

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The *British Medical Journal* of August 19th, publishes a succinct review of the movement for the State Registration of Nurses and its present position. One item we may draw attention to, namely, that the amendment proposed by the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses, to the Nurses' Registration Bill promoted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., defining the authorities to nominate the members of the first General Nursing Council, has not yet, as stated, been incorporated in the College Bill. But the Bill does give registered nurses the power to elect direct representatives.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

We are asked to state that the Articles of Association of the College of Nursing, Ltd., have now assumed their final form, and registration on the Voluntary Register of the College has begun in earnest. Copies of the Articles can be obtained from the printers, Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, price one shilling, and members of the College can obtain them free from the Secretary, 6, Vere Street, W., by sending 2d. for postage.

Nurses will facilitate the work of the office, which is now very heavy, if they will take special care to fill in their application forms correctly. Much trouble is given, and time lost, when the forms have to be returned for corrections.

Copies of certificates, *not originals*, are required in every instance, except when the candidate is on Active Service at home or abroad. *Copies of testimonials are not required.*

All application forms must be signed, the signature witnessed and dated.

The Council wish to explain that the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board is not a qualification for registration, although the holder may have acted in the capacity of a general nurse. It should be remembered that this certificate is already registered under an Act of Parliament. So many nurses write on this subject that it is felt necessary to give this explanation.

It is the intention of The College of Nursing, Ltd., to promote the introduction of a State Registration Bill at an early date.

An informal meeting was held at Chelsea Infirmary on Saturday, August 19th, to which members of the Poor Law Matrons' Association, Matrons from neighbouring hospitals, and nurses from the third London General Hospital had been specially invited.

Miss Barton, who presided, said the object of the meeting was to wish good luck to the College of Nursing Ltd., She then read some questions which had been sent in and invited Miss Haughton to answer them.

Miss A. C. Gibson expressed the view that the College would help poor law nurses to take the place they deserved, and Miss Lloyd Still spoke

of the educational advantages which would accrue to the nursing profession.

Miss Cox Davies said that £2,000 had been subscribed but that at least £50,000 was needed for the ideal building which was in their minds.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C.—Miss Helen Arabella Hamilton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and had further experience at the Memorial Hospital, Mildmay Park, and the Military Families Hospital, Devonport, and as Holiday, Out-patient, Home and Night Sister, and Deputy Matron at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and holds the certificate of its Tuberculosis Training School. She has the Health Visitors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and is a Certified Midwife.

Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.—Miss Lilian E. Hicks has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, and for five and a half years has been Ward Sister and Assistant Matron at the Hospital for Women, Showell Green Lane, Birmingham.

SISTER.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.—Miss Margaret M. Brown has been appointed Sister of Surgical Wards. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Glasgow, and the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and has been surgical and Theatre Sister at the Glasgow Hospital for Sick Children.

HOME SISTER AND NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.—Miss Grace Hooper has been appointed Home and Night Sister alternately. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Bolton, and has been Staff Nurse at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Leeds, and the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, and has been Sister at the County Hospital, York.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Edith Deadman is appointed to Chalfont St. Peter; Miss Theodora Harding to High Wycombe; Miss Ethel Heap to Elloughton and Welton; Miss Theresa O. Leonard to Weston-under-Penyard; Miss Matilda Proudfoot to Leeds (Central Home).

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

His Majesty the King, during his recent visit to the Belgian headquarters, decorated Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians with the Royal Red Cross (First Class).

It will be remembered that the Royal Warrant of 1915, relating to the Royal Red Cross, provided that the decoration might be conferred on "The Queens or Princesses of foreign countries who may have specially exerted themselves in providing for the nursing of the sick and wounded of foreign armies and navies."

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