

Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Secretary of State for War, the First Lord of the Admiralty and lesser luminaries be considered qualified to rank as *professional nurses*? Here we have a smack of Gilbert and Sullivan. The only persons qualified to be members of a College of Nursing are the registered nurses themselves, just as registered medical practitioners alone can be members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and the Royal Colleges of Surgeons.

Then Article 35. Here I find power is taken by the seven members of the laity who are the College of Nursing, and who have appointed its governing body, that no Matron, Sister or Nurse who is not "engaged in the active practice of her profession" shall be eligible to sit on the Council. Thus those women who have the most experience and leisure are purposely excluded, presumably because they would be in a position to express an independent opinion on their own professional affairs. The signatories make no such regulations for the lay and medical members of the Council, these gentlemen may be devoid of experience, or in their dotage; they are eligible to help to govern us if the signatories choose to elect them on to the Council for that purpose.

But I have said enough to prove the injustice and absurdity of any such regulation. Under the provisions of the Nurses' Registration Bill, let us take care that we secure perfect independence to elect whom we choose to represent us on the General Nursing Council. But again, I ask my fellow-nurses, who are actively pushing the Nursing College scheme. Do they approve of the provisions in its Constitution to which I have referred, or do they not?

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## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh.**—Miss Mary L. Williams has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Denbighshire Infirmary for three years and has been Staff Nurse at Putney Hospital, Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, and Sister and Assistant Matron, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.

### SISTERS.

**Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.**—Miss Kathleen Bulley has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Leeds General Infirmary, and has also had fever training; she has been Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester; and has recently been working for a year in France, on the French Flag Nursing Corps.

**York County Hospital.**—Miss Dorothy Emsley has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Lincoln County Hospital, where she has done holiday Sister's duties.

### SCHOOL NURSE.

**Southend-on-Sea Education Committee.**—Miss Amy G. Brooks has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at Southwark Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse at the Children's Hospital, Hither Green, Sister at Woolwich Infirmary, and at Grove Fever Hospital (Military), Tooting.

### STAFF NURSE.

**Western Fever Hospital, Fulham.**—Miss C. Bix has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the North Eastern Fever Hospital.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Edith Ashworth is appointed to Paddington; Miss Gertrude Butterworth, to Paddington; Miss Emma Greensill, to Windsor; Miss Jessie Kennett, to Skegby; Miss Mildred M. Stephens, to Letchworth; Miss Mary Thompson, to Bamber Bridge.

### NURSING APPOINTMENTS AT TYRONE.

At a recent meeting of Tyrone County Council applications were received for the position of Matron and Nurses at the new Sanatorium. Mr. Coote, M.P., thought they should not make the appointments permanent, while so many skilled women were away on war service, and suggested temporary appointments till the end of the war. So far as the matronship was concerned this was refused, and Miss Catherine Stafford, Wexford, was elected by 19 votes to 8. It was agreed to make the nurses' appointments temporary, and Misses C. O'Donnell, C. Birney, and Elizabeth Buttimore were chosen.

## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to report the death of Sister Mary A. Doherty, who succumbed to dysentery in the 29th General Hospital, Salonica, on the 5th inst. Deceased was trained in St. Stephen's Hospital, Dublin, and on the outbreak of hostilities volunteered for active service. She was first attached to a general hospital in France, where her work and devotion to duty was of such a character that she was mentioned in despatches by Sir John French. Subsequently she was awarded the Royal Red Cross for devotion to duty. After a short leave of absence at home she was transferred to the 29th General Hospital at Salonica. Some time ago she contracted malaria, but was so far recovered as to be able to resume duty, only to be stricken down with dysentery, and thus give her life for her country.

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