

Legal Matters.

CHARGE OF THEFT AGAINST A NURSE.

At the Bournemouth County Police Court, Mary Nora Hollands, alias Cooch, stated to be a professional nurse, was recently charged with stealing a pair of sleeve links and a brooch, the property of a lady at "Lascelles," Boscombe on August 29th. A remand was asked for and granted as the prosecutrix could not attend, owing to a death at "Lascelles." Superintendent Foster said there would be other charges against the prisoner, who had left the house on August 29th without giving any notice of her intention.

A BOGUS NURSE.

At the City Police Court, Sheffield, Maud Collinson, a stylishly dressed and good-looking young woman, aged 19, was last week charged with obtaining money by false pretences from Mr. John Manuel of that city. She pleaded guilty. Mr. A. Neal, who appeared for the prosecution, asked the Bench to deal severely with the accused. She was well connected, but had been living a loose life for some time, and was not residing with her parents. Last January she went to Mr. Manuel representing herself as a nurse from the Nurses' Home, and said she had called to collect his subscription of £1 is., which he gave her. She promised to send the receipt, but did not do so till six months later. She then sent the receipt and stated in a letter signed "Nurse Maud Collinson" that she was leaving the Home to join the "Florence Nightingale Hospital" at Cape Town, and asking for the present year's subscription to be sent by Miss Wilson. Mr. Manuel gave corroboratory evidence, and said that on July 7th the prisoner called on him again, giving the name of Wilson, and said that Nurse Collinson had sent her for his subscription to the Home. He was sure she was the same woman who had called on him in January, and to test her he told her that he would pay Nurse Collinson if she called on him herself.

Miss Armstrong, Matron of the Nurses' Home in Glossop Road, said that the prisoner had never been connected with the institution.

The Chairman of the Bench in sentencing the prisoner to pay £2 or undergo 14 days imprisonment, said that the sentence was an extremely light one and did not at all represent the gravity of the offence. In dealing so leniently with her the Bench were solely influenced by the desire to see her pull up before she got into much more serious trouble.

The leniency of the sentence did not have the effect hoped for by the magistrates, for within the week this woman again appeared before them

charged with fraud. Her father, who was in court on the previous occasion, paid the fine and sent his daughter home in a cab. She discharged the cab, and had not been seen at home since. She had, however, called on Mr. Henry Kramer, and obtained from him a subscription on behalf of a bazaar in aid of the Children's Hospital, and 5s. each from two other gentlemen.

Superintendent Moody deposed that the prisoner had been "at this game for a long time."

The Chairman sentenced the prisoner to imprisonment for a month.

We must point out that there is nothing to prevent this woman from posing as a trained nurse again when she comes out of prison, and the public has no means of ascertaining that she is not what she professes to be; as there is no compulsory registration of trained nurses.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS SUSANNAH ISABEL GLANVILLE has been appointed Matron of the Infirmary, Lewisham. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the appointments of Assistant Matron at the Hackney Infirmary, and Matron of the Bromley and Beckenham Hospital. Miss Glanville is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

MISS A. K. GOUGH has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Bradstock Lockett Home for Sick and Cripple Children, Southport. Miss Gough was trained at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and has since been Matron of the Hampton Court Cottage Hospital, Matron at the Freshford Cottage Hospital, and Superintendent of District Nursing, and for the past nine months Matron, of the Dawlish Infirmary. Miss Gough holds the L.O.S. diploma and is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

MISS WINIFRED L. WILLIAMS has been appointed Matron of the Llandudno Infectious Diseases Hospital. She was trained for three years at the Carnarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary, and for two years at the Marylebone Infirmary. She had twelve months' fever training, and for eight months acted as Matron of the Carnarvon Fever Hospital. For the last twelve months she has acted as Matron and Lecturer at the St. James' Nursing Institute, Walthamstow, N.E. Miss Williams also holds the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society.

MISS PENROSE, for some years past Matron of the Kingston Nursing Association, has been appointed Matron of the Dorset County Home for Nurses, Dorchester.

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