

they express their sincere regret "that they find themselves in strong opposition to the College." We shall recur to this Duet next week. Poor Nurses!—the whole profession may well exclaim "Save me from my friends." To be let alone to mind their own affairs as other professional women are—instead of being advised, cajoled, controlled, and patronised would indeed be "tidings of comfort and joy."

We have to apologise to our readers for devoting so much space in war time to the College controversy, but the necessity is not of our seeking.

#### POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

At the Executive Committee Meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, held at Kensington Infirmary on the 24th, a very hearty vote of congratulation was passed to the following members of the Association, who had been awarded by the King the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, in recognition of their valuable services during the war:—Miss Dodds, Matron, Bethnal Green Infirmary; Miss Dowbiggin, Matron, Edmonton Infirmary; Miss Wallace, Matron, East Dulwich Infirmary; Miss Preston, Matron, Mile End Infirmary (at present matron, 1st Northern General Hospital); Mrs. Lawson, Matron, Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield; Miss Smith, Matron, Withington Infirmary, West Didsbury. They also wish to congratulate Miss Froggett, Matron of the Bradford Infirmary.

#### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

We are glad to hear that there has been recently a considerable addition to the membership of the N.U.T.N. This is very encouraging to Miss E. L. C. Eden, the Hon. Secretary, and those officers who have felt compelled to criticise the Nursing College scheme in its relation to the profession generally, a policy which has resulted in the resignation of certain Matrons and others who apparently cannot tolerate a free expression of opinion on this question.

The Cambridge Branch is opening a Club for Nurses, which should prove a great source of pleasure to the members.

#### A THOUSAND MILLIONS.

Mr. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, "brought the House down" when he announced in the "Commons" on Monday night that the War Loan amounted to £1,000,312,950 new money, and without any direct subscriptions from the banks! The whole House enthusiastically assented to Mr. Bonar Law's final declaration that the result of the Loan was an expression of the will of the people to win the war and afforded evidence of the financial ability of this country to see it to a successful conclusion. Napoleon said we were a nation of shop-keepers. We are, and we are going to buy victory, however many thousands of millions it may cost.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Children's Hospital in connection with the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.**—Miss Agnes Bryant has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, being Gold Medallist of her year, and was three and a-half years at the East London Hospital for Children; one year Night Superintendent, and two and a-half years Sister of a women's ward at St. Bartholomew's, and six years Matron at the Children's Convalescent Home, West Kirby.

**Wellington Hospital, New Zealand.**—Miss Stott has been appointed Matron in succession to Miss Payne. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

### SISTER.

**St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Shepherd's Bush.**—Miss Frances Irene Jule has been appointed Out-patient Sister. She was trained at the Woolwich Infirmary, Plumstead, where she has held the position of Ward Sister.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Hoxton Institution, South Shields.**—Miss Winifred Mary Hutt has been appointed Night Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Paddington Infirmary, and has been Sister-in-Charge of two flats of seven wards and eighty beds at the Portsmouth Infirmary. She has also had six months' midwifery training.

## WEDDING BELLS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church, on the 15th February, between Mr. Alexander Wilson, Killygoan, Monaghan, and Miss Lizzie Graham, daughter of Mr. G. Graham, the Billis, Glasslough. The happy couple received many congratulations, and spent their honeymoon in Dublin.

Miss Graham was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and the London Fever Hospital; and was for upwards of five years on the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, London, the Committee of which received her resignation with much regret.

## THE PASSING BELL.

The death of Miss Margaret Lonsdale, the friend and biographer of Sister Dora (Miss Dorothy Pattison) recalls the indebtedness of trained nurses to this member of their profession for the story of the life of a remarkable nurse, told in a most interesting way.

We regret to record the death on February 21st, at the Military Isolation Hospital, Thornhill Camp, Aldershot, from cerebro-spinal meningitis, of Sister Moira O'Brien, of the Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Staff, third daughter of the late Mr. James O'Brien, of Gledhow, Leeds.

The death is reported from No. 25, Stationary Hospital overseas of Miss Mary C. Dickson, of the Nursing Service. The deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Canon Dickson, of Fahan, co. Donegal.

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