

centres; (2) to raise and regulate the standards of education and training of nurses. All nurses who approve of these objects are eligible for membership. Sir William Macewen was elected president, and among others Mrs. Strong, formerly Matron of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, was elected a vice-president. Miss M'Neillie, Princess Louise Hospital, Roseneath, was elected secretary.

There can be no question that organisation is urgently needed amongst Scottish nurses. At present they have no self-governing society, as English and Irish nurses have, through which to consider questions vital to their professional interests, or through which to take action. At no distant date trained nursing in the United Kingdom will be organised under the authority of a Registration Council appointed by the State, and that registration scheme must affect Scottish nurses. It is imperative, therefore, they should find means of articulation, and this they cannot do as units.

We hope the Scottish Nurses' Association will be welcomed by, and receive the support of, the Matrons of the larger training schools in Scotland. It is not good for the discipline of our profession that those whose duty it is to lead and help should drive or stand aside. The day is long since past when anyone, excepting those with the clearest consciousness of public duty, and with forceful progressive professional ideals, is indispensable.

Matrons cannot afford—if they wish to retain personal influence—to dissociate themselves from the new nursing ideals, inspired by the well recognised law of evolution. They must be part and parcel of the nursing profession or they don't count.

We have a splendid object lesson of the value of solidarity in nursing ranks before us at the moment. The six National Councils of Nurses are all here to attend the Quinquennial Meeting led by their prominent Matrons, who are, as they deserve to be, the most popular members of the Councils.

And where is Scotland in this great Parliament of Nurses? Nowhere. Because without a central professional body it is not possible to take effective action. This is to be the more regretted because Scottish nurses are of the best. We warmly welcome the formation of the Scottish Nurses' Association. May it widen the scope of its objects, and add to its educational work the study of economic and humanitarian conditions.

Registration in Cape Colony.

It is interesting to note how particular the Colonial Medical Council is to conceal the identity of nurse candidates for examination for registration, to judge from the following instructions. This is the only way to maintain absolute fairness—a system which cannot be maintained when hospitals conduct their own examinations.

COLONIAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

NURSING EXAMINATIONS, 18TH JUNE, 1909.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

1. Your examination number is 15. Neither your name nor the name of your centre is to be inserted anywhere upon your examination paper, but only your number, which should be written in the top right-hand corner of each sheet, with a circle round it thus: (No. 15.)

2. Only your examination number (not your name) is to be given to the examiners in the oral examination.

3. The examination at Kimberley will be held at the Kimberley Hospital.

Written paper, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Oral examination, 2.30 p.m. at the Kimberley Hospital.

To Nurse M. P. H.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Dorset County Home for Nurses.—Miss Florence A. Haig-Brown has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, S.E., in which institution she has held the position of Home Sister, and she has also held the positions of Night Superintendent at Brompton Hospital, Matron of the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lady Superintendent of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, E.C., and Matron of the Nursing Institution, Brixham. She is also a certified midwife, and holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

Farnham Isolation Hospital, Surrey.—Miss Mary Houlton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill, and at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Holiday Sister at the London Hospital, and of Sister-in-Charge of a District Nurses' Home in connection with the Maternity Hospital, Liverpool.

Gray's Hospital, Elgin.—Miss Nellie M. Fraser has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has held the position of Sister at Gray's Hospital, Elgin.

Selly Oak Infirmary, near Birmingham.—Miss A. M. E. Bodley has been appointed Matron. She is now Assistant Matron at Monnyhull Colony, King's Heath, Birmingham.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Orichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.—Miss Beatrice Milne has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, in

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