

series of years, to intimidate, whilst exploiting the nursing profession, we cannot expect him to enjoy the truth. Let it be a lesson to men of his type. Englishwomen to day are not to be browbeaten by insult from those they despise—nor to be deluded into accepting patronage from those who use their profession as a commercial asset. Let hospital governors of his kind be satisfied that they owe the chief part of their incomes to profits on nursing and hospital newspapers, without expecting the modern woman to accept as philanthropy their financial exploitation.

Miss Gretta Lyons writes from Melbourne: "I am sorry you were unable to have trained nursing recognised as a qualification for the Lyceum Club in London, but after all it is not to be wondered at, when we realise that nursing matters and standards are in such a chaotic state in England, and as far as I can see will remain so until State Registration gives the legal standing to nurses that is theirs by right. . . . I observe the London Hospital authorities are strongly opposing the Nurses' Bill. What a pity the Managers do not attend to the abuses within their own building. I feel indignant every time I think of the sweating of nurses that goes on at that Hospital—one wonders how the nurses can be gulled into trusting a judgment which opposes such a far reaching question as their registration. When visiting the "London," I was informed by Miss Lückes, the Matron, that they did not train for us, but we had to refuse registration to one of their trainees recently, as she had only a two years' certificate of training and two years service, and our regulation provides that a nurse must have three years' training. Cannot girls be made to realise how disadvantageous it is to train in a school which undermines the universal three years' standard of training? . . . I feel sad when I think of the misery the women of England are going through. The women out here who loudly condemn militant methods, little realise the provocation, which has produced these heroic acts of self sacrifice, and may the future women of England be worthy of what has been done and endured upon their behalf."

In reply to Lady Helen Munro Ferguson's letter in the *Spectator* commenting on the commercial element in the nursing department at the London Hospital, Mr. Sydney Holland demonstrates how passing rich the private nurses are on £35 a year! He however omits to inform the public by how many thousand pounds a year the hospital benefits through participating in their earnings.

LEGAL MATTERS.

"NURSE BETTY."

At Marlborough Street Police Court on Saturday last Detective Inspector Curry and Detective Sergeant Burmby, of the White Slave Traffic Suppression Branch, and Detective Sergeants Leach and Henry, of Vine Street, were concerned in a case in which Mme. Queenie Gerald, a fashionably dressed woman, occupying a flat at 1, Abingdon House, over the Piccadilly Tube, was charged with living on the immoral earnings of young girls.

The interest of the unsavoury story unfolded, for trained nurses, lies in the fact that when the police raided the premises on Saturday evening the door was opened by a woman dressed as a nurse, known as "Nurse Betty," though that was not her proper name. She described herself as a mental nurse. The officers saw the defendant and two girls in the flat, and took possession of a considerable amount of documentary evidence.

When conveyed to the police station, the defendant had over £200 in her hand-bag, and a quantity of valuable jewellery. A large number of wine and spirit bottles were found, and 200 lilies-of-the-valley were placed about a room.

Mr. Muskett, who opened the case, read two of the letters found, one of which offered £5 for the procuracion of a girl.

One of the girls also gave evidence.

The case was adjourned to Thursday, June 19th, bail being refused.

NURSE CHARGED WITH ROBBING AN M.P.

Mary Evelyn Dashwood, of Lingfield, was, on June 7th, remanded by the Eastbourne magistrates on a charge of stealing £10 belonging to Captain Pretymann Newman, M.P., to whose aunt she acted as nurse. It is stated that the prisoner when arrested was under the influence of drink. On Friday, June 13th, the prisoner was brought up on remand, when a detective gave evidence that 100 empty gin bottles were found in her bedroom.

Captain Newman stated that he employed the accused to nurse his aunt. She had to submit an account of the money expended on household expenses, and he then sent her cheques for the amount. On June 2nd he went down to Eastbourne, and discharged the nurse forthwith. He asked for an account of the money which had been remitted, and she produced a book, but on enquiry he found the accounts had not been paid. He did not press the charge. It was further stated that the nurse had been taking veronal.

She was bound over for two years on condition that she abstained from drink.

The moment seems opportune for securing the interest of members of Parliament in the Nurses' Registration Bill.

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