

Nursing Politics.

THE nursing qualifications of the Matrons and Nurses elected upon the new Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association—who will, therefore, be responsible for the Registration of the members of the Nursing Profession in the British Empire—are highly significant. We find the following qualifications in the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association:—

NAME.	MATRONS.	TRAINING.
Miss Emily A. Anderson	{	Victoria Hospital for Children, 1882-3; Paddington Green Children's Hospital; Matron, 1884 to date.
This lady has therefore, it would seem, received no training in adult nursing.		
Miss Ambler-Jones	Unregistered.
Miss Meyrick	Unregistered.
Miss de Pledge	{ St. Bartholomew's Hospital (uncertificated).
Miss Hephzibah Walker.		Unregistered.
Mrs. Eugénie Warren, Matron, Caterham Asylum	{ Dr. Barnardo's Boys' Hospital, Stepney, 1887-89; Chelsea Infirmary, 1889-91.
NURSES.		
Miss M. L. Daunt	{ One year's certificate from Middlesex Hospital.
Miss Entwisle	{ Three months at St. Bartholomew's; a few months' training at St. Thomas' Hospital, and in and out taking Sister's duties a few months at a time from 1884 to 1888.
Miss Grace Gordon		{ Unregistered. One year Lady Pupil at Guy's Hospital.
Miss S. F. Hutchinson (Chartered Nurses' Society)		{ District Nursing Association, Bloomsbury, September, 1877 to October, 1877; Hospital for Women, Soho Square, October, 1877, to February, 1879; Middlesex Hospital, October, 1879, to November, 1880; Private Nursing, November, 1880, to March, 1896.

From this entry, this lady would not appear to be qualified for Registration, although her name appears in the Register. It would be interesting to know if one year at Middlesex Hospital qualifies for membership of the Chartered Nurses' Society.

Miss H. Foggo Thomson (Secretary, Sir Henry Burdett's Nurses' Club). { Childrens' Hospital, Birkenhead, 1882-3; Portsmouth Hospital, 1883-84; Hope Hospital, Manchester, 1884.

Out of the ten Matrons selected by Mr. Fardon, and elected on to the Executive Committee, only three hold a three years' certificate of training in a general hospital, and in the Nurses' List, only three nurses hold the three years' certificate of their school. So that only six members of the Executive Committee out of twenty have attained to the three years' certified standard. The majority of the members are, therefore, neither certificated, nor have they attained to any position of professional importance and responsibility.

It cannot be seriously expected that thoroughly-trained and certificated Nurses and Matrons of leading training-schools, who are possessed of any self-respect, will condescend to submit their professional qualifications and personal references to the inspection of such a totally unrepresentative and unsuitable body as the present Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We share the opinion, which is being widely expressed, that it is a mere impertinence to request trained and certificated nurses to do so.

The Sick and Wounded in the Soudan.

THE removal of the sick and wounded after the battle of Omdurman seems to have been satisfactorily accomplished, and from the reports which come to hand we learn that they are now being conveyed to the base hospitals. We can but regret, however, that amongst the requirements considered necessary by Surgeon-General Taylor, for the efficient care of the sick and wounded, the services of Nursing Sisters on the boats conveying the wounded down the Nile were not included. That the sick would have fared better for the skilled nursing which would thus have been afforded there can be no question. Moreover, the Sisters who enter the Army Nursing Service are inspired by the same feelings of patriotism as those which animate other officers in the Army, and we know that some of them feel strongly that they have not been allowed to perform what they hold to be their duty, and to be at their post as near the front as possible. From our own experience in the Græco-

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