

cannot afford to lose their savings, and we hope some help will be forthcoming.

Since writing the above paragraph the official in question has been charged on remand at Tower Bridge police court, a report of the proceedings will be found on page 80.

"Nurse Cavell," a remarkable play by C. E. Beckhofer Roberts and C. E. Forester, at the Vaudeville Theatre, will no doubt attract members of our profession. Miss Nancy Price is in the name part, and brings to it a sincerity which is in keeping with the nobility of the theme of the play.

In the House of Lords on February 27th the Earl of Kinnoull drew the attention of His Majesty's Government to the recent case of a Mrs. Broad, and moved to resolve, "That in the opinion of this House the removal of persons whose sanity is in question should not be dependent on a telephone message nor be carried out in the absence of a responsible person."

Lord Kinnoull said he did not think there was any necessity to relate the facts of the case at any length or in any detail. He suspected that they were well known to their Lordships. What happened was that Mrs. Broad was apprehended owing to a mistake, under an order of the Middlesex County Council. It seemed that under existing conditions any member of their Lordship's House, who happened to be alone in a house, was liable, if in the same street there happened to be a person who was a lunatic, to be apprehended and taken off to a mental institution, and there, in spite of his protestations, he might be put in a strait jacket.

Lord Kinnoull then instanced the "classic case" which happened many years ago, where a relieving officer went round to a workhouse and got a patient into a conveyance and took him to a public assistance institution. There he spoke to the porter at the door, and both the relieving officer and the patient were put into a waiting room. The relieving officer put his reception order on the table, and when the mental nurse came down the patient got up and said to the nurse: "I have just brought my patient in, will you please send him upstairs." The effect was that the relieving officer, in spite of his protestations, was taken off, given a forcible bath and put into bed. It was two days before anyone found out that he was the relieving officer.

Lord Kinnoull said further: Mental Nurses should be employed to carry out these apprehensions. He knew of cases where strong men have apprehended some raving lunatic who has had to be put into a strait jacket and restrained. When he is brought to the mental institution some mental nurse comes up and says: "It's all right. Take him out of his strait jacket." She has a word with him and he goes off to bed quite quietly.

Viscount Gage said the case of Mrs. Broad was an isolated case of carelessness, and the only one in the whole experience of the Board of Control that they could recollect of this particular kind.

Lord Kinnoull said he fully appreciated the difficulties, but he would ask the noble Viscount (Lord Gage) if he would point out to the Ministry of Health that it would be a great advantage if trained mental nurses were used instead of ordinary male nurses. If he could bring

that to the notice of the Ministry of Health he was sure a subsequent case could never arise.

It will be remembered that the late Sir Thomas Lipton left the sum of £20,000 as an endowment fund and his house "Osidge" with certain lands for the benefit of Nurses as agreed by trustees—and some speculation has been aroused as to who would benefit.

It has now been announced that the Southgate Queen's Nursing Association will enjoy "Osidge" as a hostel; and that its work would be conducted from there.

The scheme provides that the name shall be the "Sir Thomas Lipton Memorial Hostel" for the nurses actively employed by the Southgate Queen's Nursing Association, and, as the donor desired, his mother's memory will be preserved in connection with the gift.

"FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES."

Those who attended the Lectures delivered by Sir George Newman, K.C.B., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., on "Florence Nightingale and Hospital Services," held at Gresham College, Basinghall Street, E.C.2, on February 27th, 28th and March 1st and 2nd, were rewarded by a literary treat, when the Lecturer held his audience entranced while reviewing the character, work and genius of the Lady of the Lamp from almost every angle, and it was especially instructive to learn of the influence Miss Nightingale's genius had from the medical point of view.

These Lectures showed a deep study of the work and character of Florence Nightingale from almost every aspect, from her early childhood to the end of her fifty years of service to the State, and finally her great work as the founder of modern nursing.

Never have we been privileged to listen to Lectures given with such intimate understanding of this great woman's character and powers. Her poignant thoughts and utterances quoted, show the Lecturer's great appreciation of her soul-searching desire to serve mankind, *i.e.*, when she yearned to escape from her life of luxury: "The unexamined life is never a real life, nor is it a living life." And again when she walked alone over the fields from the station to her home (on her return from the Crimea) and realised her destiny: "I stand at the altar of these murdered men, and while I live I fight their cause."

Finally, Sir George Newman paid great tribute to what she did by the issue of the "little book," "Notes on Nursing," showing that many great books have been written from it, and that it was an inspiration and that he himself had learned much from it. He declared she was one of the greatest women of her time, carrying a lamp in her hand and a light in her heart and mind.

In alluding to State Registration of Nurses following on Miss Nightingale's time, Sir George said that the Nursing Profession followed the Medical Profession in having defined professional qualifications.

As only a limited number of nurses could attend these brilliant Lectures, it is to be hoped that Sir George Newman will in the near future repeat them for the benefit of those who should realise the splendour and endurance of Miss Nightingale's attainments.

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