

THE "Roll of Members" is composed of four sections: nurse members "elected" and "registered," "medical members," nurse members "qualified to act as midwives," and nurses who are not members of the Association at all. In these lists are to be found the names of half-a-dozen nurses and, at least, one medical man who died last year, many nurses under their maiden names who have been married for years, and much other evidence of the careless manner in which this publication has been compiled.

THE names of persons composing the Executive Committee and General Council are printed, and we have no hesitation in stating that it is an insult to duly qualified and certificated nurses to invite them to submit their professional qualifications to a Committee and Council largely composed of semi-trained women who have never held any position of importance in their profession.

AND what is to be said of the list of *names and addresses* of medical men appearing in the "Roll" of a Nurses' Association. One medical man, whose name does not appear, opines that it is "a bare-faced and blatant advertisement." We commend this new departure to the attention of the General Medical Council.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS ADA WILLIAMS has been appointed Matron of the Mirfield and Liversedge Joint Fever Hospital. Miss Williams was trained for two years at the Monsall Fever Hospital, and for three years at the Infirmary, Preston. She has also held the appointments of Sister held the appointments of Sister at the Borough Fever Hospital, Hull, and Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

MISS ROSE E. MERRETT has been appointed Matron of the Falmouth Cottage Hospital. She was trained for a year and a half at Guy's Hospital, and subsequently worked on the staff of that institution. Miss Merrett was last year appointed Assistant Matron at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS EMILY BARRY, who is at present Assistant Matron at the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, has been appointed Superintendent of the new Nurses' Home in connection with Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

The Prince of Wales' Fund.

WE have received a copy of the Second Annual Report of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund for London. The amount distributed last year to hospitals and convalescent homes in grants and donations was £32,500; but the Committee this year wish to have £50,000 at their disposal, and are asking the press to support their appeal for this amount.

We fully sympathize with the desire to obtain money for the Hospitals, for without adequate funds it is impossible to maintain them at a high level of efficiency, and the Prince of Wales' Fund will therefore be doing good service if it is able to provide the necessary supplies.

But it is requisite to remember that in the organization of a great central controlling body, for this is what the Prince of Wales' Fund is rapidly becoming, as we always foresaw, there are many interests to be considered. For instance, we do not think the composition of the Visiting Committee sufficiently representative of the various interests involved. We note, with pleasure, that Sir Trevor Lawrence is the Chairman of this Committee, for with his wide experience of hospital management, as well as of medical matters, we do not think that he can fail to see that it is necessary, in order for the Committee to do its work efficiently that the medical, nursing, secretarial and sanitary departments should all be represented upon it by experts.

At present the Committee consists of "Physicians and Surgeons of wide experience, and about an equal number of laymen specially interested in hospital management." This, so far as it goes, is good; but it is not sufficient. We do not hesitate to say that the widespread public confidence in this fund, which it is desired to evoke, will not be obtained until the representation on the Committee is enlarged to comprise due regard to the various interests we have enumerated.

With respect to the nursing departments of the hospitals, we are of opinion that if the representation on the Committee of Inspection had included experts in nursing, various institutions would have been "advised" on points, which escaped the attention of the Committee as at present constituted, before they received their grant. After all, the matter of primary importance in our hospitals is presumably the efficient nursing of the sick.

While cordially wishing success to the efforts of the Prince of Wales' Fund, we hope that those who control the Fund will be careful to see that the "inspection" which is the necessary preliminary to a grant, is carried out in an efficient manner in all the branches of the management.

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