

**Legal Matters.****"SISTER SELWYN."**

Dressed as a nurse, Evelyn Vivian last week answered at Marlborough Street to a charge of attempting to obtain by fraud a black dress from Mrs. Roberts, a dressmaker at 46, Rathbone Place, and four dresses from Agnes Swan, a wardrobe dealer, at 42, Rathbone Place.

Mrs. Roberts, who gave evidence, said that the accused had described herself as "Sister Selwyn" of the Brompton Hospital. She ordered a mourning dress as "her son had been run over by a motor car and killed." When the costume was sent to the Brompton Hospital, it was not taken in, as the woman was unknown there.

Agnes Swan said that the accused had called on her with respect to a mourning costume, but as she did not make dresses she took her to Mrs. Roberts. Subsequently Vivian ordered four ready-made dresses from the witness stating that she was going to marry a doctor.

The police evidence was to the effect that the accused admitted she had not been employed at the Brompton Hospital, but asserted she had been a nurse at St. Pancras Workhouse, which she had left some weeks ago.

She was remanded, and again brought before the magistrates on Wednesday last, when Detective Durrant stated there were six convictions against her. She had been living on money obtained by fraud, but prosecutors would not come forward. Vivian, who handed in a written defence, was committed for trial.

A woman giving the name of Mrs. Phillip, called recently at the offices of the Registered Nurses' Society, ostensibly to consult the Secretary as to whether certain homes, of which she produced the addresses, were suitable places to stay at. Subsequently an ill-written pencil note was presented at one of these homes, dated from 431, Oxford Street, and signed "Lady Superintendent," asking the proprietress to take in "Sister Selwyn" for a week or two, or to recommend her elsewhere. As the lady to whom she applied, knew the Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society and her writing, she at once communicated with her, when the letter turned out to be an entire fabrication.

**EMPLOYED IN THE HIGHEST HOUSES IN THE LAND.**

At Marylebone Police Court recently Richard Hales Smith, a masseur, of Connaught Place, was charged with deliberately cutting the dresses of two women while travelling on the top of an omnibus. For the defence it was urged that Smith had taken the pledge and that the young women would be compensated.

Sir Alfred Frupp said that Smith was a masseur in whom he had the greatest confidence. He had sent him to patients in the highest houses in the land. He knew Smith had an unfortunate failing, but as he had now promised to take the pledge he would give him another chance and give him employment.

Mr. Paul Taylor said that but for the character given Smith he would have sent him to prison, for a more malicious and unwarrantable act he never heard of. He fined him 20s., with 25s. costs, or twenty-one days' imprisonment, in each case.

We hope events will prove that Sir Alfred Frupp is justified in his course of action, but we could wish he would exercise his charitable instincts in any other direction than by employing Smith to attend the sick.

**The Royal Red Cross.**

The King has conferred the decoration of the Royal Red Cross on Miss Rachel A. Betty, senior lady superintendent of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, in recognition of her special devotion and competency during her long service in the nursing service in India.

Miss Betty was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she held the position of Sister Sitwell. With her friend, the late Miss Catherine G. Loch, R.R.C., she joined the Indian Nursing Service on its foundation in 1888.

**Appointments.****MATRON.**

**Borough Sanatorium, Bridlington.**—Miss Clara Pye has been appointed Nurse Matron at the Borough Sanatorium, Bridlington. She was trained at the Infirmary, Beckett Street, Leeds, and at the Borough Hospital, Wolverhampton. Miss Pye has held the positions of Assistant Nurse at the Birmingham Eye Hospital, Staff Nurse at the Memorial Hospital, Kendall, Head Nurse at the City Fever Hospital, Bradford, Nurse Matron at the Sanatorium, Morecambe, and Superintendent Nurse at the Wolstanton and Burslem Union Hospital.

**MATRON-SUPERINTENDENT.**

**Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Mont Boron, Nice.**—Miss A. M. Hay has been appointed Matron-Superintendent. She was trained at the Leith General Hospital and the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, and has held the positions of Acting Night Charge Nurse at the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, Sister of Surgical Wards and Theatre at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, and Sister of Women's and Children's Wards and Theatre at the Rotherham Hospital. For the last two years she has been Matron of the Private Patients' Hospital, Cardiff, South Wales.

**ASSISTANT MATRON.**

**The King Edward VII. Sanatorium, Midhurst.**—Miss E. I. E. Jones has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and has held the position of Assistant Matron at the Brompton Sanatorium at Frimley, and is at present Sister-in-Charge of St. Thomas's Home for Paying Patients.

**Ayr District Asylum.**—Miss Mary Christie has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, where she has held the position of Sister.

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