

on the table during the change of position of the patient.

Medical evidence was called substantiating this view.

THE VERDICT.

The jury found a verdict for the plaintiffs. In answer to the questions left to them by the judge they found:—

1. That the injury to the female plaintiff was caused by negligence on the part of the nurses.
2. That the Association undertook to nurse her, through the agency of the two nurses as their servants.

They assessed the damages at £300.

STAY OF EXECUTION REFUSED.

The Judge refused a stay of execution. His lordship said he entirely agreed with the jury on the facts they had found. The facts were strong. The defendants by their rules reserved the power to withdraw a nurse at any moment. Moreover, they took the whole of the money received for nursing, put it down to their account, and paid it out to the nurses as "wages." He could not grant a stay in this case. The plaintiffs were people in good position, and would be in no danger if they wished to carry the case further.

"WENT INTO A HOSPITAL TO NURSE."

The details divulged in the course of the action brought by Mrs. Constance Walda Wallis, *alias* Winter, of Thurloe Place, Kensington, against Major H. F. Woodgate, for libel contained in a novel, have been given wide publicity in the Press, and need not be entered into here. The salient point to us is that the officer and the lady lived together in Museum Chambers, Bloomsbury, and also in Shaftesbury Avenue, and that "their intimacy terminated when he went to Egypt," and that the plaintiff, in her evidence, stated that "after the separation from defendant she went into a hospital to nurse." It would be interesting to know the name of the institution which afforded facilities to Mrs. Wallis to obtain nursing experience, and how long she stayed there. Presumably, as we have at present no legal system of registration, Mrs. Wallis can now describe herself as a "trained nurse." It is surprising she did not adopt the usual device of appearing in court in nursing uniform.

A MALE NURSE IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD.

Yet another plea for Registration. Walter William Austin, described as a male nurse, was recently sentenced at Clerkenwell Sessions to nine months' imprisonment for attempting to obtain £5,000 worth of jewellery from a Bond Street firm by means of a worthless cheque.

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It is to be hoped that the Special General Meeting of members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses to be held on the 28th inst., at 20, Hanover Square, at 2.30 p.m., will be largely attended. The business to be considered is of the very utmost importance to the whole profession, *i.e.*, the consideration of the Draft Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses, and it should receive the personal interest of every member who can possibly be present.

May we beg hospital Matrons and others to be kind enough to re-address and forward any notices of the meeting which may be delivered for nurses who may have left the institution, and who have not communicated with the Secretary their change of address. This will be a great help, especially if the present address can also be communicated to the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

Great credit is due to Miss Gibson, the Matron of the Birmingham Infirmary, for the energetic manner in which she has opposed the suggestion of the Departmental Committee of the Local Government Board to create a new order of untrained "qualified" nurses, and so much public interest and sympathy has she aroused in the question that we are sure this "bogey" nurse will never be permitted to come into existence.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Council of Women, held at Cheltenham, Miss Gibson, on behalf of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association, proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Miss Wilson and carried unanimously:—

"That this Council desires—

- "(a) To emphasise the need of women inspectors for country workhouses; and
- "(b) To emphasise their disapproval of the Departmental Committee's proposal to create a class under the title of 'qualified nurses.'"

Miss Gibson spoke eloquently on the disastrous effects which must result should this inefficiently-trained class of nurse be certified as qualified by

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