

failing to notify her address to the police authorities in accordance with the conditions of her licence. A detective sergeant of the Criminal Investigation Department proved the following convictions against her:—Twelve months for larceny, 1877; fifteen months for larceny, 1885; twelve months for larceny, 1888; eighteen months for perjury, 1891; three years penal servitude for felony, 1898; three years penal servitude and two years police supervision for felony, 1906. In practically all the cases referred to she had been employed as a nurse. She had robbed patients whom she had nursed in their confinements, and had also robbed the dead. She had also stolen property from a nursing home at Holloway, where she was employed.

During the trial of the case a man (stated by the police to be a hard-working man) appeared in the witness-box and stated that he was willing to take care of and provide for the prisoner. The detective is reported to have said that it might be the best thing for her if she did get married, as it might keep her honest.

The prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

We desire to point out to the public that this woman has been convicted of crimes, and "done time" no less than six times, that between these periods of incarceration she has obtained employment as a nurse, and practised as such, and that when she comes out of gaol at the expiration of her present sentence the probability is that she will return to the same occupation, as there is no State Register of Trained Nurses, and no means of removing from the accredited ranks of the nursing profession any woman who has disgraced it, or any woman who poses as a nurse without possessing the necessary qualifications.

We have further to point out that on November 8th, 1906 Annie Twyman was removed from the Roll of the Central Midwives' Board (it would be interesting to know who gave the certificate of moral character which secured her admission to it), having pleaded guilty at Clerkenwell Quarter Sessions in July to three several indictments for larceny. It was reported by the police at the trial that she was a "very clever nurse but a persistent thief," and that she had taken money when nursing a private patient to open a nursing institution.

The Central Midwives' Board having removed her from the Midwives' Roll she cannot, under penalty, describe herself as a certified midwife, but she can with impunity call herself a nurse and practice as such.

How long does the public intend to permit such conditions to continue?

A CASE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A woman, stated to be a nurse, was brought up before the Ryde Borough Magistrates last week charged with attempting to commit suicide by taking morphia tablets.

The housekeeper at St. Luke's Nursing Home for Epileptics gave evidence as to the accused being engaged as a nurse. The day after her arrival, November 25th, she was screaming and

hysterical, and had been about the same ever since. The accused owned to her that she had taken morphia. She administered strong coffee and the doctor was sent for. The constable in charge of the case said that the prisoner informed him that she had had influenza ten times, and had had no sleep for weeks. She took three grains of morphia. The witness further testified to seeing the prisoner in the act of taking some collecting books belonging to a religious society from up the chimney. They showed that about £150 had been collected on behalf of the Society mentioned (St. Mary of the Cross, Edgware); £2 12s. 9d. had been collected in Ryde since December 14th. Prisoner had £1 6s. 2d. in money, and also a postal order for £1, which was ready for posting to a friend at Preston, Brighton, to take care of it and forward as asked for.

The prisoner, who expressed her regret for what she had done, was committed for trial at the Assizes.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Home for Invalid Gentlewomen, Catharine House, St. Leonards-on-Sea.—Miss Emily P. Pirie has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and has held the position of Matron at the Victoria Hospital, Kingston-on-Thames.

MATRON.

St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary, London, E.—Miss Margaret Jane Hughes has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she held the positions of Ward and Theatre Sister. She has also been Sister at St. Mary's Infirmary, Islington, and Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith. Prior to her general training she had training in the nursing of infectious diseases at Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

Cottage Hospital, Leominster.—Miss M. Templeton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Rhymney, and the Cottage Hospital, Machynlleth.

SISTER.

The Children's Infirmary, Garshilton, Surrey.—Miss Grace Forsyth has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Throne (Children's) Hospital, Belfast, and at the Middlesex Hospital, London, and has held the positions of Sister at the Hinckly Hospital, Leicester, Charge Nurse at the City Hospital, Liverpool, and Sister at the City Hospital, Leeds.

MESSAGE TEACHER.

General Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss Dorothy West has been appointed Massage Teacher. She was trained for two years at the Clinique and Institute, 108, Cromwell Road, S.W., and holds the teacher's certificate of the above school. She also holds the massage certificate and the certificate for Swedish remedial exercises of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, and has had practice at the Royal Free Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital.

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