

Legal Matters.

THE MISTRESS'S BRANDY.

At the North London Police Court on August 19th, Mildred Knott, described as a nurse, was charged with stealing a silver watch, value £1, the property of Miss Harriett Sharman, 174, Lower Clapton Road, London.

The prosecutrix said that the prisoner was engaged to nurse her mother, who was seriously ill, and she lent her the watch for her bedroom at night. On the morning of the day they were dismissing the nurse witness asked her to return the watch. The prisoner answered that as she had asked for it she should not have it till her father returned. When he did so she gave him something, saying, "That will explain where the watch is."

The prisoner stated in Court that a few days previously she was short of a shilling or so, and pawned the watch for 4s. She was going to get it back that morning, but the pawnbroker's shop was not open.

Police-constable 282 J. gave evidence of arresting the prisoner, who remarked to him, "It was the drink that made me do it."

The prisoner here informed the Court, "It was the mistress's brandy I helped myself to."

She was remanded for inquiries.

SIX WEEKS FOR THEFT.

At the Lambeth Police Court, Mabel Crawley, or Brown, said to be a nurse in a Camberwell Institution, was charged with obtaining boots, dresses, and other goods from various tradesmen without paying for them.

At a bootmaker's shop at Denmark Hill she gave the name of Nurse Burbage, of Peckham House Asylum, and selected four pairs of shoes, which she took with her, giving instructions that a messenger should be sent to the Asylum in the morning for the money. The messenger found no trace either of the prisoner or the shoes. She also obtained a muslin gown and other goods to the value of £11 from a Regent Street shop. She was recognised by an assistant of one of the defrauded tradesmen while trying on a hat in a Denmark Hill shop, and arrested as she came out. She informed a detective that a woman whom she casually met in the West End suggested the robberies to her and told her that that was the way in which she got her own clothes.

She informed the magistrate that she wished to go on the stage, and the girl had told her that the only way to get on was by wearing smart dresses.

The accused was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in the second division.

We once more draw the attention of the public to the grave risks they incur, because there is no Governing Body of the Nursing Profession which can repudiate women who claim to belong to it, but are not of it, and can remove from its recognised ranks those who have been convicted of criminal offences. At present, any discharged convict can take up private nursing on her release.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.—Miss Amy Butler has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital and the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and has held the positions of Housekeeper and of Sister in the Gynaecological Wards at the Rotunda Hospital, Sister in the Medical Wards at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, and of Matron at Mercer's Hospital and Portobello Home Hospital, Dublin.

NURSE MATRON.

The Hospital, Teignmouth.—Miss Margaret Cross has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, where she has held the positions of Charge Nurse, and Special Theatre Nurse at St. Thomas' Home for paying patients.

SISTERS.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Service.—Miss Muriel Freeman has been appointed a member of the staff of the Service. She was trained at Chelsea Infirmary, where she afterwards held the post of Ward Sister. She has attended a course of lectures on tropical medicine, and is a certified midwife.

Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.—Miss Clara Elcoate has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has had some experience of private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Mary A. G. Martin, Staff Nurse, resigns her appointment. Dated August 14th, 1909.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired:—Miss Winifred M. Gedye and Miss Ada C. W. Teevan.

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurse:—Miss J. D. C. McPherson, Miss M. L. Outfield, Miss A. G. Airey, Miss E. Schafer, Miss G. E. Stewart.

Postings and Transfers.—**Matron:** Miss M. C. S. Knox, R.R.C., to Military Hospital, Bloemfontein, S.A. **Staff Nurses:** Miss D. A. Scott, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot; Miss M. L. Outfield, to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.; Miss M. Clayden, to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London, S.W.; Miss E. Schafer, to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss A. G. Airey, to the Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Miss G. E. Stewart, to Military Hospital, Chatham, on appointment; Miss G. H. Sellar, to Military Hospital, Curragh.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Florence S. Finnis to Plaistow, Miss Winifred Heather to Plaistow, Miss Edith Heaton to Ellel, Miss Louisa Nicholson to Matlock.

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