

It appears that the murdered woman, who had been a pupil for a few weeks at the City Road Lying-in Hospital, and was possessed of some means of her own, had been engaged as a maternity nurse at Yatley Home, Hampshire. She met Crossman through the medium of a matrimonial agency.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Owen, had a letter from her announcing her impending marriage on January 13th. Growing anxious, she wrote in August to the Matron of the hospital for information, but the Matron knew nothing of her since she left several months previously "on account of ill-health," giving 43, Ladysmith Road as her new address.

The nursing profession cannot, apparently, be kept out of such a horror as this, even if it is represented by a woman who has made but a week or two's stay in a lying-in hospital.

Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the Board Room, Suffolk Street, S.W., on Thursday, March 24th, Dr. F. H. Champneys in the chair, when the following business was transacted:—

1. On consideration of applications for approval of certificate as a qualification under Section 2 of the Act, the certificate of the following institution was approved:—National Maternity Hospital, Dublin.

2. The following institutions were approved for the training of midwives under Section C of the Rules, subject to an undertaking to comply with the requirements of Section E of the Rules:—Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Brownlow Hill Workhouse Hospital, Liverpool, Essex County Cottage Nursing Society, Gloucester District Nursing Society, Hull Lying-in Charity, Ipswich Nurses' Home.

3. The following registered medical practitioners were approved as teachers under Section C1 (3) of the Rules:—

A. B. Batley, M.R.C.S.; A. B. Calder, M.R.C.S.; John Gutch, M.D.; E. S. Hoare, M.R.C.S.; Wilfrid Kingdon, M.B.; E. J. Maclean, M.D.; Thomas Pinley, M.B.; Penrose L. W. Williams, M.R.C.S.

4. The following certified midwives were approved under Section C1 (2), for the purpose of signing certificates of attendance (Forms III. and IV.):—

Eleanor Heatley, E. S. Sibery, E. S. Tate, Bessie M. Worrall.

5. After consideration of applications for certificates, the names of 849 women were passed under Section 2 of the Act, and ordered for entry on the Roll. The following list shows the separate numbers of the various qualifications at present entered on the Roll:—Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 1; Obstetrical Society of London, 953; Rotunda Hospital, 43; Coombe Hospital, 12; Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 52; Liverpool Lying-in Hospital, 15; British Lying-in Hospital, 2; Glasgow Maternity Hospital, 32; St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, 53; City of London Lying-in Hospital, 6; Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, 5; Salvation Army Maternity Hospital, 3; women in *bona-fide* practice, July, 1901, 2,238; total enrolled, 3,415.

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In making the announcement that two English ladies have started for the Far East in order to study Japanese methods of nursing the sick and wounded, the *Pall Mall Gazette* makes two somewhat surprising statements: (1) that these ladies, who are going with the object of studying and reporting on nursing methods in Japan, and have the patronage of Queen Alexandra, are untrained as nurses; and (2) that Her Majesty, who had an interview with the ladies before they started, suggested that they should, as a means of protection, wear nursing uniform.

We are incredulous as to both these statements, and think that they should not be allowed to pass without comment. In the first place, it is impossible to conceive that the Queen has so slight an acquaintance with what is involved in trained nursing as to send two women with no knowledge of the subject with which they were dealing to report upon it, and (2) we believe Her Majesty has more regard for the uniform of an honourable calling than to advise persons who have no right to it to masquerade in it for any purpose whatever.

Presumably, the ladies referred to are Miss Ethel McCaul, R.R.C., and Miss Elaine St. Aubyn. Miss McCaul is Superintendent of a Nursing Home in Welbeck Street, and, therefore, presumably has had some training as a nurse. Of the experience of the other lady we are unable to speak. We sympathise with our contemporary inasmuch as there is no Register of Trained Nurses, and, therefore, no reliable means of ascertaining whether any given person is trained as a nurse or not. Every day brings additional evidence of the need for the publication of such a Register under State authority.

An interesting addition to nursing journals in this country, on the lines of the *League* journals with which we have now become familiar, will shortly make its appearance. It will circulate primarily among the members of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and will contain news connected with this important branch of nursing work. It is to be edited by Lady Hermione Blackwood, who is herself working in connection with the Q.V.J.I., and will be published

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