



'Mary at the Volksgarten Restaurant', Vienna, 1924. (Vol. 48)

god-father attitude of all wisdom, and as he has analysed himself and not been analysed by anyone else it seems to me he has a good many unresolved complexes.¹⁹

During the six months after her return to England Mary was able to secure only temporary employment. However early in 1923 she was appointed on probation for one year as Assistant Physician at Maudsley Hospital, a large mental hospital run by the London County Council. The appointment was extended after the year, but Mary had little hope of ever being permanently satisfied by this job. She found working for the London County Council frustrating—her time was filled with routine matters which left little time for research, and there was no hope of promotion. It was at the Maudsley that Mary learnt that jobs for women in most hospitals were confined to junior positions. She was eventually promoted to the position of second in charge at the Maudsley, but only on the condition that she would accept the promotion as temporary. For the London County Council it was inconceivable that a woman should advance beyond that point. They therefore did not want a woman even in that senior a position as it would block the way for junior men wanting to move up. Mary was to hold the position for one year only. Faced with this predicament Mary began looking for another job.

Early in 1928 she was offered and accepted a post as Superintendent of the Lawn Hospital in Lincoln. The Lawn was a small private asylum with two doctors on the staff. Both the junior doctor and Mary's predecessor were women. Colleagues in