

from the hospital, who may require a little rest and fresh air to enable them to resume their work. The garden is a very large one, and is well stocked with fruit and vegetables; it supplies the Home and is also able to send some of its products to the hospital. The Committee have made a wise rule, which provides that no child can be admitted into the Convalescent Home until it has been at least ten days in the hospital. By this means they prevent the possibility of infectious diseases breaking out in the Home.

It would be difficult to find a happier set of little people, or nurses more devoted to their charges, than one sees at Gullane. Space will not permit me to write about the pets of the place: baby Philip, whose mother is dead and whose father will not take any "responsibility," or of "Wee Willie Winkie," who always condescends to sing to visitors, especially to the doctor or Matron, who are very popular with him and all the other little ones.

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## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W., which was founded in 1842 by Dr. Protheroe Smith, for the treatment of diseases of women, and which has carried on that good work in the hospital buildings at its disposal for the past 60 years, is now in process of rebuilding. The new hospital, which will contain 67 beds, as against 60 in the old building, will be a thoroughly up-to-date institution fitted with the latest appliances of medical science. The entire work will cost about £18,000, of which £12,000 has already been received. About £6,000 is now required to complete the work, of which King Edward's Hospital Fund has promised £3,000 on condition that the remaining £3,000 is raised by March, 1910. To attain this end a large bazaar and entertainment is to be held early in the New Year. Mr. Alfred Hayward, the energetic Secretary, will give all information, and be specially pleased to acknowledge contributions to the rebuilding fund.

The chauffeur whose car recently ran over and killed the English nurse, Miss Kate Mundy, at Mont Byron, Nice, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined 600 francs.

## Nurse Bellamy's Defence Fund.

A sum of £57 has now been subscribed largely by nurses for Nurse Bellamy's Defence Fund. The fact that to obtain justice for this poor nurse the large amount of £79 was expended proves the danger to which every woman entering our disorganised profession is liable. A just registration law can alone protect us, and it should be the aim of every trained nurse to further such legislation.

## Legal Matters.

### ALTERNATIVE OCCUPATIONS.

Jane White, of 91, Highgate Hill, Highgate, who appeared in the dock in nurse's uniform, was charged at East Ham last week with acting as a pedlar without a licence. She was observed going from house to house selling desiccated soup, and when questioned by the police as to her pedlar's certificate said she left it at home. Enquiries proved that in the afternoon she applied for a certificate at Islington. In reply to the magistrate the defendant said she was a certificated nurse, and did this while waiting for cases. No evidence in support of the statement that the defendant was a certificated nurse was offered. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

### CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

At Tottenham Police Court, on December 3rd, Mrs. Jessie Byers—who has also been committed by the Highgate Bench, and on the Coroner's warrant for the manslaughter of an infant, Reggie Turnbull—appeared to answer to summonses, two for failing to notify the public authority within 48 hours of her adoption of nurse children, one for failing to notify the removal of a nurse child. The accused was committed for trial. Although Mrs. Byers has been widely described in the press as a nurse, there is no evidence that she has received any training as such.

### CHARGE OF ILL-TREATMENT.

At Penge Police Court, Mrs. Janet Wallis, of Kosenegath, South Hill Park, Croydon, Director of the Haven for Homeless Little Ones, with a registered address at Railway Approach, London Bridge, and Miss C. Hames, Secretary of the Haven, were charged with ill-treating, neglecting, and exposing a child born in the home at Croydon, conducted in connection with the Haven. The foster mother to whom this child was handed over received 2s. 6d. to pay for the doctor and her railway expenses. On the advice of Dr. Irvine, of Walthamstow, she took the child back to the Haven. Nurse Frances Lowe said the Haven had 70 children with foster mothers, paid for by the Home, and 70 boarded out with foster mothers and paid for by their mothers. She thought the children under Mrs. Wallis' jurisdiction were properly cared for. The summonses were adjourned.

### CHARGE OF CRUELTY.

At the London Sessions, before Mr. Loveland, K.C., two women, Bertha Sullivant (48), and Frances Rose Studd, were charged with abandoning two young girls in a small flat described as a "Home for Orphan Friendless Girls," at Barcombe Avenue, Streatham. Sullivant, who appeared in the dock in nurse's uniform, described herself as Matron of the Home. Evidence having been offered by Inspector Thorne, of the N.S.P.C.O., and Mr. Alfred Herrick, Salvation Army Inquiry Officer, in support of the charge, the defendants were found guilty. Sullivant was sentenced to six months, and Studd to three, in the second division.

The uniform of the trained nurse covers a multitude of sins, and is commonly selected by criminals as the most appropriate costume in which to answer charges varying from murder to theft and cruelty.

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