

LEGAL MATTERS.

GUILTY OF THEFT.

At the London Sessions last week Margaret Norwood and Bessie Gill, previously employed as nurses, appeared in the dock in nursing uniform, and pleaded "guilty" to stealing fourteen blouses and other articles from Messrs. Selfridge's establishment in Oxford Street, W. When searched at the police station the stolen goods were found concealed under their nurses' costumes.

Mr. Robert Wallace, K.C., before whom they appeared, believing that they would strive to redeem their characters, bound them over. The offences appear to have been most deliberate, and we consider that the culprits showed a callous disregard for the profession they have disgraced by appearing in the dock in its honourable uniform.

CASE OF ALLEGED THEFTS.

Ada Gertrude Missenden, a mental nurse, who, after being bound over at the Sussex Quarter Sessions, Lewes, on charges of stealing a number of dresses and furs from houses at Crowborough, where she had been engaged and afterwards re-arrested on other charges, was brought up on remand before Mr. Paul Taylor, at Marylebone, last week, charged with stealing furs to the value of £11 from a residential home for nurses in Norfolk Square, W., the property of a nurse; and two further charges one of stealing and receiving jewellery to the value of £50 from a locked trunk belonging to Miss Mary Ann Clark, then of the same address, nearly all of which Miss Clark stated had been given to her as presents, and a silver watch, valued at £1 10s., which had since been recovered, the property of Miss Bisson. The magistrate said he really was very sorry indeed for the loss of the things. It was really a very wicked case.

He further asked whether there was any way of letting the nursing homes know about such a person and Sergeant Parsons replied that the facts were published in the *NURSING JOURNAL*, to which the magistrate replied: "I am very glad because a person like this is a danger in any nursing home." The accused, who pleaded that she remembered nothing whatever about it, was committed for trial to the London Sessions.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

The death of a lady, stated to be a nurse, in a Dublin hospital, has led to the solution of a sensational outrage in Bath in September, when Miss Edith Wheelwright, a well-known resident, was attacked in the street, chloroformed and robbed of a ring. The public were unaware that the culprit had been traced, but it now appears that there were suspicions of her identity at the time, which were verified owing to the employment of a lady detective, with the result that a full confession was made by the offender in a signed affidavit in which she stated that she merely meant to frighten Miss Wheelwright. Owing to her

state of health no proceedings were instituted; and the culprit, who had been connected with a series of libellous persecutions of some well-known residents in Bath, was received into a Dublin hospital and died there on December 23rd. Before her death she wrote to Miss Wheelwright thanking her for her clemency.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C.—Miss Edyth Hardwicke has been appointed Matron. She was trained for three years and certificated in children's work at the Evelina Hospital, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., and received her three years' general training at the General Hospital, Birmingham. She has also been Sister-in-Charge at St. Monica's Home, Brondesbury, and has done Matron's duties at the Cottage Hospital, Willesden. She has had experience of private nursing, and holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

Yardley Road Sanatorium, Birmingham.—Miss Mildred Moore has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the positions of Sister at the General Hospital, Birmingham, Matron of a private Surgical Hospital in the same city, and for the last four years that of Matron of the Royal Orthopædic and Spinal Hospital, Birmingham.

NURSE-MATRON.

Isolation Hospital, Ospringle, near Faversham.—Miss Kate Langston has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at West Didsbury Infirmary, Manchester; and in fever nursing at the City Hospital, Birmingham; and has subsequently held the positions of Staff-Nurse at Liverpool City Hospital; Sister at Wallasey Fever Hospital; at Winchmore Hill Isolation Hospital; and at the Sanitary Hospital, Freemantle, Bournemouth.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Borough of Gillingham, Kent.—Miss Ethel M. Bradford has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Hope Hospital, Pendleton, near Manchester, and has been School Nurse under the Manchester Education Committee for over three years, and Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Wakefield Corporation for the last six months.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Miss Nora O'Brian has been appointed Health Visitor for the Borough of New Windsor. She has been a voluntary Health Visitor and School Nurse at Cardiff.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following lady nurses have been permitted to resign the service:—Nursing Sister Miss Annie Dudley Strover, Nursing Sister Miss Winifred Okc Cleave (November 7th, 1912).

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