

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal United Hospital, Bath.—Miss D. M. Lowe, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Housekeeping Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and in Fever Nursing at Leigh Joint Hospital. She has since been Out Patient and X-Ray Sister at her training school, and Ward and Theatre Sister at Bradley Wood Hospital, Huddersfield. Miss Lowe has also been Housekeeping Sister at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

Derbyshire Sanatorium, Chesterfield.—Miss B. Slaney, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Assistant Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and has since been Staff Nurse at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne. Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, Night Sister and temporary Home Sister at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Night Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Keighley. Miss Slaney is a Certified Midwife and holds a Certificate for Housekeeping from the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert.—Miss Dorothy Jolley, R.M.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and received her Mental Training at the Bracebridge Mental Hospital and Oxford County and City Mental Hospital, Littlemore.

LEGAL MATTERS.

When Audrey Bail, alias Margaret Cheveau, of Waterside, King's Langley, Herts, appeared before Mr. Hay Halkett at Marylebone Police Court to answer to various charges of theft, she was also charged, and pleaded guilty to stealing by a trick at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, a nurse's state uniform coat and hat, value £7, and to wearing the uniform and badge of a registered nurse without authority.

Detective Dennis also stated, as reported in the *Marylebone Record*, "She has posed as a registered nurse at several West End nursing homes, including a home in Devonshire Street, and another in Bentinck Street."

"Why on earth did they take her at Devonshire Street?" asked Mr. Hay Halkett. "It was very careless of them."

Detective Dennis: "I agree."

The Magistrate said it was a terrible and disgraceful thing that a nursing home, whose fees were sometimes more expensive than the Ritz Hotel, should take a nurse without finding out if she was qualified.

Detective Dennis: "They asked for her papers and certificate and she said they were coming on."

Mr. Hay Halkett: "But they didn't come on."

It was only last August we reported that this woman was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing money belonging to patients in charge of the Kingston Board of Guardians. We are glad that the magistrate spoke out plainly on the subject. It is time.

In a Chancery Court, recently, before Mr. Justice Clauson the Association of Male and Female Nurses, Ltd., of 24, Nottingham Street, W., obtained an interim injunction against the Temperance Association of Private Nurses, Male and Female, of 36, Devonshire Street, W., restraining them from holding out, or representing by circulars, advertisements, printed matter or otherwise that they were carrying on the business of the plaintiff company. Mr. Michael Charles Walshe for the plaintiffs said by affidavit that the defendants Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan had formerly been one of the plaintiff's shareholders and directors, but had now set up a rival business and improperly imitated their name, their notepaper, and their prospectus.

More will no doubt be heard of this case.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Local Government Bill which effects profound changes in the Local Government of this country, has passed through the House of Commons, but not without sharp criticism. Mr. (now Sir) G. B. Hurst, K.C. (Moss Side, Manchester), said they "did not want to substitute for the divine right of Kings the divine right of the Minister of Health," and in the House of Lords Earl Beauchamp complained that "there was running through the Bill, an increase of power to the Minister of Health and to the members of the Ministry." But no one seemed to have had the Cromwellian touch, and the Bill will probably become law.

In this connection the *Times* most pertinently asks: "Is it right to arm the servants of the King with the very kind of powers which we fought the King to wrest from him and from his Council?"

In our opinion, so dangerous is it to the liberties of the people to consent to any such tyranny, that we hope every enfranchised nurse will express her strong dissent from any such policy to any parliamentary candidate who seeks her vote.

Mr. L. Shore Nightingale wrote recently to the *Times* from Lea Hurst, Derbyshire, that "the executors of the will of the late Miss Nightingale wish to make it known that neither they nor any member of her family are in any way responsible for the production of 'The Lady with a Lamp,' now being acted in London, nor have they been consulted with regard to it."

This elicited from Captain Berkeley, that he is "unaware of any obligation on a writer to consult the executors of the wills of historical personages before a noble life is reverently shown to the public." He adds, "May I say that I think his complaint that no member of her family was consulted would be, even were it grounded on fact, equally illegitimate? Obviously, the question whether and how a great Englishwoman shall be represented on the stage cannot be left to the caprice of individual relatives. In fact, however, this complaint is without foundation. As to 'responsibility' for the play, I am convinced Mr. Shore Nightingale is troubling himself needlessly. No one, is in the least likely to attribute my work to those associated in his letter."

Many historical events have taken place in the Council Hall of the Palace of the Lateran at Rome, but never one more dramatic, or of more far-reaching importance than that of February 11th, when, when at midday, Cardinal Gasparri, and Signor Mussolini, signed, in the words of the official communiqué, "a political Treaty which solves and eliminates the 'Roman Question,' a Concordat intended to regulate the conditions of religion and of the Church in Italy, and a Convention which systematizes definitely the financial relations between the Holy See and Italy as arising out of the events of 1870."

The *Times* reports that: "Cardinal Gasparri and Signor Mussolini alone signed the documents, although all the witnesses of the ceremony subsequently signed a special illuminated page in the visitors' book which had been prepared for the occasion and bore the words *Justitia* and *Pax*."

"The Pope had blessed and sent a golden pen for the ceremony, and this pen was afterwards presented (on behalf of His Holiness) to Signor Mussolini by Cardinal Gasparri."

"When the noon gun and the ringing of church bells had proclaimed the arrival of the official moment of signature, the theological students in the Piazza intoned a *Te Deum*. The Fascists, after joining in the singing,

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