

as the Council shall determine—which probably means that the Nurses are to provide all the funds for a Society from which they gain no benefits, and upon which they do not possess the slightest representation. The Council can meet when it chooses, and do what it pleases, and there is a very unusual provision that the Society—that is to say, the members appointed by the Council—can remove any member of the Council from his office by a Resolution to that effect; so it is obvious that members of the Council are expected to be very complaisant and obedient indeed. The Consultative Board has the sole and rather doubtful privilege of being consulted. The powers of the Examination Board are limited to giving advice. But there is no compulsion whatsoever upon the Council to take the slightest notice of the opinions expressed by either body.

The scheme, in short, provides for the formation of an omnipotent oligarchy, empowered to interfere with the methods of training adopted at four or five hundred hospitals in the United Kingdom, to dictate to hospitals, small and great, what training they are to give their nurses, to dictate to the nurses what examinations they are to pass, and, moreover, to settle, at their own entire discretion, which nurses actually pass those examinations, and which do not; to place on a Register of nurses such names as they choose, and, with or without reason given, to remove from that Register the name of any nurse they disapprove of. The scheme, in short, is a concentrated essence of tyranny, dangerous to every interest concerned, impracticable and intolerable. And we feel convinced that there are thousands of trained nurses and their friends in this country who will do all in their power to prevent such outrageous proposals being carried into effect.

Conference on School Hygiene.

A conference on school hygiene was opened at the University of London, South Kensington, on Tuesday. The Duke of Northumberland, President of the Royal Sanitary Institute, which convened the Conference, welcomed the delegates from various parts of England, including those from colleges, schools, education committees, and associations of masters and mistresses. Later in the evening the Duke took the chair at the opening meeting when amongst those present on the platform were Sir William Church, President of the College of Physicians, Sir John Cockburn, Sir Lauder Brunton, Sir Shirley Murphy, and others. Sir Arthur W. Rücker delivered the presidential address, in which he referred to the importance of the study of hygiene and the necessity of keeping for it a position in the educational curricula of schools and training colleges.

An interesting feature of the Conference is an exhibition of school appliances and furniture, and of apparatus necessary for the teaching of cooking and of laundry work.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Alice Mary de Ville has been appointed Matron of The Infirmary, Stockport. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, where she also held the position of Sister. She has also held the following appointments:—Night Sister at the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne; Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax; Sister at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth; Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; and Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary Bradford.

SISTERS.

Miss Elsie Hill has been appointed Sister at the Mill Lane Fever Hospital, Liscard, Cheshire. She was trained at the City of Dublin Hospital, where she also had subsequent experience as Staff Nurse and temporary Sister.

Miss Curtis has been appointed Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. She received her training at the Metropolitan Hospital, London.

NIGHT SISTER.

Miss Kathleen Pomeroy has been appointed Night Sister at the Gravesend Hospital. She was trained at the Marylebone Infirmary.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss Mary Millhouse has been appointed Head Nurse at the Hospital, Hitchin. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and has also had midwifery experience at Plaistow. For three years she has held the position of Nurse at Hucknall, Yorkshire.

CHARGE NURSES.

Miss Clara Brown has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Eastville Workhouse. Her previous positions have been those of Probationer for three years at the Steyning Union Infirmary, and of Charge Nurse at the Colchester Union Infirmary.

Miss Annie Grice has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Eastville Workhouse. She was trained at the Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport, Monmouthshire, in infectious nursing, for three years at the Aston Union Infirmary in general nursing, and she also holds a certificate of three years' training in mental nursing as well as that of the London Obstetrical Society.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned ladies to be Staff Nurses (provisionally):—Miss Violeta Chariclia Paschali, Miss Ethel May Walby.

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