

## Legal Matters.

### THE BLACK LIST.

#### THEFTS FROM LADIES' CLUBS.

Mary Thurlby *alias* Grey, age 50, was before Mr. Horace Smith at Westminster, on charges of many thefts from the Grosvenor Crescent and Lyceum Ladies' Clubs. She pleaded guilty.

The prisoner was not a member of either club, but she had been a visitor. Mr. Barnett, the court missionary, said he had ascertained from a lady that the prisoner had been matron of a Dublin Hospital, but she was obliged to vacate that appointment. She had been a victim of the drug habit, but it might have been induced by a malady from which she had suffered. Her statement about having had a considerable legacy, which she had lost by unfortunate speculations, was quite accurate. Her brother—a Leicestershire man of good position—was anxious and willing to help her.

Mr. Horace Smith said the prisoner was liable to a very long term for these various offences, but on her undertaking to remain in a convent, he would accept bail for her to come up for judgment if called upon.

#### INCENDIARISM AND THE INNOCENT CONVICTED.

The innocence of a young housemaid named Agnes Wass was established at Warwick Assizes last week, after the conviction for setting Kenilworth House alight of Emma Jeffcoat, formerly a nurse in Warneford Hospital, Leamington.

While in service at Winston Rectory, Darlington, a similar fire took place, and the prisoner gave information to the police and evidence against Wass, who was convicted and bound over. Miss Sadgrove, of the rectory, struck with the similarity of the Kenilworth case, travelled to Warwick to clear Wass's character.

Mr. Buszard, K.C. (commissioner) said that he had no hesitation in saying that Wass was most improperly convicted, and thanked the lady for her action.

#### FORGED CERTIFICATE AND THEFTS.

The *Nottingham Guardian* reports the trial of Nurse Edith Isabel Gaskin, who upon a forged certificate and testimonials, became a member of the Workington District Nurses' Society, and who was subsequently arrested upon a warrant from Nottingham for theft.

At the Guildhall, Nottingham, on June 12th (before Mr. W. L. Hardstaff and Mr. J. H. Bradwell), Edith Isabel Gaskin, nurse, described as of Mixbury, Northants, was charged with obtaining by false pretences on November 13th, a pair of shoes valued at 16s. 9d., the property of Messrs. Jessop and Sons, drapers, of King Street, Nottingham.

Mr. F. Jackson prosecuted, and Mr. P. H. Burgess was for the defence. It was stated for the prosecution that prisoner, who was not in uniform, obtained a pair of shoes, saying they were to be entered to Miss Sullivan, at the Basford Sanatorium. Miss Sullivan was then a customer of the firm. The shoes had never been paid for, though prisoner left another pair to be mended.

George Gibson, head gardener at the Sanatorium, stated that prisoner was formerly a nurse there, being known as Nurse Gaskin. Detective-officer Powdrill said that on the 30th ult. he received prisoner into custody at Workington, and when charged she admitted the offence saying, "I am very, very sorry." Mr. Burgess appealed to the Bench for leniency, having regard to his client's position and capabilities. It was difficult to understand why she was guilty of such an act, but he felt certain that if dealt with leniently she would never repeat it. The Chairman said the Bench had decided to give prisoner another chance. She would have to go to prison for a month.

As there is no Register of Trained Nurses this woman, now she is out of prison, will, no doubt, be able to obtain employment as a nurse, and have every opportunity of robbing her employers. Other than the Nottingham charges have been lodged against her, according to a statement of the President of the Workington District Nurses' Committee.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

**West Down School, Winchester.**—Miss Anna M. Vibart has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and has been a private nurse on the staff of the Royal Hants County Hospital.

### SUPERINTENDENT.

**Brixton Nursing Association.**—Miss Florence W. Pritchard has been appointed Superintendent of the Brixton Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. She was appointed Queen's Nurse, July 1st, 1897, and has since held posts as Queen's Nurse at Rushden, Chatham, Kensington, and Battersea, latterly having been Inspector for Wales under the Institute.

**Warrington Nursing Association.**—Miss Martha Reeve has been appointed Superintendent of the Warrington Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. She was appointed Queen's Nurse July 1st, 1904, and has since worked as District Nurse at Matlock and Superintendent Nurse of the Brixton Nursing Association.

**Brixton District Nursing Association.**—Miss Alice Jackson has been appointed Superintendent Nurse of the Brixton District Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. She was appointed Queen's Nurse July 1st, 1894, and has worked since that date under the Leeds District Nursing Association.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest.**—Miss A. Stuart Cameron has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. Miss Cameron has held the positions of Ward and Theatre Sister at the General Hospital, Wrexham; Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; Sister at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton; and Home Sister at the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, London.

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