

The following members of the Royal British Nurses' Association form the Committee of the Chartered Nurses' Society:—

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## MEMBERS.

Mr. Alfred Cooper, Dr. Sidney Coupland (Middlesex Hospital); Dr. William Duncan (Middlesex Hospital); Dr. Clement Godson.

And a few other persons who were not associated with the above-mentioned persons in "nobbling" the Royal British Nurses' Association.

NURSE members of the Royal British Nurses' Association engaged in private nursing in London, are at last awakening to the fact that the clique who govern their Association are precisely the same persons who started and who govern the Chartered Nurses' Society. It is also being dimly borne in upon their intelligence that the R.B.N.A. offices, the officials, and the Journal for which all members pay equally, are used, in private nursing affairs, exclusively for the benefit of the Chartered Nurses Society and Middlesex Trained Nurses' Institute. Indeed the very name of this parasitic co-operation is a violation of the rights granted by Royal Charter to each individual member. In plain English, the whole professional influence of the Chartered Corporation, so far as fees are concerned, is reserved, through this "Professional Committee," for the benefit of the few members admitted to membership of the Chartered Nurses' Society, and the Middlesex Trained Nurses' Institute.

PRIVATE work is very scarce in London this winter. Members have been making inquiries concerning the uses of their Corporation—and hence this semi-official pronouncement, and most specious attempt to disarm their suspicions and throw dust in their eyes.

WE have read of many "dirty jobs," but we cannot remember anything more discreditable than the

making of the Chartered Nurses Society—deliberately organised as it has been to filch from the nurse members of the Royal British Nurses' Association at large—the *commercial value of their Corporation*. We can only congratulate the members on the fact that the "hard times" and keen competition for work, have aroused them to a knowledge of the manner in which the little prestige which is left to their Association is being exploited for the benefit of the few, or as the man who is largely responsible for this injustice sanctimoniously remarks: "To exalt one would be to abase many."

WE also hope the nurse members generally will take the lesson to heart, and realise the fact that their subscriptions are being used to "exalt" the Chartered Nurses' Society and the Middlesex Trained Nurses' Institute, and to "abase" those members who are refused any participation in the commercial gains of the Society that has, amongst other things, actually abstracted their legal title. Is it true that worms will turn?

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

MISS CLARA ETHEL J. CHAFFER has been appointed Matron of the Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road. Miss Chaffer received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. She has also acted as Charge Nurse at the South Eastern Hospital, and the Park Hospital, Hither Green, under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board.

MISS ELIZABETH PEARSON has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Goole. Miss Pearson received her training at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she remained for six years. She has also held appointments for four and three years respectively at the Whitechurch Cottage Hospital, and the Fleetwood Cottage Hospital.

MISS AGNES MEGGINSON has been appointed Matron of the Merchant Taylors' Convalescent Home, Bognor. Miss Megginson was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and held the position of Sister of Faith Ward in that institution. For the past year she has held the position of Matron at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road. As nurse and Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Miss Megginson was one of the most popular women in that institution, and has already won golden opinions during her brief tenure of office as Matron of the Chest Hospital. It is a matter of sincere regret that she is leaving soon, and the London Nursing world will be the poorer by the loss of one who has always upheld the best traditions of her profession.

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