

National Societies with few Articles of Constitution, under a central committee, presumably formed of the senior officers of both societies. Thus the Matrons and nurses would meet in equal numbers in Council, and together representing as they would the combined interests of the nursing profession, affiliate with the International Council of Nurses.

A long and interesting discussion then took place, and it was finally agreed that the suggestions of the Executive Committee should be accepted, with the result that the title of National Council of Nurses should be reserved for the combined federation of Matrons and Nurses, and that the Organization of nurses under discussion should be entitled "The National League of Certificated Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland." Every Article of the Constitution was most carefully considered, and after unanimous adoption was referred to the Hon. Secretary for verbal alteration according to the sense of the meeting. The meeting then terminated.

When the Constitution in its amended form has been before the Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council in January next, it is hoped that several associations of nurses will avail themselves of the benefit of professional co-operation by delegation on to the National League. Suffice it to say that, as set forth, the Objects of the National League shall be:—

1. To establish and maintain a Code of Ethics.
2. To elevate the standard of nursing education.
3. To promote the usefulness and honour, the financial, and other interests, of the nursing profession.

And that only Associations of Nurses having the following qualifications will be eligible for affiliation with the National League:—

1. Associations composed of graduates of Schools of Nursing connected with General Hospitals of not less than 50 beds, giving three years' full training the wards of the hospital, and certification after examination.
2. Associations, composed of graduates of Schools of Nursing connected with Poor Law Infirmaries of not less than 200 beds, giving three years' full training in the wards of the Infirmary, and certification after examination, and whose training schools are recognised by the Local Government Board.
3. Professional Associations of Nurses formed for the benefit of Nurses, the members of which hold the qualifications of training as defined above.

MARGARET BREAY,  
Hon. Sec. Matrons' Council  
of Great Britain and Ireland.

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

MISS E. M. ROBERTS has been appointed Matron of the Norwood Cottage Hospital. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and has recently held the position of Lady Superintendent of the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

MISS ELLEN GLOVER has been appointed Matron of the Abingdon Joint Isolation Hospital. She received her training at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS E. RICHARDSON has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital. For the last six months she has been engaged in nursing the sick and wounded in South Africa.

### SISTER.

MISS MAUDE BATESON has been appointed Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Wimbledon. She received her training at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she subsequently held the position of Ward Sister.

MISS GRACE BUTTON has been appointed Sister at the Military Hospital, Athens. She was trained at the Stoke-on-Trent Infirmary, where she also held the position of Sister. Miss Button obtained experience in fever nursing at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board prior to receiving her general training.

## The Passing Bell.

MISS E. M. FISHER, Hon. Secretary of the Taunton District Nursing Association, died, on Monday evening, of blood poisoning. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Francis Fisher, formerly vicar of Hilmaston, Wilts, and resided at Rowbarton House, Taunton, with her mother. Miss Fisher was practically the founder of the Taunton District Nursing Association in 1892, and until recently held the dual position of Hon. Lady Superintendent and Hon. Secretary of that institution. She resigned the superintendency owing to failing health, but her self-sacrificing labours in connection with the Association rendered her extremely popular among rich and poor alike. The deceased lady, who was only 45 years of age, had been confined to her bed several weeks.

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