

coffee planter, was removed to a home at Mill Hill, Hendon, but sending her nurse for a hot-water bottle she made her escape from the drawing-room window. A labourer found her mutilated body on the Great Northern Railway branch line between Finchley and Edgware, and at the inquest the Coroner said that the poor woman wrote several letters before escaping from the home, in one of which she stated, "It is all my head; my poor head. Sleep is what I need so much." Surely cases of this kind should be more carefully watched.

The *Times* has adopted a very sensible plan concerning advertisements. Under the heading of "Nursing," the following notice appears:—"Advertisements under this heading are only accepted on recent certificate of a physician or surgeon, and after reference to the proprietors of the buildings in which the business is carried on."

In May, 1901, a meeting for nurses was held by Miss Eden's kind invitation at The Grange, Kingston, Taunton, when there was an address given by Dr. Herringham on Tuberculosis. Since that date there have been small gatherings for nurses held throughout the county of Somerset. There are already five centres, each with a lady, who kindly acts as organiser. She arranges for meetings two or three times during the year; sends notices of the meetings to all the nurses in her centre, and gets some doctor or nurse to give an address on a subject connected with nursing. The nurses appreciate these gatherings, and it affords the isolated district and union nurse an opportunity of meeting others who are more to the front in nursing matters. These meetings are, in fact, a small attempt to give to all classes of nurses of whatever standing some post-graduate lectures. On Saturday, January 28th, the first meeting in a new centre was held at Mrs. Robert Bath's, at Glastonbury, when Miss Bristow, late Sister Martha of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, gave an inspiring address on "The Ethics of Nursing."

It is reported that a strike in a lunatic asylum is imminent at Ryhope, near Sunderland, owing to friction between the committee and the nurses. For some time the night nurses have gone off duty at six in the morning, but the day nurses have not always been ready to take their places punctually, with the result that the patients have been left unattended for as long as a quarter of an hour. The Committee have accordingly resolved that nurses who are late shall be fined 6d. per minute, and twenty-six nurses have signed a declaration that if the notice is not withdrawn, and if they are not allowed a full Sunday off every three weeks, they will resign on Saturday.

Now realise the danger to those nurses if their names appeared on a Register entirely controlled

by employers—on which the nurses had no direct representation at all—such as that proposed under the drastic constitution of "The Incorporated Society for the Higher Education and Training of Nurses." Their personal liberty and professional status would not be worth an hour's purchase, to judge from our experience from the now historic Barlow case, an innocent nurse who was threatened and attacked by the absolute Hon. officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association during the term of power of the anti-registrationists, and who was exonerated at once in a court of law, from which she had the courage to demand protection.

Some amusing evidence was given in the Law Courts on Monday over the "Lovely Woman" case, in which the writer of that reprehensible book, hoist with his own petard, sought damages from the writer of "Lovely Man."

Mr. Powell, K.C., in opening the case, said it was no new thing to criticise women—it had been done continually in history and biography. Even Jezebel had been satirised. Even with a monster like Nero there was a woman who watched him, in Messaline. Then there was Catherine of Russia, Catherine Wilson——

"And Lucretia Borgia," added the judge. "By the way, who was Catherine Wilson?"

"A famous nurse, my lord, who got her patients to make wills in her favour, and then poisoned them!"

Most important matter for discussion at the meeting of the Sanitary Committee of the Monmouthshire County Council, recently held at Newport, was the question of appointing a medical practitioner to act as executive officer under the Midwives' Act, 1902. There was a long discussion as to whether a medical man or medical woman should be appointed, but it was ultimately decided to appoint a medical woman at a salary of £60 per annum. The appointment will be made at a succeeding meeting of the committee.

The annual meeting of the governing body of the Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses was held recently, Miss M'Donnell in the chair. The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which were examined and passed. The hon. secretary read the annual report, showing that the usual number of lectures and demonstrations had been given, at which there were 976 attendances. The gold medal for superior answering was gained by Nurse Anna Kelly, of the Richmond Hospital, the silver medals by Nurse Sarah M'Elroy, of the Richmond Hospital, and Nurse Alice Casserley, of Sir Patrick Dun's, these nurses gaining equal marks. The gold medal for 1903 was gained by Nurse Margaret Walsh, of the Richmond Hospital,

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