

sympathy manifested towards the oppressed peoples of the East at a meeting held recently at the Mansion House.

It is to be hoped that we shall not let sympathy suffice. What is required is practical financial assistance.

### LEGAL MATTERS.

A correspondent from Portsmouth, pleading for the registration of Nursing Homes, sends us a report of a charge of theft preferred against a middle-aged woman for stealing two bottles of whiskey, chinaware and other articles, to the value of £8 from various addresses. Sentenced to three months' hard labour, the defendant was told by the magistrate that drink was the reason of her downfall. During the investigation the local Press reports "the story was taken up by Miss May Beatrice Packer, of the Nursing Home, 7, St. Andrew's Road, Southsea, who said that on Friday, December 2nd, she engaged the defendant as a night attendant for a week. Witness did not know that the woman was working 'days' anywhere else. On Sunday, the defendant showed her several articles of crockery ware, which, she said, had been given her by a friend at Ryde."

It would be interesting, especially to the patients in the above-mentioned Home, to know what professional qualifications, if any, this systematic thief possessed, to entitle her to act as their "night attendant." We agree with our correspondent that the registration of Nursing Homes is urgently necessary.

### HEARD IN THE TRAIN.

"Oh, yes! I can vouch for the truth of it as I know the person. She went to France for an operation for appendicitis. After she returned to England the pain returned. She consulted a specialist, who informed her she was suffering from appendicitis. She told him of her operation, but he stuck to his diagnosis. Under the circumstances, she consulted another and yet another specialist, who both formed the same opinion. The last surgeon, however, said he would write to the French surgeon—which he did. The French surgeon replied that he remembered operating upon the lady in question, but what he removed he was unable to say."

This little tale was capped by a second, which, however, it was allowed could not be vouched for.

"You know, of course, in appendicitis one loses all sense of taste. Well, this person had appendicitis, and a friend made him some jelly, and at the same time boiled down some soap. The appearance of the two things was so much alike that the patient was by mistake given the soap, which, his sense of taste being absent, he ate contentedly.

"But the curious part of it, my dear, was that it completely cured him."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### SUPERINTENDENT.

**North Islington Infant Welfare Centre, 6, Manor Gardens, Holloway.**—Miss Agnes Mary Davies has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary in General Nursing and holds the following additional certificates: Central Midwives' Board, Sanitary Inspectors' certificate for Gynaecology and for Fever Nursing. Miss Davies has been on the staff of the East End Mothers' Home, second Assistant Matron and Home Sister at the City of London Military Hospital, and Health Visitor and Clinic Nurse under the Willesden Urban District Council.

### MATRON.

**Carr House Infectious Diseases Hospital, Doncaster.**—Miss E. Cocking has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has been Sister of the Women's and Children's Medical Ward at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and temporary Theatre Sister at the same institution.

**War Memorial Hospital, St. Anne's-on-Sea.**—Miss Winifred Waters has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester; and has since been Matron of an Auxiliary Hospital at Warford in Cheshire; and of Billinge House, Blackburn.

**Harwich Cottage Hospital.**—Miss Annie Macmillan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Dulwich Infirmary, and was on the staff of the Miller Hospital, Greenwich, Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Woolwich, District and Maternity work at Gloucester, and Matron of the Hoylake Cottage Hospital.

**Richard Murray Hospital, Blackill, co. Durham.**—Miss Fanny Drewitt has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin; and has been Matron of the City of Carlisle Maternity Hospital.

**Victoria Hospital, Guernsey.**—Miss Mildred E. Robilliard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester; and has been Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Guernsey; and Night Sister at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

### SISTER-TUTOR.

**Southwark Hospital, Southwark.**—Miss Florence Victoria West has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the West Ham Infirmary, and has been Head Nurse, Night Superintendent and Third Assistant Matron at the West Ham Infirmary.

### SISTER.

**Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary.**—Miss Mabel Dow has been appointed Theatre and X-Ray Sister. She was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia, where she held the position of Sister. She has also taken a course of training in X-ray work and medical electricity at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

### HEALTH VISITOR.

**County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent.**—Miss E. M. Thomas has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the City of Westminster Infirmary and the City of London Maternity Hospital. She has also held the position of Senior Charge Nurse at the Gloucester Infirmary; Sister at Eastville Infirmary, Bristol; and Superintendent Nurse at Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

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