

lodgings. Ultimately the police took possession of them, and the prisoner was arrested just as she was preparing to depart for Edinburgh by detective-inspector Daniels, at an eating-house in Navigation Street. The goods were obtained from Messrs. Williams in a similar manner. The prisoner, who so far as the police have been able to discover, has never been a hospital nurse, was committed for trial at the sessions on both charges.

#### A PROFESSIONAL DISGRACE.

At the Mold Police Court, before Mr. P. B. Davies-Corke and other magistrates, Alice Sarah Parsons, said to be a certificated nurse, and formerly of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, was summoned under the Vagrancy Act for the recovery of maintenance arrears, amounting to £5 17s. for her infant child at the Workhouse at Broughton. Evidence was given proving that the defendant came to Harwarden in June, 1897, and on the 19th of July of that year had a child which she left in the custody of Mrs. Gilbert, in whose house she had been staying. While at Harwarden the defendant had a private nursing case for three or four weeks, at the end of which time she left the place, after transferring the child to the custody of a Miss Shone. Neither Mrs. Griffiths or Miss Shone ever received any money from the defendant, who was called to attend a case of diphtheria in Liverpool, and never heard of again, until a gentleman residing in Harwarden saw her in Bolton, Lancashire. Information was sent to the Superintendent of the Bolton Workhouse, who replied that the defendant was there, and the child having been chargeable to the parish since last November, a warrant was executed against her. The solicitor who prosecuted on behalf of the guardians, said that the defendant "had borne a highly respectable character, and they had no wish to injure her or prevent her getting a livelihood, or in any way to damage her future career. They wished her to remove the child from the workhouse, and to pay the guardians the amount they were entitled to for its maintenance." It was further stated that the defendant was a married woman, but had not resided with her husband for six years. When she came to Harwarden she represented herself as a widow, and by this means obtained nursing cases. "Had she remained she would doubtless have obtained more, if these unfortunate circumstances had not arisen." The Bench discharged the defendant on her own recognizance of £5 to appear on the following day, or when called upon, and in the meantime inquiries would be made as to the accuracy of her statements as to possessing a certificate which she professed to have lost. They also awarded the police and the guardians their costs.

## Appointments.

#### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Mrs. QUINTARD, one of the members of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, has been placed in Charge of the Nursing at Montauk Point, the large Army Camp Hospital, where the sick from Santiago are being brought. Mrs. Quintard is Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. She has with her a staff of forty or fifty trained nurses.

#### MATRON.

Miss ANNIE SPECK has been appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nurses at the Chichester Infirmary, as successor to Miss Violet Clarke, whose early death is so widely lamented by her colleagues. Miss Speck was trained at the Nightingale School, and has worked on the staff of St. Thomas' Hospital, and as sister at the County Hospital, Brighton.

Miss BEATRICE LINA COLBORNE has been appointed Matron of the Bristol (Royal) Hospital for Sick Women and Children. Miss Colborne was trained at the Children's Hospital, Glasgow, and at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. At the latter institution she subsequently acted as Ward-Sister, and afterwards held the position of Superintendent of Nurses in the Nursing Home connected with St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and for the last four years that of Matron of the Children's Hospital, Belfast.

Miss EVELINE J. WORTHINGTON has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Fleet, Hants. Miss Worthington holds the certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and has also had some experience of children's nursing, and of district nursing in London. Miss Worthington for four-and-a-half years had charge of the Andover Cottage Hospital, and for one year was Matron of the Bromsgrove Hospital, Worcestershire.

Miss JANETTA FRAZER MATTHEWSON, of the City Isolation Hospital, Worcester, has been appointed Matron of the Stockton-on-Tees Fever Hospital, as successor to Miss Bellamy, who has resigned the appointment.

#### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss JEAN MCKERROW has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Miss McKerrow received her training at Charing Cross Hospital.

#### CHARGE NURSE.

Miss CHRISTINE YENSEN has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark. Miss Jensen received her training at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, and subsequently acted as Charge Nurse at the Hospital, Johannesburg.

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