

to think only of one's own self. I felt that I had quite enough to do without examining into the *pros* and *cons* of your morality. It was far easier to scratch your name off my books. Cowardly of me—and like a man."

WE are glad to leave Nurse Isabel re-instated, and to know that the slanders have been disproved.

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## Appointments.

### MATRON.

MISS CHARLOTTE BRAY has been appointed Matron of the Canterbury Sanatorium. Miss Bray received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, previous to which she had had experience in fever nursing, at the Fever Hospital, Hull, and in the nursing of women at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool. After obtaining her general training, Miss Bray was appointed Head Nurse at the Buckingham Infirmary, Aylesbury, and later, Sister at the Cancer Hospital, Brompton. Since 1896 she has held the position of Matron at the Victoria Jubilee Cottage Hospital, Emsworth.

MISS M. SMITH, the Matron of the Eston Sanatorium, under the Eston Urban District Council, has been appointed Matron of the White Hoe Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man. She was trained for three years at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and since then has held the appointments of Charge Nurse at the City Hospital, North Liverpool; Charge Nurse at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, London; and for over five years Matron at the Eston Sanatorium.

### NIGHT SISTER.

MISS A. RICHARDSON has been appointed Night Sister at the Victoria Park Hospital, where she is at present Charge Nurse. Miss Richardson received her training at the Bolton Hospital.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS M. E. MARSHALL has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Middlesborough Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Marshall received her training at the Cardiff Union Hospital, and at present holds a nursing appointment at the Union Hospital, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool.

MISS R. B. FRY has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Bath Union Infirmary. Miss Fry received her training at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and subsequently did private nursing in connection with the same institution, where she at present holds the position of Out-patient Sister.

## Legal Matters.

### ACTION BY A BRISTOL NURSE.

A CASE of some importance was last week tried at Bristol County Court, before his Honour Judge Austin and a jury. The plaintiff was Miss Lydia Glaise, a nurse now training at the Bristol General Hospital, and the defendant, Dr. William Ledingham Christie, F.R.C.S.

The plaintiff sought to recover damages, on the ground that the defendant had fraudulently and dishonestly induced her to pay the sum of ten guineas, under the belief that by paying that amount she would receive sufficient training at a cottage hospital supposed to be conducted by him at Bedminster. The defendant undertook to provide her with efficient training and failed to do so, thus committing a breach of contract.

The plaintiff said she answered an advertisement, entered into correspondence with the defendant's Matron, and remitted to him ten guineas. She proceeded to Church Home, Bedminster, on March 1st. The domestic staff was comprised in a young girl of 14. As there was no kitchen, except a small cupboard containing a gas cooking stove and a sink, which was stopped up, this girl had to sit about on the stairs or landing when she was at leisure. Witness told Dr. Christie that the house was the dirtiest she had ever been in. She was sent to attend a midwifery case, in which she had no experience. During her stay at Church House she never met Dr. Christie at any of the cases she was sent to. She was sent out as an entirely inexperienced nurse. She also had to attend patients who came to the surgery for medicine. Three or four medicines were made up, and Dr. Christie told her one of these would be suitable. He told her she could never go wrong in giving one brown mixture. She found it would be quite useless remaining, as she could get no training, so she left.

Dr. Christie said the first nurse at the head of the dispensary was Nurse Lund, and Nurse Hope succeeded her. He regarded her as thoroughly competent. Nurse Glaise could have gone through if she had stayed with him. In his judgment, as a medical man, he should say that with the tuition given by himself and Sister Hope, a pupil, after seeing three cases of the sort referred to, could attend any natural case of the kind. He said that the plaintiff's description of the hospital was a malicious slander. During cross-examination Dr. Christie admitted Sister Hope had had no training in any institution but his own. Miss Brown (otherwise, Sister Hope) said she had given up her profession as a violinist to give her time to ministering to the poor.

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