

suffering from or threatened with slight tuberculosis. The hygienic living conditions are such as could only be obtained in an establishment built for the purpose. There are four of these buildings grouped near to one another, and they overlook the East River, hence the name. The management is in the hands of a board of trustees. The scheme is philanthropic and non-commercial. The income received over and above the outgoing expenses is used in the interests of the public in combating the disease. All the staircases are exterior, which makes each apartment—or, as we should say, flat—a unit. The maximum of sun and air is the principle upon which they are built. Glass louvres protect the open staircase from rain and snow.

Electric lighting, heating by a modern hot-water plant and hot-water for domestic purposes are all included in the moderate rent. The roof is built for and serves many purposes. The entire roof space is given up to gardens, play-grounds—covered and uncovered—school rooms and loggias, which are free to all. The architect is to be congratulated for having so well succeeded in providing for the health, comfort and pleasure of the most fortunate tenants. Mrs. Vanderbilt's excellent example might well be followed by many other millionaires in many lands. Miss Maxwell is in some way connected with the management of these magnificent buildings, the like of which I have never seen. It is perfect; the altruism of it is beautiful; the need for it is great. It is a life-saving institution. These are "pleasures of memory"—the distilled roses in the vase.

The scene in my mental vision now changes. I am back again in my poor bleeding country, where lives are not being saved but lost in thousands on the battlefields of sea and land. I thrill at the news of the great naval battle of Jutland—a battle that was a great victory. While our hearts ache over the loss of so many of our bravest and best, they yet throb with pride at the splendour of their self-sacrifice and invincible courage. The price is great, very great, but England is being re-born by the great sacrifice by which a man lays down his life for his friends. Let me terminate my musings by quoting the words of a great optimist—Harold Begbie—which I most sincerely and gratefully endorse: "In the midst of this War there is a spirit at work which will change the whole world. I care not how the War may end. Love does not lie bleeding; never in man's history has love been more glad and enthusiastic. It has risen from the domestic hearth, spread its wings beyond the borders of nationalism, and now hangs in the universal air with blessing and mercy for all mankind. Russia, France, Italy, Great Britain, Belgium, Serbia, India, Japan, Canada, Australia and South Africa, are now nearer to each other than ever they have been in the past; and the spirit which has drawn these many nations into a single brotherhood is the only spirit which can give us real and lasting victory."

BEATRICE KENT.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Under the heading "Red Cross Nurse's Folly" the *South Wales Weekly News* reports that at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, August 12th, Margaret Stanger (24), a Red Cross nurse, living at Station Road, Claygate, pleaded guilty to stealing from Mascotte, Imber Park Road, Thames Ditton, a gold, pearl and diamond ring and a blue silk dress, value £7, the property of Mrs. Minnie Frederica Beebe, by whom she had been employed.

Accused, a good-looking young woman, appeared in the dock "wearing the uniform of a Red Cross nurse."

Mr. A. H. Beebe, husband of prosecutrix, said that accused entered his wife's service on July 24th and left on July 29th to take up other work on her own accord. After accused had gone the articles were missed. He had no desire to press the charge.

Detective Cooke stated that as the result of inquiries he went to a house at Oatlands Park, near Walton-on-Thames, where accused was engaged. She admitted the charge of stealing a dress and ring from "Mascotte," and handed them to him.

The accused pleaded guilty, and in a voice broken with tears said, "I am very sorry to say I am guilty. I don't know why I took them. It was very wrong of me, and I promise never to touch anything again that does not belong to me."

In reply to the Bench, Warrant Officer Richardson said that in 1906 accused and her sister were before the Court for stealing a push-cart and they were then discharged with a caution.

Accused: "I was very young then, and we did it for a lark."

Detective Cooke informed the Bench that accused had been acting as a Red Cross nurse at a local hospital for about a year, but just recently she had been helping ladies while their servants were away on their holidays. Until her arrest accused was with a lady at Oatlands Park, who he believed, would take her back into her service.

Accused was bound over for 12 months in the sum of £10 and placed on probation.

WOMEN SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

The National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases intends to hold in all counties and county boroughs, under the auspices of the county authorities or mayor, a series of conferences to discuss the inauguration of local schemes for dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases. The various committees of the British Medical Association consider it of the utmost importance that in these conferences the medical profession shall be well represented. We consider (says *The Shield*) in addition that it is of the utmost importance women shall be adequately represented on all local or national committees which have to deal with this matter. In the manifesto which the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene sent to the Local Government Board and other officials we laid stress on this point, as these diseases so profoundly affect the rights and interests of women.

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