

nurses and medical practitioners who alone have the expert knowledge to define efficient standards of nursing education and to maintain discipline. It does not propose to organise and attempt to control untrained and semi-trained nurses, who could then compete with the duly qualified nurse. The College Scheme, as at present defined, will attempt to organise the nursing profession on a voluntary basis—a system which has failed in the past. It proposes to exempt the pupils of certain training schools from the test of a central independent examination, and to register women like the V.A.D. members in grades. The Governing Body is to be nominated by lay persons, and such persons are eligible to form it in part and draft the Bye Laws, persons presumably hospital governors who are not qualified to define nursing educational standards, and who have no right to control skilled workers not in their employ.

Miss Sparshott, who honestly owns her anti-registration convictions, questions the weight of opinion on the Central Registration Committee because it represents a larger medical than nursing vote. The value of opinion is not a matter of numbers but of the right of persons to express them, thus the fact that the organised societies of nurses in England, Scotland and Ireland are formed of nurses holding a three years' certificate of training gives their opinion great weight. The delegates of the Society for State Registration on the Central Committee have agreed to confer with Mr. Stanley and his advisers, taking the Nurses' Registration Bill as the basis of discussion. If the principle of legal registration is conceded and an agreed Bill accepted, they are of opinion that the time for the introduction of the Bill into the House of Commons is opportune. All must act according to the dictates of reason at this crisis, if they wish for a quiet conscience in the future.

If the College Scheme is incorporated by the Board of Trade, and its promoters are genuinely in favour of self-government through State Registration of Nurses, a strong Society working outside for a Bill providing for this issue, can but help on this long needed reform.

#### SCOTTISH NURSES CLAIM LEGAL REGISTRATION.

The Scottish Society of Trained Nurses have embodied their views in a printed letter addressed to the Honble. Arthur Stanley, in which they state that "Owing to its voluntary and mixed nature, the scheme does not meet with the approval of the mass of trained nurses who are desirous of obtaining State Registration." Amongst the reasons advanced are (a) A system of Voluntary Nursing Education and training has been given a fair trial, which has extended over many years and has been found ineffective; and (c) the promiscuous nature of the scheme renders it antagonistic to the order which would arise out of State Registration, and therefore the promoters

must be regarded as averse to the passing of an Act for the State Registration of Nurses.

#### MACMILLAN & CO., LTD., AND ANOTHER v. THE NURSING PRESS, LTD., AND OTHERS.

The action brought by Messrs. Macmillan & Co. and another against the Nursing Press and others was heard in the Court of King's Bench last Tuesday. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiffs with £500 damages. A report of the proceedings appears in the *Times* newspaper of Wednesday, March 15th.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRON.

Meadowslea Tuberculosis Hospital, Penyffordd, near Chester.—Miss Emily Lawday has been appointed Matron. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and at Moorfields Ophthalmic Hospital, and was afterwards Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and Sister and Acting Matron at the Meadowslea Tuberculosis Hospital.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath.—Miss Margaret A. G. Mitchell has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, and afterwards held the positions of Charge Nurse at the District Hospital, Kelso, and Sister at the Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon; the Longmore Hospital, Edinburgh; the Hertford British Hospital, Paris; the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, and the Edinburgh War Hospital, Bangour.

#### SISTER.

Tindale Crescent Infectious Disease Hospital, Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland.—Miss E. Cleminson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Edinburgh Fever Hospital and the Lincoln County Hospital; and has been Sister at St. Winifrede's Nursing Home, Malvern.

#### NIGHT SISTER.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.—Miss L. Forster Feather has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

#### OUT-PATIENT SISTER.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.—Miss Ethel Carter has been appointed Out-patient Sister. She was trained at the Evelina Hospital, London, and St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

#### QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

##### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary Stuart Harrison is appointed to Manchester (Salford), as Superintendent.

Miss Harrison received General training at the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; Midwifery training under the Royal Derby Nursing Association, and District training at the Brighton Home. She has since held several appointments under the

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