

THE NURSES MEMORIAL TO KING EDWARD VII.

The Committee of the Nurses Memorial to King Edward VII are now considering applications from candidates who wish to apply for admission to the Memorial Home at Clapham, which it is hoped will be ready for occupation some time in May. Some disappointment is, up to the present time, felt that very few applications have been received from nurses who are not members of the Royal National Pension Fund.

We are asked to state that candidates who desire their application to be considered should send to Miss Swift, 15, Buckingham Street, Strand, forthwith. The necessary qualifications for admission are:—

1. Candidates must have been engaged in sick nursing.
2. An income of not less than 10s. per week, and sufficient furniture for a bed-sitting-room.
3. Must be in good health.

NURSING HANDICRAFT.

The section of Nursing Handicraft arranged by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, for display at the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition, opening on April 23rd, will, we hope, be an instructing little show. Several experts are entering for the Sectional Prizes. The *raison d'être* of the exhibit is to show the manual dexterity of trained nurses, and how daintily they can do their practical work. We hope whoever wins the prizes will be able to spend them in going to Cologne in August, there to take part in the first important International Nursing Congress and Exhibition held in Germany, where a warm welcome awaits them from Sister Agnes Karll.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS.

The following ladies have been appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Joint Insurance Commissioners, which consists of 159 persons. Important organisations of nearly every class of women workers have been granted representation, with the exception of societies of Trained Nurses. These professional women, whose work is of more importance—with the exception of that of medical women—than that of any other class of women workers under the Act, have from start to finish been ignored by those who have framed it. We wonder if even this

lesson will arouse trained nurses to their very serious lack of status, and in consequence their helpless position in the body politic. If it does not, nothing will.

WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRADE UNIONS.
Mrs. O. M. Aldridge.—Women Confectioners' Society.

Miss M. A. Henry.—National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks.
Miss M. R. MacArthur (Mrs. Anderson).—National Federation of Women Workers.

Miss Grace Neal.—Domestic Workers Union of Great Britain.

REPRESENTATIVES OF INSURED PERSONS.
The Countess of Aberdeen.—Women's National Health Association of Ireland.

Miss Bondfield and Miss G. Tuckwell.—Women's Trade Union League.

Mrs. Allan H. Bright, Mrs. Edwin Gray, Miss Constance Smith.—National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland.

Miss E. H. Haldane.—Social Worker in Scotland.

Miss L. Harris.—Women's Co-operative Guild.

Miss S. C. Harrison.—Social Worker in Ireland.

Miss G. Morgan.—Poor Law Guardian.

NOMINATED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED MEDICAL WOMEN.

Miss M. H. F. Ivens, M.S., Miss C. E. Long, M.D.;
Miss A. M. Watson.

PERSONS SELECTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

MIDWIVES.

Mrs. Bedingfeld, Miss Alice Gregory.—Incorporated Midwives' Institute.

NURSES.

Miss M. Hardman.—Superintendent Leicester District Nursing Association.

Miss A. Michie.—Superintendent Worcester City and County Nursing Association.

Thus it will be seen that to the nurses' organisations, English, Scottish and Irish, which together consist of not less than 10,000 persons, who under the Act are compelled to pay the Insurance Tax, *no representation whatever has been given*. That two Superintendents of District and Village Nurses have been nominated to serve by the Commissioners, does not minimise the very grave injustice done to the Nursing Profession as a whole by ignoring it. Nothing could be more unjust, or prove our contention more completely, that so far as our legislators are concerned "trained" nursing does not exist, and that by Act of Parliament alone, providing for their Registration by the State, can the skilled, qualified, professional nurses of this country become recognised, and be accorded the representation in the body politic, which is their unquestionable right. Under the Insurance Act trained nurses have been treated not only with injustice, but with contempt.

The question is, how far are they as a class to blame? How far is their proverbial lack of

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