

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Miss Rosalie Susan Nicholson, of Hove, Sussex, left £50 to Miss Emmeline Fraser, Matron at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Brighton, and £200 to Mrs. A. P. Lloyd, of Haverfordwest "in recognition of her kindness in nursing me through a serious illness"

Mr. John Fry Rockhey, J.P., of Tracey, Torquay left £100 a year to his wife's nurse, Emma Octavia Cole, if still in his service.

Miss Amy Munday, of Saffron Walden, left such furniture as she may choose to furnish a bedroom for her own use to her companion and nurse, Margaret Nethersole Spratling, and £2,000 upon trust for her for life, "in recognition of her many years of devoted service to me."

Miss Ethel Caroline Wilson of Hambledon, Hants, left £50 to Nurse Mary Shaw.

Mrs. Julia Ann Roberts of Wilton, Northam, Devon, left £100 to Nurse Annie Harvey if in her service at her death.

Canon Henry G. Woodhouse, of Water Newton, Hants, left £65 to his nurse, W. H. Coupe.

Mr. Thomas Percy Legg, F.R.C.S., left £150 to Miss Kathleen Brown, Matron of 3, Devonshire Terrace Nursing Home.

Mr. Harry Stanhope Rawson, of Taplow, left £500 (free of duty) to Nurse Cecil Alexander.

Mr. Walter Horace Cottingham, of Montreal, Canada, and Woolley Hall, Berks, left £1,000 to "my first nurse," Neal Scott, if still in his service and not under notice, either given or received; and £500 similarly to his night nurse, Henry Bond.

Mr. Thomas Leigh Pauldon, Southport, left £1,000 to Nurse Jane Manson if still in his service.

LEGAL MATTERS.

MAGISTRATE ADVOCATES PUBLICITY FOR CASES OF SHOPLIFTING.

We are glad to note that Mr. Dummett, the magistrate at the Marlborough Street Police Court, where eight charges of shoplifting came before the Bench in one day, in one case fined a woman £3 for stealing a ring and a dress ornament and ordered her to pay £5 5s. costs. In doing so he said that, although the value of the stolen property was only a little over £1, he could not help feeling that not enough advertisement was given to cases of this nature which came before that Court. He thought that if the Press could give a brief daily list of women convicted of shoplifting it might have a strong deterrent effect.

Mr. Barrington Ward, K.C., said: "I entirely agree with the views expressed by my colleague, Mr. Dummett, about shoplifting. I think the only thing to do is to send those convicted to prison. It would be very comforting for me to go home to-night, having let everybody off, but, if I did, I would be failing in my duty."

He sentenced a typist, aged 24, to six weeks in the second division for stealing goods from Oxford Street and Marble Arch stores, saying that this was a perfectly definite organised campaign of marauding, and that the convicted woman went to four shops.

To a widow of 43 who pleaded, through her solicitor, that she had been overcome by the sudden death of her father and had committed an isolated theft, Mr. Barrington Ward said: "I was going to give you two months, but having heard Mr. Hornby's plea I will reduce it to a month without hard labour."

We wish that in every case of a conviction for shoplifting magistrates would impose a sentence of imprisonment, then the General Nursing Council would be compelled to remove thieves who have "done time" from the State Register of Nurses.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

A delightful reception, at which the Duchess of York was present, arranged by the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava (President of the National Association for Supplying Medical Aid to the Woman of India) and the President of the Board of the Royal Free Hospital was held at the Eastman Dental Clinic of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., on December 11th, to meet the Delegates to the Indian Round Table Conference.

The guests were received on arrival by the Marchioness of Dufferin, and the scene was one of great picturesqueness as the reception hall filled. Amongst the numerous guests, we were told, were four former Indian Viceroys, and the beautiful and becoming dresses of the Indian ladies gave a touch of splendour to the scene. On the arrival of the Duchess of York many presentations were made, and then a delicious tea, in which Her Royal Highness participated at the high table, was served at round tables in an adjoining room.

The interesting programme provided included scientific exhibits, cinematograph displays, students' songs, and charming carols.

The National Association for supplying Medical Aid by Women to the Women of India was founded by the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava in 1888. In the intervening years many students have come to England from India to train at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, and in 1913 the Government of India recognised financially the Women's Medical Service. Of the large number of medical women practising to-day in India, 44 belong to this Service, and, working under the National Association, they provide the medical staffs of 27 Hospitals for Women and Children.

At the quarterly Court of Governors of the London Hospital, Lord Knutsford, who presided, enumerated many activities in progress and accomplished. Amongst them plans have been approved for the new heart department. The estimated cost will be £6,500. At a recent dinner held by the General East End Tradesmen's Association the response to the appeal for the heart department was wonderful in its generosity. The secretary of the association had written stating that they hoped to bring a cheque for £2,650 on Christmas Day. That would mean that they would have £5,932 towards the £6,500, leaving still to be collected £568.

The new out-patient children's department had been finished at a cost of approximately £6,000, and had been working most satisfactorily since the opening in October.

In recognition of the maternity work which is being done at St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.4, and as a manifestation of its interest in the movement for better maternity services throughout the country, the Prudential Assurance Company has given an annual subscription of £500 for the endowment of a maternity ward at the hospital. This is to be named The Prudential Ward.

The Irish Free State Government has decided that institutions participating in the Irish Free State Hospital Sweepstake will be deprived of their State grants this year. Nine Dublin hospitals receive annual grants from the Government amounting in all to £13,000. In future, apparently, only those hospitals which have refused to take part in the sweepstake will be assisted by the State, and the Free State Exchequer will benefit by the amount of the grants which formerly were made to participating institutions.

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