

Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses.

Mrs. McIntyre, the late Matron of the Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, at 12, Sussex Square, Brighton, desires through the medium of this journal to express her thanks to the many friends she has made during her long term of office for their kind letters of regret upon learning that she has resigned. These letters have been so numerous that Mrs. McIntyre is unable at present to answer them all personally.

Mrs. Bridges has been appointed Matron of the Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, and we feel sure the appointment will be an eminently popular one amongst a large number of nurses who have known Mrs. Bridges, formerly Miss Miriam Ridley, during her long and honourable nursing career.

Mrs. Bridges commenced her nursing career at the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead, did good work as staff and private nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was Matron of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, London, from 1889 to 1897, where she won golden opinions as a devoted nurse and capable Superintendent and Housekeeper. Miss Ridley relinquished this position upon her marriage with the late Dr. Bridges, of Brighton. Her married life was spent in Australia, in which far away land she experienced the grief of losing a devoted husband.

Mrs. Bridges took a great interest in the foundation of the Home of Rest, working on its committee for some time. We feel sure that now she is to take part in its practical management she will bring to the work a whole-hearted interest in the happiness and comfort of visitors, and will prove herself as she has ever done, a conscientious and loyal officer to the Committee to whom she will be responsible for its efficient management.

In every attempt made to improve the condition of nurses and to elevate their profession, Mrs. Bridges has taken an active part during the last twenty years, and unlike many of our cloth, she kept up membership and interest in many nursing societies during her married life.

We offer her a warm and affectionate welcome to the post of Matron of Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, and congratulate the Committee upon securing her valuable services.

Dr. Donald George Hall has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses. Dr. Hall, M.A., B.C. Cantab., M.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., though a young man, has already had a very brilliant career at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and Cambridge University. He is now on the staff, as Assistant Physician, of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton,

and is in practice at 10, Cambridge Road, Hove. The Committee of the Home are to be congratulated upon having secured the honorary services of so eminent a physician.

The Home, after a thorough spring clean, will be quite ready for visitors on Saturday, the 25th inst., not April 1st, as we stated last week. The "seven maids with seven mops" have not taken "half a year" to complete the cleaning! Old friends will be glad to hear that the 'bus fares from Kemp Town and Castle Square have been reduced to 1d., and that fine new motor omnibuses run over the same route every fifteen minutes for the same price. These motors travel right away to Hove for 3d. in half an hour—a great convenience for all concerned.

The City Financiers' Scheme to Control Nurses.

We learn that the Matrons of a considerable number of important Poor-Law Infirmaries have sent in a Protest to the Board of Trade urging that its licence be not granted to the seven gentlemen who are seeking incorporation as the Society for Promoting the Higher Education and Training of Nurses. Other influential Superintendents are also coming forward in the same way to help nurses by making a strong protest against this most unjust scheme.

A powerful protest has also been sent in by Hampshire, Dorsetshire, and Wiltshire nurses. Classification of the signatures shows that it has been signed by twenty-nine Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses, one Assistant Matron, fourteen Sisters of Wards and Night Superintendents, and 272 Trained Nurses.

We desire to draw the attention of nurses to the fact that the time limit for objections to the above scheme to be received by the Board of Trade has now expired. It is considered advisable that the nurses should present their own case rather than that they should instruct counsel to do so for them. We hope, therefore, that those who intend to appear will have their arguments ready, as the Board of Trade may now announce, any day, the date upon which the opposition will be heard.

We have received several inquiries as to whether the amendments made to the Articles of Association of the Financiers' scheme since it was first sent in to the Board of Trade, and to which we referred last week, affect the points at issue, and we say emphatically that they make no difference whatever. The main alterations are as follows:—

34. There shall be a Council to manage the affairs of the Society.

The first members of the Council shall be appointed by the signatories of the Memorandum of Association,

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