

### Appointment.

MISS DOROTHEA M. OLDHAM has been appointed Matron to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, 32, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park. Miss Oldham was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, in 1882, and she has held the following responsible professional positions:—Matron to the Midland Counties' Home for Incurables, Leamington, 1882-85, Matron to the General Hospital, Cheltenham, 1885-88, and Matron to the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, 1888-92, when she was appointed Superintendent of the Rural District Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, which position she resigns upon her present appointment. Miss Oldham has, therefore, had long and varied experience in nursing and superintendence, and brings ripe experience to her new sphere of work. Miss Oldham is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a registered nurse, and we hope she will bring the same unswerving loyalty to the principles upon which the Association was founded to the aid of her fellow members, as could always be relied upon from her predecessor, Mrs. Bridges.

### Marriage Bells.

A MARRIAGE of great interest to many members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is to take place on the 8th of December prox., when Miss Georgina E. Barlow will be married to Dr. H. S. Wansborough-Jones, of Harrow. The bride is young and charming, and the bridegroom clever, literary, and in first-class practice. So all goes as merry as marriage bells.

ON Wednesday, Miss Catherine L. Carter, a loyal member of the Registered Nurses' Society, was married to Mr. Enos T. Briggs, accountant to the General Infirmary, Leeds. The committee of the Society received her resignation with very sincere regret.

ON Thursday, Miss Gwendoline F. Lewis, late of "Gordon House," was married to Mr. William Daniels, of the Inner Temple. A very smart wedding, and a very pretty bride.

IN the near future, the Registered Nurses' Society is to lose two of its most successful members, as Miss Lena H. J. Beecraft is about to marry Mr. Llewellyn, of Cardiff; and Miss Dida Gale will become the wife of Dr. Percy Cranston-Phillips, of Grantham, Notts. We heartily wish them all the happiness they deserve. The nursing profession is the poorer in losing from the ranks of active service those who have done much to uphold a high standard of public duty and professional efficiency.

WE are always pleased to observe marriages between doctors and nurses, as they are able to thoroughly appreciate each other's work and interests.

### Nursing Politics.

OWING to lack of space last week we were unable to criticize the conduct of business at the General Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which was held on the 15th inst., but of course it possesses valuable object lessons.

The Medical Honorary Secretary, Mr. Fardon, was as usual valiant and verbose, surrounded by his doughty nominees, and minus the press, with the exception of the *Hospital* reporter whose "harmonious confections" in journalism are always to be relied upon to support officialdom. We wonder why it is necessary for this journal to hear both sides of a question, as it never presents them to its readers. However, for the future please, unprejudiced pressmen, note that the Council Meetings of the Royal British Nurses' Association are open to reporters. This is an immense step in the right direction.

The Treasurer's report, as usual, showed debts, and, in consequence, dependence. He has again most unkindly come forward to support by another loan, the indefensible and degrading system of spending money which we do not possess, and can only hope to possess by begging, and nothing, fellow nurses, can be more demoralizing to your professional position, in the minds of persons of integrity than that your professional Association should be supported on charity. A wickedly witty hospital sister has dubbed the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which in the past she was a loyal and active member, "Langton's Charity for impotent Nurses," and it is by this discreditable, and yet well deserved, name that our once honoured Association is satirized.

We are delighted to see that at last the Association is to have a monthly journal. There will then be no excuse for excluding letters from members whose views do not coincide with those of the honorary officers, who largely compose the editorial committee, "for lack of space." We presume that a satisfactory financial statement will be presented to the governing body before the issue of a monthly journal. As the *Nurses' Journal* is at present issued at a loss of twenty-five pounds quarterly, the prospect of incurring the same amount of debt monthly is not altogether pleasing to those members who are personally insulted through its medium, and have to contribute to its support.

As the Honorary Officers were determined to spend the nurses' money in defending the late editor of the *Nurses' Journal*, for the malicious editorial attack upon Dr. Fenwick, made during the time she was responsible for the conduct of the journal, he has given notice to discontinue his action against Miss

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