

Legal Matters.

HARD LABOUR FOR THEFT.

Mildred Knott, described as a nurse, who we reported last week was remanded at the North London Police Court on a charge of stealing a lady's watch in a house where she was nursing, appeared on Friday, August 27th, before Mr. Cluer in the same court.

Detective Allen stated that in April last year the prisoner was bound over at Nottingham for larceny.

In sentencing her, Mr. Cluer informed the prisoner that she followed an occupation that gave her every opportunity for stealing, and apparently she made use of her opportunities. She must undergo three months' hard labour. When this woman has served her sentence she will be free to take up private nursing again, and "make use of her opportunities." How long do the public intend to be subjected to such risks for lack of that organisation of the nursing profession for which trained nurses are pleading?

A PLEA OF IGNORANCE INVALID.

At the Exeter Police Court on August 27th, Mrs. Alice Jane Bowden was summoned for exposing, before disinfection, clothing which had been used in connection with an infectious disorder. Mr. C. T. Proctor prosecuted on behalf of the Town Council. It was proved that while nursing a child with scarlet fever Mrs. Bowden went home every evening without changing her clothes. A son, who resided with her, was engaged in a large draper's establishment, and a daughter washed clothes for a large institution. The prosecution only asked for a nominal penalty.

Another witness stated that a case of scarlet fever had occurred in the court directly opposite the defendant's house. The court was only four feet wide.

The defendant said she did not think she would do any harm by leaving the house. Had she known she would have stayed there.

The Chairman of the Bench informed her that nurses were expected to have sufficient knowledge to protect other people from infection, and imposed a fine of 10s. No evidence was offered that the defendant had had any training as a nurse.

Sanitary Inspectors' Examination

An examination for certificates of qualification for appointment of Sanitary Inspector, or Inspector of Nuisances, under Section 108 (d) of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, will be held in London on Tuesday, 18th January, 1910, and the four following days.

In the event of a sufficient number of candidates making application, at least a month previously, examinations may also be held at the following centres:—Birmingham, in June, 1910; Bristol and Cardiff, as arranged, in 1910; Liverpool, in April, 1910. Further information may be had from the Hon. Secretary, The Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board, 1, Adelaide Buildings, London Bridge.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss E. Barnett, Nurses' Home, Allerton Road, Woolton, near Liverpool, has won the Guinea Prize for August.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

No. 1.—Berkeley's Handbook for Maternity Nurses.

B—ark—L—eyes hand—book 4
mat—urn—knit—tie nurses.

No. 2.—Cyllin.

Sill—inn.

No. 3.—Plasmon.

P—lass—mow—N.

No. 4.—Wincarnis.

Win—car—N—eyes.

The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—N. Kirkpatrick, Wrexham; B. Sheard, Chislehurst, Kent; N. Smith, Dublin; I. J. Black, Edinburgh; H. G. Bowers, Nottingham; J. C. Smith, Glasgow; M. Modlin, Brixton; Nurse Eva, Middlesbrough; R. Leigh, Lympstone; A. Kemp, Upper Walmer; A. Pettit, Winchmore Hill; R. L. Wiseman, Fulham; M. Murphy, Cork; L. Waddington, Leeds; M. E. Chick, Broad Clyst; J. Cook, Portland; G. Fenn, Orford; M. Beaton, Dundee; A. M. Shoesmith, Durham; E. Dinnie, Harrow; G. Robinson, New Barnet; E. B. Charlton, Ilkley; A. L. Etheridge, West Kensington; B. Morgan, Swansea; L. Cartwright, York; C. Harford, Banbury; M. L. Ford, Upper Holloway; E. Miller, Greenock; M. E. Clegg, Manchester; G. Boulter, Birmingham; C. M. Walker, Marple Bridge; F. Sheppard, Tunbridge Wells; C. E. Gardner, London; T. MacGregor, Aberdeen; A. W. Winram, Edinburgh; S. S. Sherring, Liverpool; G. Dews, Dunton Green; V. Newham, London; F. M. Wrigley, London; S. E. Collins, London; M. E. Cooper, Shildon; M. James, Bournemouth; H. Leng, Carlin How; E. F. Moakes, Chesterfield; S. Elliott, Taunton; S. A. Boneham, Birmingham; G. Bennett, Rhyl; H. Cobb, Attleborough; E. H. L. Dowd, Clonskeagh; A. Hison, Belfast; E. Gibson, London; E. Guys, Wells; M. Jones, Holyhead; M. Cooke, East Malling; E. Wilson, Lewisham; E. Maxwell Moffat, Auchterhouse; M. Bridges, Reigate; F. E. M. Day, Homerton; M. Trimmer, Cork; E. Langdon, Clevedon.

The rules for the competition remain the same; they will be found on page xii.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The under-mentioned ladies to be Staff Nurses (provisionally), dated August 3rd, 1909:—Miss Catherine Murray Roy and Miss Katherine Jane Stewart.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Katherine G. Bellingham, to Peshurst; Miss Alexina Cowee, to Minchinhampton; Miss Alice Gaster, to Brigg; Miss Margaret Hardman, to Leicester, as Superintendent; Miss Lillie Harris, to Plaistow; Miss Florence Isabel Lodge, to Darwen; Miss Lizzie Young, to Glossop.

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