

. . . The order which is now proposed practically reproduces, as regards the aged, the cruel sternness, the enforced separation of husband and wife, and the indiscriminate herding together of sane and feeble-minded, dissolute and respectable, disorderly and well-conducted, of the General Consolidated Order of 1847."

We are pleased to hear that the very successful bazaar recently held in support of the Royal Infirmary, Perth, brought in even more than we were previously informed. The magnificent sum of £3,600 was cleared, after paying all expenses, amounting to about £250. We do not wonder those who worked so hard in the good cause are well satisfied with the results.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

### AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

An important decision was given in the Nottingham County Court on Saturday, when Miss Emily Martha Bainbridge, a certificated nurse of Watkin Street, sued Dr. Joseph Wilkie Scott, of Regent Street, Hon. Secretary of the District Nursing Association, for compensation for injuries received in a street accident. Both sides were represented by counsel, Mr. Knocker appearing for the applicant, and Dr. Lindley for the defendant.

Mr. Knocker explained that there was an assurance company behind the whole matter. The facts were very little in dispute, the question at issue being a point of law. The plaintiff was engaged at a salary by the Association to attend the poor. She was continuously on duty night and day, and was knocked down and injured while visiting a patient. Mr. Knocker cited cases which had been decided to prove that when a man's duty took him specially into the street—as in the case of a canvasser—and he was killed in the public street, he was on duty.

The plaintiff corroborated counsel's statement and said she left her home on May 10th to visit a cancer patient, and was knocked down by a cyclist. She was never off duty, and if called for during the night had to go. She was at present unable to do her work.

Dr. Lindley, for the defence, said the point in dispute was whether the accident arose out of, and in the course of, the nurse's employment. If the argument for the plaintiff were correct the nurse would be in the employment of the Association every moment of her life. He claimed that the nurse's work did not begin until she reached the premises where the work had to be performed.

Judge Allen held that the plaintiff was on duty when she left her house, and that her duty was not limited to time. He gave judgment for 15s. a week from the day of the accident.

How would this judgment affect a private nurse who met with an accident while doing a commission for her patient?

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### WOMEN.

The outburst of public feeling following the refusal of the immigration board at New York to allow Mrs. Pankhurst to land, has been so intense that President Wilson has wisely reversed the obtuse action of the immigration officials, and Mrs. Pankhurst has landed amid the cheers and good wishes of many spectators.

The White House at Washington was bombarded with telegrams of protest from indignant American women, who realized the derision the action of their Government would cause if the descendants of the men who tossed the tea into Boston Harbour, because they refused to be taxed without representation, declined to admit a woman, fighting in the cause of freedom, because of her political actions. Mrs. Pankhurst could have had no better advertisement than that provided by the immigration officials.

Miss M. F. Billington, who has made for herself such a brilliant reputation as a journalist on the *Daily Telegraph*, has been elected President for the coming year of the Society of Women Journalists. The Society could not have selected a more representative woman to fill this honourable position, as her first class work is known throughout the journalistic world and duly appreciated by colleagues of both sexes. The Women Journalists hold their Dinner on the 25th inst at the Connaught Rooms, W.C., when the retiring and most popular President, Mrs. Baillie Reynolds, will be in the chair.

Mrs. Waldemar-Leverton, one of the most popular members of the S. W. J., who has recently given so many successful Matinées at the Court Theatre, has now booked the London Pavilion for a series of Matinées during the Winter Season, the first of which takes place on Thursday, the 6th of November, at 3 p.m., when the "Leverton Players" will appear in a programme of attractive items.

Miss M. B. Buchanan, the President of the Association of Women Pharmacists, speaking at its Annual Meeting, said, that at the present time there was a very great demand for women, as for men, as dispensers in chemists' shops, and otherwise under the new Insurance Act, and the secretary had asked her strongly to advise qualified women to obtain business training with the greatest possible speed.

At a recent meeting of the Votes for Women Fellowship, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence asked if those who eschewed militant methods could stop forcible feeding. She exhorted all, to whatever party they belonged, not to rest day or night until they had driven that revival of legal torture back to the hell from which it came.

The Bishop of Kensington said whatever might be said about methods was nothing to do with the inherent righteousness of the cause. He

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