not yet completed, is over-filled with patients—nearly all typhoid cases. The hospital consists of two long buildings, about 26 feet long by 50 feet—one storey—and is built on a bog, ill-drained, and difficult to drain. She herself lives in a small tent, and as it freezes now every night, it is poor quarters for her after her day of severe and trying work."

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