

which prevails concerning this terrible danger to health.

A cupful of petrol placed in a room will destroy all flies which come within reach of the fumes, and if held underneath flies on the ceiling will instantly kill them. But the inflammability of petrol makes it a somewhat dangerous remedy, and it should never be used in a room containing a light or a fire.

STATE REGISTRATION IN VICTORIA.

Issued with the July number of *Una*, the journal of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association, is a supplement of its Scheme for State Registration of Nurses, as adopted by the Council of the R.V.T.N.A., which came before the Annual Meeting on August 19th, and of which we shall receive a report in good time. The Scheme provides for the constitution of a "Nurses' Registration Board of Victoria," composed of eleven persons (*a*) one Government nominee, (*b*) two medical men nominated by the local branch of the British Medical Association, (*c*) three hospital representatives, (*d*) two matrons of hospitals, to be elected by the Council of the R.V.T.N.A., and (*e*) three representatives of the nurses, elected by the nurses themselves.

The Powers and Duties of the Board are almost identical with those sought for in our own Nurses Registration Bill, but includes the registration and control of general nurses, and midwifery nurses (midwives). The standard of training, after one year's term of grace, for general nurses is to be three years in a recognised training school, and for midwifery nurses six months, in addition for general nurses, and twelve months if for midwifery alone. There is no provision for the registration of mental or male nurses under any other conditions.

We congratulate the R.V.T.N.A. on pushing nursing legislation forward, and hope the Governor in Council will soon perform the pleasing duty of appointing the Nurses Registration Board.

We also hope that when Victorian nurses have legal status they will take a more active part in conducting, and influencing the policy of their professional organ, when presumably the partisan reports (such as that of our recent Deputation to the Prime Minister) will not be reprinted from the quack anti-registration publications of Sir Henry Burdett, but from the official organs of the Nurses Registration Society and the *British Medical Journal*. It is high time Australasian nurses realised how unethical it is that their organs should be used to propagate anti-registration heresies, written purely for commercial purposes, and thus injure their colleagues at home whose long and honourable struggle for higher standards of nursing has now become historic.

We are pleased to note that, since her visit to England, and her personal inquiries into nursing politics here, Miss Gretta Lyons, a member of the R.V.T.N.A., is attempting to place the truth before them in *Una*.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Birmingham and Midland Homœopathic Hospital.—Miss Edith Crichton has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Lincoln County Hospital, and has held the following positions:—Night Superintendent, Home Sister and Assistant Matron, Queen's Hospital, London, and Sister Housekeeper, Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

MATRON.

Cray Valley Hospital, St. Mary's Cray, Kent.—Miss E. M. Hunter has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she holds the position of Matron's Office Sister. Miss Hunter is a Girton graduate, very interested in the higher education of Nurses, and had the honour of representing the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses at the International Nursing Congress at Cologne last year.

Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.—Miss Emma E. Taylor has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has held the position of Sister at the Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, Night Sister at the York County Hospital, Sister at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, and Matron of the Broadstone Jubilee Hospital, Port Glasgow.

NURSE MATRON.

Coquetdale Cottage Hospital, Rothbury.—Miss Christine Webber has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital and has held the positions of Staff Nurse at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, and Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Oldham.

SISTER.

Northern Hospital for Tuberculosis, Winchmore Hill, N.—Miss Dorothy Jane Shepherd has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and the Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, and has held the position of Housekeeping Sister at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, Superintendent of the Nurses' Home, Cambridge, Sister at Kettlewell Convalescent Home, Swanley, Nurse Matron at Falmouth Hospital, and Sister at the East Anglian Sanatorium, Nayland.

Miss Harriet Shaw has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister there and at the Mildmay Nursing Home.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Glamorgan County Council, County Hall, Cardiff.—Miss Ethel Gibson has been appointed School Nurse. She holds the certificate of the Sheffield Union Infirmary, she has also passed the Junior and Senior Oxford Local Examination, the First Division of the London Matriculation, and holds the Honours Diploma in Geography of the L.L.A.

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