

themselves, insufficiently trained, competing with their efficiently trained colleagues in private nursing for the same fees, and thus sapping their economic status. To be plain, this conduct, in trade-union parlance, constitutes the "blackleg," and it is high time conscientious and courageous members of the nursing staff at the London Hospital made it plain to the Matron and Committee that they can no longer tolerate being placed in such an invidious position. It is now upwards of a quarter of a century since the redoubtable Miss Yatman exposed this commercial system of exploiting the nurses' training and earnings at the London Hospital before a Select Committee of the House of Lords, and although the late Lord Kimberley described it as "almost fraudulent," social influence has been permitted by Parliament to continue it till this day. London Hospital Sisters and Nurses, we your colleagues call upon you to come out and purge the profession of the abuses to which you have so long submitted—to *our* injury as well as your own.

The medical staff also might give a helping hand.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING LTD, AND LONDON HOSPITAL STANDARDS.

It should be of interest to nurse members of the College to realise that in defining standards for the College "Register," a special clause was inserted to include London Hospital nurses, "with two years' training and two years' service." Thus the College Council protects the commercial interest of the Hospital, as against that of its exploited probationers. As the whole Council is composed of hospital officials (including employers), the danger of their policy in this instance is apparent.

This is why the independent Nurses' Organizations demand an independent and representative Governing Body, and mean to work for it.

Many of their members feel that the Matrons on the Council have failed to protect their professional interests.

THE SHEFFIELD CENTRE.

A Centre of the College of Nursing is being formed in Sheffield, and Miss Hancox, of the Queen Victoria Nursing Association, Glossop Road, Sheffield, and Miss Bolton, of the Jessop Hospital, have consented to act as Hon. Secretaries.

We hope these ladies have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College, and are prepared to have them eliminated from the Bill. We make this remark because we have never yet met a nurse member who has seen the constitution to which she has subscribed.

APPOINTMENTS.

NIGHT SISTER.

Bridge of Weir Consumption Sanatoria, Scotland.—Miss Eleanor Harvey has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Leeds Township Infirmary, and has held the position of Staff Nurse in that institution, and at the Leeds Sanatorium, Gateforth.

SISTER.

The Sanatorium, Middlesborough.—Miss A. Lilley has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the South Shields Borough Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at Deans Hospital in the same place, and Night Charge Nurse at the West Lane Hospital, Middlesborough.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss J. Morgan has been appointed Outpatient Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and has been Night Sister at the General Hospital, Weston-super-Mare, and Ward Sister and Sister in the X-Ray Department at the Hospital, Rugby.

HOUSEKEEPING SISTER.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss Edith Gething has been appointed Housekeeping Sister. She was trained at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, where she has held the position of Outpatient Sister. She has also been Night Sister at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport; and had housekeeping training at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Helena Mathieson is appointed to Norfolk N.F. as Assist. Co. Superintendent; Miss Ethel Daniells to High Wycombe; Miss Constance M. Deering to Hampstead Garden Suburb; Miss Margaret Heritage to Chatham; Miss Edith Matthews to Hampstead; Miss Edith A. Richardson to Brixton.

"THE MECCA OF THE THRIFTY."

The establishment of Thomas Wallis & Co., Ltd., Holborn Circus, London, E.C., is a well-known landmark to Londoners, for there are few busses plying on the main route from the City to the West End which do not draw up in front of it. The firm have for many years been contractors for hospital furnishing, and recently they were selected to furnish the Edith Cavell Home for Nurses at the London Hospital. It has also an extensive *clientele* in connection with its department for Nurses' Uniforms and Outfits; and the reasonable prices which prevail have earned for it the sobriquet, "The Mecca of the Thrifty."

Among the gifts at Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital, Southend, was a cheque for £100 from Queen Mary.

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