

used to obtain the drink, the nurse replied that she sometimes ordered it for her. Asked by the Coroner whether she considered that right, she said the deceased was her employer, and she had to carry out her instructions. She consented to order the liquor because if she had not done so deceased would have got it some other way. She collapsed suddenly and died about 2.30 a.m. one morning.

Dr. Gooden deposed to the over-indulgence of the deceased in intoxicants, and said a post-mortem examination showed that she was badly nourished and death was due to disease of the liver and pulmonary consumption.

The Coroner said that the action of the nurse in ordering the liquor at the behest of her employer was open to comment, but as she had not actually conveyed it into the house herself, he would not do more than express the hope that she would exercise greater caution in the future. We think he might well have commented more severely on conduct which showed how little the nurse appreciated her duty in a position of trust. She should have refused absolutely to procure any alcohol for the sick girl, and moreover she should certainly have advised, which apparently she did not, that a doctor should be sent for, for obviously the deceased was seriously ill. A nurse with a high sense of professional duty would have done both these things.

A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC.

Elsie Taylor, 22, a probationer nurse at Camberwell Infirmary, accused at Marylebone Police Court last week of stealing two handbags from Messrs. Marshall & Snelgrove, Oxford Street, W., pleaded that her offence was due to over-study for an examination.

It was stated in court that the accused had been suspected for 18 months because she had visited the stores and had never been seen to buy anything.

Eventually she was followed by an assistant, and at a restaurant near by was asked to disclose what was in a box. She dropped the box and ran away, but slipped. She then pleaded for mercy.

The magistrate remanded the accused to see if a scheme could be arranged for "preventing her from being a danger to the public."

We hope the scheme will not include finding a post for her in any capacity in attendance on the sick.



A NEW HOSPITAL AT HASLEMERE.

Viscount Cave recently opened the beautiful new £36,000 hospital at Haslemere. This, no doubt, will shut up some of the nursing homes started by trained nurses in this lovely district. The cost of service and food is now so high that only hospitals on a large scale can hope to pay their way.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL, CHELSEA.

THE PRINCESS MARY'S NURSING HOME FOR CHILDREN.

New ventures are always interesting, and that of the Victoria Hospital, Tite Street, Chelsea, which has opened a private Nursing Home for Children, will be watched with considerable interest as the first of its kind.

The Home, which I recently had the pleasure of visiting under the guidance of the Matron of the Hospital, Miss Smale, is most attractive. The Committee have been fortunate in obtaining the freehold of some studios at 29, Tite Street, adjoining the Hospital, and have utilized them, after practically rebuilding them for the Infant Welfare Department, the Nursing Home, and additional bedrooms for the nurses.

The Home consists of three private wards on the first floor, and a large ward with cots for twelve children on the second floor. All are very bright and airy, the colour scheme in the large ward being green and pink, dark green linoleum on the floor, a lighter green on the walls, and pretty bright pink coverlets over the white quilts on the cots, which, by the way, are of a most convenient height for nursing purposes.

In the lockers by the bedside of the children are kept their personal possessions only; outside the ward are most convenient numbered lockers or drawers for clothes, &c.

There is an operating theatre, and an anæsthetic and sterilizing room fitted in the latest style. All the facilities of the Hospital are available to patients admitted to the Nursing Home, and attached to the Hospital is a fully-equipped and up-to-date Physio-Therapy Department, in addition to X-ray Pathological, and other special departments. Boys are eligible for admission to the Home up to 12 and girls up to 14 years of age. The terms are one guinea per day for each bed, or five guineas for a week; with an additional charge of one guinea for the use of the theatre when required. Application for admission should be made to the Secretary. When admitted, the patient is under the care of a member of the Hospital Medical Staff (acting or consulting), the payment for his services being a matter of arrangement between him and the child's parents. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary or the Matron. The Sister-in-Charge of the Home was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital.

The nurses' bedrooms are pleasant places with big windows, the colour scheme being different on each floor: French grey and deep red curtains, maize and blue, and so on.

The Physio-Therapy Department is bright yellow, which, on a dark day, creates cheerfulness by giving an impression of sunshine.

I found that the teaching of the probationers at the Victoria Hospital is carried on in accordance with the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council for Education and Training in the Nursing of Sick Children, and that it is hoped to send up

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