

Louisa King, or both, tire of their relations, there is nothing to prevent this woman entering another family as a private nurse and bringing the same misery into it as she has caused to Mrs. Woolmore Smith.

The Midwife Question.

DR. RENTOUL, of Liverpool, writes to the *British Medical Journal* to point out that, under Clauses VIII. and IX. of the Midwives' Bill as amended by the Standing Committee on Law, which authorise county or district councils to appoint special committees as local supervising authorities, upon which committees women might serve, it would be open to such councils to appoint midwives. He states that he is told that this is the real intention and aim of the promoters of registration, who argue that just as medical men, solicitors, and others manage their own affairs, so should midwives. He urges that "each who cares for the public health and public safety should write forthwith to their M.P.'s asking them to oppose the Bill."

We hope, if this system of licensing of midwives ever becomes law, that they will insist upon representation on the Committees which deal with their affairs, and at whose mercy both their personal and professional characters will lie. Professional women cannot do better than emulate "medical men, solicitors and others" in insisting upon a certain degree of self-protection—it is the first Law of Nature, and cannot be disregarded without disastrous results.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS GEORGINA R. ADAMS, Matron of the Middle Ward Isolation Hospital, Motherwell, has been appointed Matron of the City of Glasgow Fever Hospital, Ruchill. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and at the Belvidere Fever Hospital, and has also held the position of Matron of the Forfar Infirmary.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS ETHEL SMITH has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Union Workhouse Infirmary, Kingston. She was trained at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS JESSIE H. GRIMSHAW has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Prescot Union Infirmary. She was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Home Sister at the Nurses' Home, Whiston.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Local Government Board have vetoed the proposal of the Limehouse Board of Works to appoint a nurse to visit the homes of the poor and give instruction in the management of the young.

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At the recent examination of nurses at the Lambeth Infirmary, we are informed that thirteen out of the sixteen candidates passed satisfactorily. The Examiner, Dr. Hector Mackenzie, Assistant Physician of St. Thomas' Hospital, in a letter to Dr. Quarry, the Medical Superintendent, states that he has been "much gratified by the evidences of good and careful instruction which all the candidates have shown by their answers both in the written and oral examination."

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THIS is all highly satisfactory as far as it goes, but again we must plead that Practical Nursing—to test which a Trained Nurse should act as examiner—should form part of every nurse's examination before she is awarded a certificate of efficiency. We nurses must, in and out of season, lay stress on the importance of the technical side of our work, it is of such vital importance to the patient.

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SOME very severe strictures were passed by members of the Lambeth Board of Guardians at their last meeting, upon the conduct of the authorities at St. Thomas's Hospital, who, it is alleged, are in the habit of ordering the removal of patients in a dying condition to the Lambeth Infirmary. Mr. H. G. Turner declared that this was done just to save the death statistics of the Hospital, and the practice had made the poor people of Lambeth afraid to go into the Infirmary, at all because they looked upon it merely as a place where sick people were taken to die. Mr. Turner thought it was only right that the public should know why the death-rate was so high in the Lambeth Infirmary. It was ultimately resolved to communicate with other parishes to see what could be done in the direction of altering the law on the subject.

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