

tion that the Matron had become quite unbalanced through her grief at the child's death, and the Sister, acting on this belief, proceeded to offer all sorts of soothing remarks and assurances that she must have been dreaming, and that Mrs. J. could not possibly have the bangles, which no one had thought to look for after the child's death. The Matron insisted: "Do as I ask you; go to the telephone." On the nurse calling up Mrs. J., the latter replied, "Yes, I have the bangles, but how did you know?" "Matron told me." "Oh, but this is dreadful. I promised Maggie that she would never know that they had been broken, in case she might feel hurt, and that they would be mended in Harlesden instead of at some jeweller's near the Hospital. Maggie will be so distressed that Matron knows."

"Maggie is dead," was the reply. The bangles were brought, and just as the little white coffin arrived, "Matron" went into the children's chapel and slipped them over the stiff white fingers. One curious thing was that when she had gone into the chapel the night before, the strained, agonised expression had been still on the child's face, and she noticed on this last occasion that there was now only one of peaceful sleep. "But," she remarked, "that may have been due to a physical cause, as there had been some kind of growth on the brain, and after death there was a rather profuse discharge from the ears, which may have removed some pressure."

At the same time, she also related to me an incident when she had had a sudden and distinct telepathic knowledge, when in the North of Scotland, of some crisis then taking place in her Hospital, and of how she had dreamt of the Hospital all night. There is irrefutable evidence that several people that night in the Hospital had visualised her in the hall, wards, and a nurses' sick room. The difficulty is to decide how far such occurrences are due to so-called spiritualism and how far they are telepathic thought transferences so strong that thought forms, in a sense, actually visualise themselves. ISABEL MACDONALD.

We hope to quote from some of the interesting Competition Papers received last week on "Have You seen a Ghost?" It is a highly scientific question, which cannot fail to be more carefully studied in the future.

An Italian medical journal recommends a saturated solution of chlorinated lime for sterilizing the skin. It is said to be efficacious, harmless, and unirritating for the disinfection of the hands of physicians and nurses.

EDITH CAVELL.

The body of Miss Edith Cavell is to be brought from Brussels to England, and it is proposed that in honour of her martyrdom her remains should be accorded a public funeral before she is laid to rest in her native land. This mark of national respect will commend itself to her colleagues and the public.

The Rev. H. Stirling Gahan, British chaplain at Brussels, who ministered to Nurse Cavell the night before her death, says *The Times*, appeals for subscriptions to provide a memorial to her. It is proposed that the memorial should take the form of the completion of Christ Church, Brussels, together with a mural tablet or some other proper and appropriate expression of the purpose and dedication of the work. The work would include the completion and roofing of the main entrance; a proper heating installation; the payment of £200, lost through the failure of a bank, and still owing for the organ; and a small parochial room. The last item is almost vitally necessary as a meeting place for the British community in Brussels.

Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Gahan, care of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, 9, Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4.

Gaston Quien, the man who is suspected of having given information to the Germans regarding Miss Edith Cavell, will shortly be examined.

He was helped by zealous patriots to cross the occupied departments in Belgium and reach The Hague. Instead of aiding his countrymen to escape, as he had undertaken to do, he informed the Germans of secret Allied organisations, and even went so far as to guide the German police into Miss Cavell's nursing home in Brussels.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

At an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday, 8th inst., the King decorated the following ladies:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Sister Elizabeth Lawton, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Staff Nurse Alice England, Royal Naval Hospitals; Staff Nurse Elizabeth Campbell, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; and Sister Frances Brown, British Red Cross Society

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Matron Constance Todd, St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

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