

## Suggested Rules for Nursing Associations.

The following rules for inclusion in the rules of Nursing Associations have been formulated by the British Medical Association and approved at the Annual Representative Meeting, held in London in 1910:—

1. The nurse shall in every case carry out the directions of the Registered Medical Practitioner in attendance.

2. The nurse, when requested in an emergency, may visit and render first aid to any person without awaiting instructions from a medical practitioner.

3. If, in the nurse's opinion, the attendance of a medical practitioner is necessary, she must insist that he be sent for; and if for any reason his services are not immediately available, she must, if the case be still one of urgency, remain with the patient and do her best until he arrive, or until the emergency is over.

Should the advice to call in a medical practitioner be not acted upon, the nurse must at once leave and report the case to her Secretary, and must not attend again except in case of fresh emergency.

4. Should any further attendance be requested by the patient after the emergency is over, the nurse must explain that the medical practitioner will decide whether or not this is necessary.

5. No attendance after a first visit shall be given by a nurse unless she has informed a medical practitioner and received his instructions with regard to the case, if any.

6. Apart from her duties as a certified midwife, a nurse must on no account prescribe or administer on her own responsibility such drugs for her patients as should only be prescribed by a medical practitioner.

7. No midwife in the employment of a Nursing Association should accept an engagement without first asking the patient to state, and herself registering, the name of the medical practitioner to be called in should any emergency arise.

8. A nurse shall in no case attempt to influence a patient in the choice of a medical practitioner or of an institution.

9. No person shall be employed by the..... Association as a midwife, or received for training as a midwife, without having first signed an agreement not to practise as a midwife within a radius of.....miles from.....within a period of.....after leaving the service of the Association, without the consent in writing of the Association.

NOTE.—It is desirable to obtain the co-operation of all the medical practitioners in the district, and to secure, if possible, their assistance on the Committees of the Nursing Associations. (Attention is drawn to the fact that the machinery of the local Divisions of the British Medical Association is available for this purpose.)

We could have wished that the British Medical Association had suggested to County Nurs-

ing Associations, which are entirely governed by lay committees, the objection of registered medical practitioners to covering untrained and semi-trained nurses. When alluding to midwives, the difficulty does not arise, as they are certified by the Central Midwives' Board. Yet surely if midwives pose as "trained" nurses, and undertake "general nursing" if they are not qualified, they are transgressing every ethical law, and should not be covered by medical practitioners.

Every way the question is regarded the Nurse both in status and reputation is the scapegoat and is made to suffer. *The most highly qualified and certificated nurse has no legal status—therefore she has neither professional nor personal rights.*

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

**Colony for Epileptics, Chalfont St. Peter.**—Miss Lucy A. Parry has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has been Sister at the Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames; Surgical Sister at the Birmingham Infirmary, Night Superintendent at Fulham Infirmary, Assistant Superintendent Nurse at the Ashton-under-Lyne Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Monyhull Colony for Epileptics.

**Boston Hospital, Lincolnshire.**—Miss Hilda Stack has been appointed Matron. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, where she has held the positions of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**West House, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Edinburgh.**—Miss Annie E. Howard has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and been Sister at Kasr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo; Ward and Theatre Sister at the General Infirmary, Truro, and Sister at the Infants' Hospital, London. She is also a certified midwife and a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Agnes Fletcher has also been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Perth, the James Murray Royal Asylum, and the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, London. She is a certified midwife.

### SISTERS.

**St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.**—Miss E. M. Hansard has been appointed Sister of the new Elizabeth Maternity Ward. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's and was trained in midwifery and maternity work at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, N.W. Miss Hansard is a certified midwife.

Miss N. B. Hodgson has been appointed Sister of Stanley Ward. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and has recently held the position of Out-patient Sister at the Royal Free Hospital, W.C.

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