

**League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.****NEW MEMBERS.**

Miss Maud Burnup.  
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 Miss W. J. Cochrane.  
 Miss Beatrice Brigstocke.  
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 Miss Olive Smyth.  
 Miss Edith Pretty.  
 Miss Ethel M. Scott.  
 Mrs. Barrett (Watkins).  
 Mrs. Paul Rogers (Mitchell).  
 Mrs. Crokot (Croft).

**The Limitations of the Untrained Matron.**

One of the questions which will no doubt receive the consideration of the Departmental Committee of the Local Government Board, is the vital one of who shall be responsible for the admission of patients in country workhouses—the Master or the Superintendent Nurse. In our opinion, failing a medical officer, the trained nurse is the only other person in the institution who should be entrusted with this duty. She alone has the knowledge of how the sick person must be cared for, until the medical officer defines the treatment, and in cases of heart disease and other critical diseases, a nurse can do much to place the patient in the best possible position for recovery. We hope to see the time when Workhouse Matrons are well educated, trained officers, holding certificates, both for Domestic Science and Nursing, responsible to the Guardians for their own department. There would then be no reason why their duties should clash with those of the Master or Poor Law Infirmary with the duties of the Steward.

**Legal Matters.****A BOGUS NURSE FARM.**

At the Manchester City Police Court last week Mrs. John David Bishop, who appeared in the dock in nursing uniform, was charged by an inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, with cruelty and neglect of children committed to her care.

The Solicitor who represented the Society said that the defendant carried on a nursing business in Portland Crescent, Longsight, Manchester, and also a branch establishment at Leeds.

She advertised for girls under 14 years of age and for orphans. She represented herself as being connected with the Manchester and Salford British Israelite Association, and described her establishment in Manchester as "The British-Israel, Anglo-Israel, Hebrew Sisters." At Leeds the place was called "The Ten Sisters of the House of Israel, Nursing Sisters to the Poor, originated in honour of the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria." The defendant told the parents or guardians of the children that they would be educated in "first aid" and qualified to act as free nurses to the poor. She had been able to get by this means a large number of children under her charge, including three named in the present charge, Emma Catterham, aged eight, Gertrude Catterham, aged four, and Florence Harley, aged 15.

The younger of the Catterhams died in December last under circumstances which suggested serious neglect, no medical attention being given to the child whilst suffering from eczema. The defendant, on the day before the child's death, tied her head to a chair because she had not the strength to hold it up. The child was heard by the other children crying and begging for water during the night. The elder Catterham, who was taken away by her father as soon as he knew of the death of her young sister, had since been in the Leeds Infirmary with eczema. Other children who had been under defendant's charge were receiving medical treatment.

John Catterham, of Leeds, stated that his wife died in July last, and he was persuaded by the defendant to sign an agreement giving her the custody of the children, she promising to train them in hospital work. He was never informed of the youngest child's illness until after her death, and he then went to Manchester and found the other child ill.

Dr. Hislop, police surgeon, said he examined the body of the dead child, and found it in a condition which showed great neglect. It had been ill for some time, and must have suffered severely.

Florence Harley, 15, who gave an address in

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