

Jobbery in Excelsis.

WE have on more than one occasion expressed the opinion that the salaries of officers in our public institutions should be inclusive, and that the system of paying commissions upon the receipts inevitably led to the abuse of public money. A most flagrant case of this species of jobbery has just been exposed in connection with the management of the Great Northern Central Hospital at a general Council of Governors called to "consider the question of secret commission and other emoluments paid to the late secretary, and the improper dealing with the same in the balance-sheets of ten annual reports from 1885 to 1894."

It appears that the late Secretary, Mr. Grant, was engaged at a salary of £300, with £50 for lodging, and it was proved at the meeting that on an average Mr. Grant received £750 a year, and in 1893 £1,011, but that this fact had been suppressed in the annual reports, and the Governors thereby deceived.

Such conduct of affairs in our public institutions shatters the confidence of the charitable, and brings them into deserved disrepute, and we could mention more than one public institution or society in which this system of suppressing in the reports the enormous commissions paid to the officials is notoriously sanctioned by their Committees.

We call upon such Committees either to submit an uncooked schedule of their finances to the scrutiny of their subscribers, or cease in the future to employ persons who require to be bribed to perform their duty.

Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



A MEETING of the Registration Board was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the offices of the Association, at 5 p.m., Mr. Pickering Pick, Vice-Chairman, in the chair, when seventeen applications for Registration were considered, and the following Nurses were accepted, and their names enrolled on the Register:—

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Trained at.</i>
Bigg, Catherine M.	... Guy's Hospital (cert.).
Carey, Edith M.	... West London Hospital (cert.).
Coles, Florence F.	... Middlesex Hospital.
Edwardes, Lydia F.	... London Homœopathic Hospital (cert.).
Ferguson, Grace	... Middlesex Hospital (cert.).
Hollowell, Mary	... General Infirmary, Northampton.
Lewis, Alice	... Middlesex Hospital.
Malcolm, Cecilia	... St. Bartholomew's Hospital (cert.).
Malcolm, Violet	... St. Bartholomew's Hospital (cert.).
Paletorpe, Agnes	... General Hosp., Peterborough (cert.).
Smith, Agnes Clifford	... London Temperance Hospital (cert.).
Sparrow, Alice G.	... Royal Infirmary, Bristol (cert.).
Stewart, Carrie	... Middlesex Hospital (cert.).
Tawney, Ethel G.	... Hospital for Children, Gt. Ormond Street (cert.).
Toole, Aimee Frances	... Homœopathic Hospital, Melbourne
Ware, Mary	... Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

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THE seventh Annual Report of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, for the year ending October 31st, 1895, which has just been issued, gives a full account of the work done by the Institute. As in many Hospitals no training is given in the Nursing of typhoid fever and diphtheria, it has been considered desirable to offer

the Nurses, after Hospital training, three months' extra instruction in the Edinburgh Fever Hospital; and while this is not compulsory, some Nurses are already availing themselves of it. The Council states that growing interest in the Institute has been shown in the practical form of increased subscriptions. The report was adopted at a meeting of subscribers held in the Home, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, presided over by Sir Douglas Maclagan.

A BRANCH of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has been started in Elgin, with Georgiana, Countess of Suffield, as President. Miss Guthrie Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Scottish Branch of the Association, gave an excellent address at the preliminary meeting at Elgin, on the work that is being done throughout Scotland by the Institute and its affiliated branches.

THE Empress Frederic, according to her annual custom, has been paying a round of Christmas visits to the Berlin Hospitals and other charitable Institutions. At the Emperor and Empress Frederic's Children's Hospital her Majesty was present at the distribution of Christmas gifts. One hundred and fifty-six children received their presents from the Empress Frederic's own hands, and these included for each little patient a complete outfit of new clothes.

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