

or disastrous in the past, ready to go down in the spring for medical advice and such help as they need.

All the cases go down on free passes, generously given by the Louisville and Nashville railroad, and are given the services of leading doctors free of charge. Would these services, asks the "Bulletin," have been possible for the people in that far country without a nursing organisation to act as a go-between? No, life would have gone out for Denny, Dewey would be a helpless cripple, John a one-armed man or dead from blood poisoning, and Mrs. M's younger children would have been motherless.

It is specially gratifying to us to know that the brave Director, Mrs. Breckinridge, came to England for her midwifery training, receiving it at the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich, so that we feel Britain has made some return, in the skill she there acquired by her enterprise and devotion, for the great gifts which, as we record in another column, have been given to this country by wealthy citizens of the United States. For, as a demonstration of the life-saving capacity of a Nurses' Organisation, the far reaching importance is incalculable. Perhaps the Rockefeller Trustees may think well to assist and extend this invaluable work at home.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

### £2,950 Damages.

In an action before the Lord Chief Justice and a special Jury, the plaintiff, Miss Dorothy Steele, a qualified hospital nurse of Oveye Farm, Cookham, Berkshire, sued Dr. Hilton D. Girwood, of 4, Porchester Gate, London, for damages for personal injuries received by being knocked down by a motor-car driven by the defendant in Great Portland Street, W., on the evening of January 21st, 1925.

Miss Steele said that her left leg was so severely injured that, in spite of numerous operations, it might ultimately have to be amputated.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £2,950 and judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

## Unregistered Nurses in Nursing Homes.

### NURSE SENTENCED FOR THEFT.

Alleged to have obtained situations in nursing homes by means of false references, and to have stolen what she could, Susannah Dyson (30), a trained nurse, of Hallam Street, W.1, was sentenced by the Marylebone magistrate to three months without hard labour, on charges of stealing two cheques to the amount of £14 16s. 2d., belonging to Miss Edith Myers, proprietress of a nursing home, at 2, Nottingham Place, W.1, and fraudulently cashing them.

It was stated that she obtained the situation with Miss Myers by giving a false reference, and then took the cheques and cashed them. She afterwards went to another nursing home in Hallam Street, and almost immediately three separate sums of money were missed.

Detective Fury said that the accused was a very competent nurse, and was a great favourite with the patients, but she was a thief. She had received a month's imprisonment and had been fined £10 for larceny, and had also been fined £5 for obtaining a situation by means of a false reference.

We do not find this woman's name on the 1925 Register of Nurses which, however, only records names registered to December 1924. Why do Nursing Homes admit to their nursing staffs women who are not registered? They would not admit patients sent by unregistered medical practitioners. The proprietors of Nursing Homes owe it, not only to the public, but to their profession, to insist that nurses they employ are registered. This professional status we regret to find is often ignored by Matrons of such institutions.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.—Miss A. Kenwell, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Bristol General Hospital and has been Matron of St. Brenda's Private Hospital, Bristol.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

District Mental Hospital, Stirling.—Miss Jane Watson has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

### JUNIOR ASSISTANT MATRON.

County Mental Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.—Miss Rhoda Snowden, S.R.N., has been appointed Junior Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, West Bromwich, and has been Surgical Ward Sister and Relief Theatre Sister at Bethnal Green Hospital, London; and Night Superintendent at the Infirmary, Brighton.

### THIRD ASSISTANT MATRON.

Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.—Miss Florence Marchant, S.R.N., has been appointed Third Assistant Matron. She was trained at this Hospital, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Marchant has also been Staff Nurse in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service Reserve; Night Sister at the General Hospital, Weston-Super-Mare; Matron's Office Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; and Ward Sister at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. She holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

### HOME SISTER.

Hospital for Sick Children, Moor Edge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss Joan Duncan has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has been Ward Sister at Robroyston Hospital, near Glasgow; and Ward Sister at Alexandra Hospital, Swanley.

### SISTER.

City and District Infirmary, York.—Miss Dorothy Crawford has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at Sculcoates Union Infirmary, and has since served under Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute at Sheffield.

Coleraine Hospital, North Ireland.—Miss A. W. Whyte has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has seen service in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and the Ministry of Pensions Service. Miss Whyte has been engaged in Private Nursing; and has held the position of Sister at Malvern Hospital, Worcestershire.

Hospital for Sick Children, Moor Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss L. Penny has been appointed Medical Ward Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, where she subsequently took charge of the Children's Ward.

### NIGHT SISTER.

Union Infirmary, Coventry.—Miss L. Allen, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Wingrove Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She has held the positions of Ward Sister at Craiglockhart Hospital, Edinburgh; and Ward Sister at Preston Hospital, North Shields.

Hospital for Women and Children, Edinburgh.—Miss Jean C. L. Hamilton has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and throughout the War saw Foreign Service in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. She has since been engaged in private nursing, and has held the position of Ward Sister at Craw Road Hospital, Paisley.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss K. M. Mathews, R.R.C., retires on retired pay, June 1st, 1926, with permission to retain the badge of Q.A.I.M.N.S.

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