

In institution work there are many directions in which nurses can diverge from the beaten track, and ably fill positions in which their training would give them a great advantage, such as day nurseries, children's institutions of all kinds, old people's homes, and schools, asylums and hospitals for the feeble-minded and the insane.

There is perhaps, among us a sort of false professional pride, which leads us to look on such work as dull, and beneath the dignity of a nurse. Whereas it is all capable of being raised to a high plane of value and interest.

For those who do not care for institution work a new field of as yet unlimited scope is being opened up in the various branches of social service, which are developing all over the country under the inspiration of the best and finest minds of our day. Churches, "settlements," and organized charity, all present opportunities for happy and satisfying work to the trained nurse, with social instincts and a sympathetic heart. Especially do the two latter recognize the value of training in these new undertakings. In this city the Charity Organization Society is about to open a class for special instruction, of which a nurse whom I know intends to become a member, with the purpose of taking up work for a similar organization elsewhere.

Church work is perhaps less satisfactory in several ways, and is not always possible for the nurse who must consider finances, as the Church has not entirely outgrown the idea typified in the question put by a clergyman to a nurse looking for Church work, when, in answer to her not unreasonable stipulation for a salary on which she could live, he inquired whether she was "working for money, or working for the Lord." We must not forget, among specialties, that the good old-fashioned profession of matrimony takes off a numbers of our members. The study of medicine and the practice of massage take some few, not many, and some become inventors and go into business. The new specialty of hour nursing, which is, I think, a hopeful and interesting departure, has been written of and fully presented before this audience, so that I need not now enter into it.

Finally there are many pleasant small cities, and country towns, where, if the big cities get too full we can retire and lead very pleasant useful lives in a quiet way, on moderate earnings. Twelve or fifteen dollars a week there are equal to twenty-five or thirty in the city, and country life has many charms. In my own native village, of fifty thousand souls, there is not a single trained nurse, and I rejoice in the thought that when the procession gets too long I can drop out and go there to end my days.

Legal Matters.

EDITH WOODS—stated to be a nurse—was on Monday sentenced at Lancaster to three months' hard labour for stealing three ladies' bicycles. Two of the bicycles were left as payment for some lodgings at Morecambe, where she had been staying with her sister, and she obtained a loan of £2 on the third bicycle by certifying that she was the daughter of a wealthy Cheshire farmer. It is also alleged that the prisoner obtained goods from several Morecambe tradespeople by false pretences. It is not stated whether Edith Woods has had hospital training, or if she belongs to the ranks of children's nurses, or if she has taken the name of "nurse," like the goods of the Morecambe tradespeople "under false pretences." But it is certain that in the public mind the nursing profession will be held responsible for Edith Woods' misdoings. If it is proved that she is a trained nurse the inevitable question presents itself, how is she to be removed from the ranks of the profession which she has disgraced when her three months' hard labour are over? Further, how are the public to be protected from the danger of having her sent in their houses as a private nurse, when she will have every facility for annexing more bicycles, as well as other articles of value? Perhaps those who persistently oppose the demand of trained nurses for registration will advise.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

THE Committee of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, have appointed Miss Isabel Catherine Bennett as Matron of the Hospital. Miss Bennett received her training at the London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, and for some years past has held the position of Sister of Victor Ward in that Institution.

MISS EMMA SMITH has been appointed Matron of the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children, Birkenhead. Miss Smith was trained at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, and was promoted to the position of Sister in that institution. She then was appointed Sister at the Wirral Hospital, and has now been selected to fill the vacant Matronship.

SISTER.

MISS CONSTANCE WINIFRED JONES, who was trained at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, and has held the position of Sister there, has been appointed Sister at the Wirral Hospital, Birkenhead.

DISTRICT NURSE.

NURSE MEZGER, who was trained at the Hobart Hospital, Tasmania, and has excellent testimonials from the Matron and Medical Staff of that institution, has been appointed District Nurse by the Hobart District Nurses' Association.

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