

## STATE REGISTRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The *South African Nursing Record* has much to say on the question of the new Medical Bill, which affects trained nurses and midwives. It states that "as it stands it is a good Bill, and quite the biggest advance that has yet been made in professional organization."

"Roughly as the Bill affects the nursing profession the position is this. The existing Provincial Medical Councils are to be abolished, and a South African General Medical Council is to be formed, consisting of twelve medical men and three dentists. The Minister of the Interior has not seen fit to accede to our request for nursing representation on the Council, though we have seen no fair argument against it, and such a privilege seems to us to be only just."

The *South African Nursing Record* then goes on to say: "We do not think that in all the world there is a parallel case of a Bill so complete, so protective, and so just." We are sorry, after reading the Clauses of this Bill, to differ from our contemporary, as it is usually so liberal and straight on nursing affairs; but this Bill does not only exclude the Nursing Profession in South Africa from any representation on the proposed governing Council, but actually provides for granting certificates to, and registering, midwifery attendants and nursing attendants, "if it thinks fit," of a grade different from those required for certified midwives and trained nurses, entitling them to practise under the supervision of medical practitioners.

This "privilege" means the depreciation of efficient midwifery and nursing standards, and an attack upon the economic condition of registered midwives and trained nurses, and as members of both these professions are excluded from any power of control concerning their own affairs, is bound to produce endless dissatisfaction and maybe injustice.

We advise the editor of the *South African Nursing Record* to study the first-rate self-governing registration Acts in force in the United States, and the members of the South African Trained Nurses' Association to agitate before it is too late for recognition on the Body which is to govern trained nurses in United South Africa.

This is even worse than the proposed exclusion of the nurses of the United Kingdom from the Provisional Council under the Nursing College Bill.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### SISTER.

**Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham.**—Miss Georgina S. K. Withers has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Erdington Infirmary, and has been charge nurse at Chester Union and Dudley Union, maternity sister at Paddington Infirmary, and sister at Moseley Hall Convalescent Hospital.

Miss Marianne Bailey has also been appointed sister at the same Infirmary. She was trained at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, and has been charge nurse at Deanhouse, Huddersfield.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital, Alton, Hants.**—Miss M. G. Baker has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and has been staff nurse at King George Military Hospital, and sister at Lysaght Military Hospital, Burnham-on-Sea.

**Nottingham Children's Hospital.**—Miss Margaret Bliss has been appointed night sister. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London.

### HEAD NIGHT NURSE.

**York City and District Infirmary.**—Miss Jennie Hopkins has been appointed Head Night Nurse. She was trained in the same institution.

### CHARGE NURSE.

**York City and District Infirmary.**—Miss Mary K. Ward has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained in the same institution.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

Miss Eleanor Lawson Brown and Mrs. H. Bazalgette have been appointed Nursing Sisters.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Catherine Higginson is appointed to Sussex C.N.A. as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Adela I. B. Austin is appointed to Oldbury; Miss Alice Biddlecombe to Poole; Miss Katie M. Carryer, to Paignton; Miss Ethel F. Chapman, to Shoreditch; Miss Mary J. Greenhough, to Birmingham (S.H.R.); Miss Lizzie Higgs, to Lumb Valley; Miss Ada B. Wallis, to Westminster as Maternity Nurse under Westminster Health Committee.

## WEDDING BELLS.

The wedding of Miss Mary Theresa Welsh and Lieut. Roland Buckley Unwin, R.E., B.Sc., will take place on the 14th inst., at St. James' Church, Spanish Place, W. A small reception will afterwards be held at Durrant's Hotel. Miss Welsh was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has for the last two and a-half years been a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, having been highly appreciated as a private nurse. Very sincerely do her colleagues wish her and the bridegroom every happiness.

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