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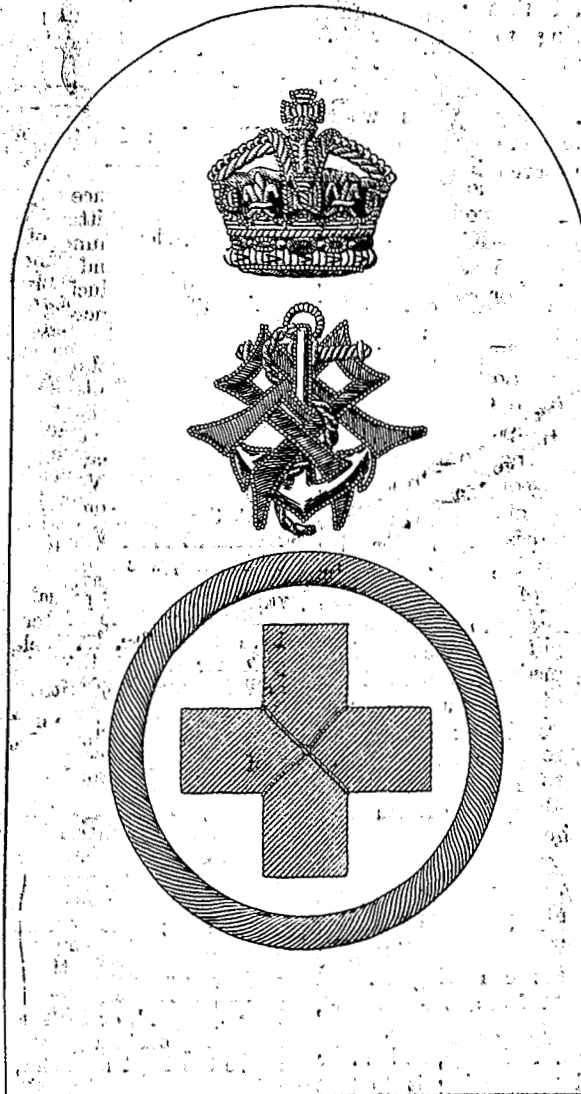
The attention of *Nursing Notes* has recently been turned to the methods of management of the R.B.N.A. owing to its action in relation to the Midwives' Bill. But it is not only of late, but for years past, that confidence in the principles of its administrative body has been rudely shaken, and shaken too deeply for restoration while the present administration continues in office.

Our contemporary also says:—"The Medical Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in the August number of the *Nurses' Journal*, congratulates himself on several notable achievements, but with regard to the following we do not quite see from whence springs his joy. He says:—"Another point which we may regard with satisfaction is this: there was doubt whether or not, as regards the Bill as it then stood, we should be able to publish the list which we now have of nurses trained in midwifery. The original wording, to which objection was made by this Association, has now been altered, and the Clause now stands that

"From and after January 1st, 1905, any woman who, not certified, or OTHERWISE QUALIFIED, shall take the name of midwife, or any name implying that she is certified under the Act, shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £5."

Now anyone who has taken the trouble to read Clause I. of the Midwives' Act knows that it is not worded as Mr. Fardon states. We agree with

*Nursing Notes* that it is "a pity that Mr. Fardon did not consult it before making a statement which might mislead, and, at any rate, is confusing." Mr. Fardon is welcome to whatever satisfaction he is able to extract from Clause I. of the Midwives' Bill, but we opine that his "List of Nurse Members who have also obtained certificates of special training as Midwives" will have to be deleted in future issues of the Roll of Members of the R.B.N.A.



BADGE OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

The Master in Lunacy recently applied to the authorities of the Bendigo Hospital, Victoria, to admit lunacy attendants for one year's nursing training in the hospital, and the house-surgeon (Dr. Fowler) was instructed by the House Committee to report on the application. Dr. Fowler reported adversely to the application on the following grounds:—(1) Such an arrangement was contrary to the hospital rules; (2) the present nursing arrangements would be thrown out of gear; (3) increased expense would be incurred; and (4) the deservedly high reputation of the hospital as a training-school would suffer. All of which reasons are sound and sufficient. At the same time, we should have been glad had the Committee instructed the Superintendent of the Nurse Training School to submit a report on this question. A point which is of interest in connection with this subject is that the Master in Lunacy evidently appreciates the need for general training in the case of

attendants on the insane. We think that reports dealing with the question of the efficient nursing care of the insane would be valuable from the Australasian and the Victorian Trained Nurses' Association.

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