

STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL NURSES.

The maintenance of professional standards is always a matter of difficulty, for there are always persons whose interest it is to lower them. Especially is this the case in regard to nursing, and all who realise the importance of contending for adequate standards will appreciate the action of Professor Herbert E. Mills, of the Board of Education, Poughkeepsie, U.S.A., of which he was a much valued member, in resigning his position rather than countenance the action of the Board in appointing a nurse who is not a graduate to the position of school nurse.

In his letter of resignation Professor Mills points out that when the Board had its annual estimate under consideration last fall, and received from the Common Council an appropriation for the purpose, it voted unanimously that only graduate nurses would be eligible for the purpose. Shortly after this a candidate appeared, not a graduate nurse, for whom much personal, political, and especially fraternal influence was brought to bear. On April 6th, 1911, the Board reversed its decision that graduation as a nurse should be a condition of appointment, and on September 6th appointed as school nurse a lady who had a partial training some 18 years ago.

Professor Mills quotes letters he has received from some of the most experienced and best informed authorities in the United States. Miss Lilian D. Wald, of the Nurses' Settlement, "thinks it of the greatest importance to have the school nurse of high grade, and to surround her service with every assurance possible that she will not make the mistakes to which people of incomplete training, in her own and other professions, are liable." Dr. Ernest J. Lederle, Commissioner of Health in New York, in whose department the school nurses are employed, says that they are not only graduate nurses, but it is essential that they be registered with the Regents of the State of New York, and have passed a civil service examination before appointment. Dr. G. W. Goler, Health Officer for Rochester, feels so strongly upon this point that he would be willing to officially die for it. Dr. S. Josephine Baker considers it as necessary to have a graduate nurse in such a capacity as to have a graduate physician as inspector in the schools.

Professor Mills contends that not motherly qualities only, but recent scientific training and experience with executive capacity are the essential qualifications for a school nurse, and in his determined fight for standards he should have the gratitude of all nurses.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Hospital for Women, Castle Gate, Nottingham.—Miss Florence Haslam has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has held the position of Holiday Sister at the above Infirmary for six months, and Sister in a Woman's Surgical Ward for two and a half years, she has also been Theatre Sister for three years, and Assistant Matron for six months at the Leicester Infirmary. She holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

Rothwell Isolation Hospital.—Miss Frances Clapp has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse at the Hampstead Fever Hospital, Sister at the Grantham General Hospital, Night Sister at the Nottingham City Hospital, and Matron of the Basford Sanatorium. She has also had experience of private nursing.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Edinburgh District Asylum, Bangour Village.—Miss May Hamilton has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, where she did Home Sister's and Sister's holiday duty, and worked on the private nursing staff. Miss Hamilton was on the staff of St. Patrick's Home, Dublin, as District Nurse, Temporary Matron at Farnham House Mental Hospital, Finglass, Assistant Matron Stewart Institution, Dublin, and Sister-in-Charge of a male block at the David Lewis Colony, Cheshire.

NURSE MATRON.

Brooke Dispensary and Cottage Hospital, Selby.—Miss Edith Parker has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at Bolton Royal Infirmary, and has had experience as Deputy Matron at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, in private nursing at Leeds, and district nursing at Heckmondwike.

NIGHT SISTER.

Chesterfield Union Infirmary.—Miss Sarah A. Dykes has been appointed night sister. She was trained at the Mile End Infirmary, and has held positions at several Poor Law Infirmarys, at the Swansea General Hospital, and the Eastern Hospital, Dundee.

SISTER.

Jewish Hospital, Manchester.—Miss Margaret C. Jones has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Salford, and has been Queen's Nurse at Harpurhey, and emergency nurse in the Swinton Schools. She has also had experience of private nursing.

Royal Hospital, Chelsea.—Miss Edith Roben has been appointed sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Croydon, and has since been staff nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, sister at Croydon General Hospital, and at the Children's Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Roben has also been a school nurse under the London County Council.

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