

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

LOCAL BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The following Local Board for Scotland, which is to consist of thirty persons, has, we are informed, been approved by the College of Nursing, Ltd., without any reference to Scottish nurses whatever.

CHAIRMEN OF HOSPITALS.

Sir Matthew Arthur, Bart., Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Mr. James Macfarlane, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Mr. O. C. Barrie, Royal Infirmary, Dundee.

Mr. Alexander Duffus, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

CONVENERS OF HOSPITAL HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Professor Ritchie, M.A., B.Sc. (Oxon), M.D., F.R.C.P. (Ed.), Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Colonel Roxburgh, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

CONVENER NURSING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. George Kerr, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Dr. Maxtone Thom, D.P.H., Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Colonel Macintosh, M.V.O., M.B., LL.D., Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Dr. C. Ker, City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh.

Dr. McCubbon Johnston, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

MATRONS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Gill, R.R.C., Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Miss Mehrcse, R.R.C., Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C., Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Campbell, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Merchant, Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow.

Miss Edmondson, R.R.C., Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

Miss Pegg, Royal Infirmary, Dundee.

Miss Peterkin, Q.V.J.I., Scottish Branch.

Miss Graham, Scottish Association of Trained Nurses.

MEDICAL MEN.

Sir James Affleck, M.D., Edinburgh.

Dr. Ebenezer Duncan, President Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

Professor Glaister, M.D., D.P.H. (Camb.), F.R.S. (Ed.), University of Glasgow.

To complete the list seven nurses are to be co-opted. Their names are not yet announced, but that is a matter of little importance, for no nurse worth her salt will consent to be co-opted on to a Board designed to govern her profession in Scotland, and which under a just Registration Act it would be her right to nominate and elect. There is nothing ambiguous about the Scottish

Board. It is frankly a body of those who employ nurses and their senior officials, who intend to govern them, and it is to be hoped we shall hear no further silly protestations about "self-government for the nursing profession" from the Nursing College nominees in Scotland.

Apparently all trained nurses have to do is to pay their guinea fee, and thus provide the funds for the Board to control their affairs, and as according to the College Constitution a registered nurse's name may be removed from the register without any power of appeal, the whole system is delightfully simple for those who are grasping power over them. The cold-blooded manner in which the professional responsibility of trained nurses in Scotland has been ignored by the College of Nursing, Ltd., is a warning which will not be lost on English and Irish nurses.

A COERCIVE CONSTITUTION.

WHAT NURSES AGREE TO WHO SIGN THE APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

AUTOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

1. Absolute control by a Council nominated by the seven lay signatories of the College of Nursing Company, Ltd., which Council has power to make, alter, and to repeal such bye-laws, rules and regulations as the Council may think fit. (Article 60 (5).)

2. This Council has power to appoint any persons (whether already members or not) to be members of the Council. (Article 37.)

3. To exclude from office Matrons of Hospitals or Superintendents of Nursing, Sisters or Nurses who are not engaged in the active practice of their profession. (Article 35.)

4. To adopt, if thought fit, the results of examinations held by approved Nursing Schools as sufficient evidence of proficiency. (Memo. 1 (D).)

5. To grant certificates . . . Provided that the College shall not grant, or profess to grant titles or diplomas. (Memo. 1 (E).)

6. To remove from the Register the name or names of any person or persons as the Council may in its discretion think proper. (Memo. 1 (J).)

THE AGREEMENT AS DEFINED IN THE MEMORANDUM.

Nurses who sign the Application Form for Registration and pay a guinea are compelled to be members of the College of Nursing, and be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

They agree:—

3 (D). That the results of examinations at certain Nurse Training Schools shall be sufficient evidence of proficiency.

This cuts at the root of the One Portal Central Examination for Registration, to which the College is pledged,

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