

So that if the majority of the Sisters and Nurses support the medical men in the future, as they have done in the past—in opposition to the Matrons—they have a combined vote in London of 68 to 18!! In other words, the Matrons are *completely swamped*.

THIS new list has already received the nick name of the "Cowardly Council," because the hon. officers have not dared to place upon it the name of one man or woman who has ever had the courage to differ from or oppose their unscrupulous tactics.

THE fact that Scotland and Ireland are represented on the Matrons' list by the Matron of one Children's Hospital in each country, and have absolutely no representative on the Nurses' list at all, is a striking illustration of the predominant partnership in the nursing world.

THE Provinces must feel doubtfully honoured by being accorded *one* representative only—a married lady who has retired from nursing work.

As for our Colonial Empire, it has not been accorded even one representative on the Governing Body of the Corporation. In fact, the British Nurses' Association has ceased to have any right to that title under the Fardonian Oligarchy.

ON one point the Matron members, who lately discussed the situation in London, were absolutely unanimous, and that was their determination to no longer submit to "Middlesex" methods. Taking the fact into consideration, that the organisation of the Middlesex Nursing School is now obsolete, we are not surprised at this unanimity. No doubt its day of reckoning and reform will come, under the same circumstances as that to which its sister school, St. George's is now being subjected.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss C. Rigney has been appointed Matron of the Hospital, Swansea. Miss Rigney was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, where she afterwards held the positions of Sister, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Lady Superintendent, and also had charge of the Nurses' Training School. From the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, Miss Rigney was appointed Matron at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley. Her experience therefore, has been a wide one. We wish her all success in her new work.

Miss ALICE MARY RAYNES has been appointed Matron of the Cuddington Hospital. Miss Raynes was trained at St. George's Hospital, and has acted as Sister, and for the last fifteen months as Assistant Matron of the same Institution. She has also gained experience of fever nursing at the Stockwell Fever Hospital, and in private nursing abroad. Miss Raynes is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

NURSE-MATRONS.

Miss Adela D'Arcy has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Infirmary, London Orphan Asylum, Watford. Miss D'Arcy was trained at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and has held the posts of Head Nurse at the Suffolk General Hospital, Night Superintendent at the General Infirmary, Worcester, Matron to the Andover Cottage Hospital, and Nurse-Matron to the London Throat Hospital. Miss D'Arcy is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss ROSE MERRITT has been appointed Assistant Matron at S. Mary's Hospital, Manchester. Miss Merritt received her training at Guy's Hospital, and subsequently worked on the private nursing staff attached to that Institution.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss ETHEL JULIA KEENE has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Darent Adult Asylum. Miss Keene was trained at the East London Children's Hospital, Shadwell, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Sketches.

A FORCIBLE ARGUMENT.

SCIENTIFIC SURGEON to Mortuary Porter: "You will see the friends when they come, John. I know I can rely upon you. A case of absorbing interest, most complicated; indeed, I may say the symptoms were unique. It is imperative that there should be a P.M." Absently, turning to bier, "I shall see you again. Good-day."

MORTUARY PORTER, persuasively, to relation of deceased: "Well! to clinch the hargument, if yer ain't no faith in science, nor wish to oblige a gentleman, nor no natural curiosity, surely, you've got the hinstinct of self-preservation. These mysterious diseases runs in families, and if yer don't know what yer brother died of, 'ow can yer expect to combat the disease when yer own turn comes."

SORROWING RELATIVE yields to the force of the argument.

RESULT OF P.M.: Death from natural causes.

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