

the Board in what capacity she was employed. Miss Telfer said she was her servant. She regretted she had been in her employ so long.

Questioned by Mr. Bertram as to how she first became acquainted with Mrs. Gerald, she said she was introduced by a mutual friend. She had been three years with Mrs. Gerald. People in high positions called on her in the ordinary way.

Asked what first aroused her suspicion, she said that she did not like the girls coming about the place, but Mrs. Gerald employed her, not she Mrs. Gerald. Asked if she had no suspicion as to the kind of house she was living in, she said she had given notice, but stayed on indefinitely as a weekly servant, as Mrs. Gerald was getting an old servant. Her employer was kind and generous to her. She received £1 a week. Asked by Mrs. Bertram if that did not arouse her suspicion, she replied that she lived out. She had her tea at the flat, otherwise she went in and out. She stayed till ten o'clock at night, or later, and went about ten in the morning. The landlord employed a kitchen staff. She opened the door, cleaned the house, and waited at table.

Asked by the Chairman why she wore uniform, she denied that she always did so. She wore a washing dress, apron, and cap. Questioned by the Chairman as to why she wore uniform on any occasion, she said Mrs. Gerald preferred it. She admitted that she was known as Nurse Betty.

Questioned by Mr. Parker Young, she said that sometimes she stayed as late as twelve o'clock. In regard to the class of visitors she said they were all sorts. There was one bedroom, Mrs. Gerald slept there. Questioned as to whether she saw what went on in the bedroom, she replied that she sat in the bathroom.

FRIGHTENED BY THE POLICE.

Asked whether the police frightened her when they raided the flat, she replied in the affirmative. When Inspector Curry came she showed him into the dining-room. He went towards the bathroom, and she said, "You can't go in there." He replied, "I can." He also said he would take care of the flat, and took two girls and Mrs. Gerald away, leaving two police officers there. On his return he said, "How much have you got out of this woman?" They replied "Nothing." He then said, "What have you been about," and asked her, "Are you a nurse?" She replied, "Yes." He inquired what certificates she had, and she said she was a certified midwife.

Asked by Mr. Bertram if she remembered going with a girl (name mentioned) to a doctor, she replied "Yes." Mr. Bertram said he put it to her whether Queenie Gerald did not ask her to take the girl as her assistant. She replied that she took her by Mrs. Gerald's wish to a doctor in Brixton to see if she were pregnant. The doctor said it was too early to say, but the girl told him that, when she was a good girl, she had had a bad chill and her periods had stopped before, and the doctor gave her some medicine. Questioned, she said she went to the doctor in nursing uniform.

She again stated that she was nurse to Mrs. Gerald as well as servant.

Asked what difference it would make to her if she lost her certificate as she stated she had not practised midwifery for years, she said that she had not practised as a midwife since 1902, when she practised in Tottenham.*

CAN EARN HER LIVING AS A MENTAL NURSE.

On re-examination Miss Telfer said that if she were deprived of her certificate she could earn her living as a mental nurse, but if the case of Queenie Gerald were in the papers again it would injure her prospects. "Deprive me of my certificate if you like, but don't make it public. If this appears in the Press what am I to do?" She appealed to the Board to keep the case out of the Press. The public did not like scandals, or people whose names were mixed up with them however innocently.

Mr. Parker Young reminded her that six representatives of the Press were sitting behind her.

Miss Telfer then said she appealed to the representatives of the Press, and turning to them begged them not to mention the case.

Asked by Miss Paget what her qualifications were for acting as a mental nurse, she replied that she had the certificate of the Royal District Asylum, Melrose.

The Board having deliberated, announced that Elizabeth Anne Telfer would be struck off the Roll and her certificate cancelled.

No one listening to the evidence could doubt that the decision was a just one. It was no ignorant dupe before the Board, but an alert, clever woman, quick to pick up and urge any point in her own favour, with sufficient aplomb to address both the Board and the Press fluently, and from her point of view effectively.

ANOTHER BABIES' WELCOME.

Schools for mothers are cropping up, happily, all over the country, and another is being added to the metropolitan number this week, in the North Islington district. One satisfactory thing about it is that it is to be started on the right lines, and a trained expert has been appointed as Superintendent. Nurse Smythe has worked for some time as Assistant Superintendent at the St. Pancras School for Mothers, and brings a long experience of maternity work, as well as tact and kindness to her new duties. Dr. Alice Vance Knox has kindly consented to give her services, and will hold infant consultations every Friday afternoon; and Dr. Janet Campbell, among others, is keenly interested. A temporary hon. secretary has been appointed, and the hon. treasurer is Mrs. W. B. Keen, Mayfield, West Hill, Highgate.

* The Midwives Roll shows that Miss Telfer only obtained her L.O.S. certificate in 1904.

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