

The position of mental nurses in this country is this. If they wish to take part in the next International Conference, they must qualify themselves by forming a League of Mental Nurses, which can be affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, which forms part of the International Council. They will then have a right to take part in its deliberations.

We have no doubt that a Mental Nurses' League, if in harmony with their constitutions, would be welcomed into the National and International Councils of Nurses. But they must do their own spade work.

### Our Black List.

#### THE NURSE-THIEF.

Recently, at the Exeter Police Court, Ada Louisa Weightman, nurse, of 21, Dix's Field, Exeter, was charged with stealing from a bedroom at the above address, a lady's gold ring, value £1, the property of Elsie May Tett.

Prosecutrix stated that she was employed by defendant, who kept a Nurses' Home. The ring was missed from a drawer, she having placed it there the previous day. When she told defendant about the missing ring, Weightman asked her not to tell anyone that she had lost it, and further remarked that the charwoman might have taken it. When the police communicated with witness, defendant said someone picked up the ring outside the door, and gave it to her to pawn. At the same time she offered her a pawn ticket with six shillings and three pence.

George Taylor, employed at Messrs. Linscott's, stated that defendant pawned the ring, saying: "Lend me what you can." He advanced six shillings. Defendant had pledged other goods in the name of "Jones," and had been a good customer of the firm's for some time.

Defendant, on being sworn, said some lodgers stayed longer than she anticipated, and she wanted money to get food. She had no intention of pawning the ring until she entered the shop. She intended to take the ring out of pawn when the lodgers paid their bill.

Mr. Alford, who appeared for defendant, said his client had a very good character, and had acted as nurse at many houses in the city. She was the daughter of a person who held a very high municipal position in the north.

The Bench imposed a fine of £5 inclusive, or one month's imprisonment.

The money was paid, and the ring returned to the prosecutrix.

As State Registration is not in force, there is nothing to prevent Ada Louisa Weightman remaining an active member of the nursing profession, exploiting defenceless sick people and her fellow nurses, and falsely accusing innocent servants of her thefts, thus bringing disgrace and distrust on nurses as a class.

We want every honourable nurse to feel keenly the injustice of this position, and to help to impress it upon the Government.

### New Preparations, &c.

#### EMOL-KELEET.

The Keltie Products Company have produced several very valuable preparations for the skin, to which we have given a careful trial. The best of these, in our opinion, are the Emol-Keleet "Perfecta" Soap, and the Emol-Keleet Dusting Powder. The former is a super-fatted soap, which is free from any excess of alkali, and it has been found useful even for skins which are so sensitive that the ordinary soaps caused more or less irritation. It has proved specially useful, in our experience, for nurses suffering from chapped hands, which have proved rebellious to ordinary treatment. The Dusting Powder is particularly useful for the skin of infants or adults suffering from erythema or even eczema due to the chafing of opposed surfaces. In several cases of chronic eczema under the mammæ, Emol-Keleet seemed to answer like a charm, curing at once the discharge, and removing the redness and the extreme irritation from which the patient suffered. We can cordially recommend both these preparations to the notice of trained nurses.

#### LYSOL.

This is undoubtedly one of the most valuable antiseptics which have been prepared in recent years. It was introduced some sixteen years ago in Germany, and is now almost universally used. Very few hospitals in this country at the present time are without Lysol amongst their recognised disinfectants. It is a clear brown liquid which mixes with water in all proportions and at all temperatures, making a clear solution which is soapy to the touch and froths upon shaking. If the water is at all hard, the solution becomes somewhat cloudy. There is no free alkali in it, and it contains about fifty per cent. of free cresols. Extensive experiments have proved that a one per cent. solution of Lysol is as powerful a disinfectant as a three per cent. solution of carbolic acid, and as a general rule a solution of 1 in 100 is strong enough to thoroughly cleanse the skin. We are informed by one well-known abdominal surgeon that for some years past he has used nothing but Lysol to disinfect his hands before operating, and his results are known to be so excellent that Lysol could scarcely possess a more practical recommendation. Experiments also have shown that Lysol is only one-eighth as poisonous as carbolic acid, and a boy who drank about an ounce of pure Lysol, and who received no treatment until about two hours later, showed no serious ill effects.

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