

appointed to be a member of the Council "shall by virtue of such appointment become forthwith a member of the College." Every person on a Local Board is *ipso facto* a member of the College, and any person (not necessarily a thoroughly trained nurse) "qualified under Section 1 of the Memorandum of Association may be placed upon the Register and become a member of the College by a single payment of one pound and one shilling."

So that the statement made by the Secretary that "membership of the College is strictly limited to nurses who possess a certificate of proficiency in general nursing (medical and surgical)" is not an accurate statement of fact, and is, in our opinion, calculated to mislead the nursing profession.

That the College intends to grant certificates to specialists in all branches of nursing is a very serious confession, as it at once cuts at the very root of professional efficiency and the one portal standard. The fact is that the College intends to examine V.A.D. nurses and "control the organisation," and this it cannot do without certificating them and placing these untrained women on a roll, if not on the "general Register," a proceeding which will confuse them in the public mind with thoroughly trained registered nurses.

The Voluntary Aid Detachments have their own well-defined organisation, and trained nurses should not be made responsible for their "nurses" any more than for their cooks.

The General Medical Council does not recognise male orderlies as an integral part of the medical profession; why, therefore, should a General Nursing Council be made responsible for women untrained in a professional sense?

LORD AMPHILL GOES TO THE FRONT.

Members of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and of its constituent societies, will learn with interest that its Chairman, Lieut.-Colonel Lord Ampthill, has now gone abroad with his regiment. Lord Ampthill, since the beginning of the war, has served his country with the utmost patriotism, and the constituent societies will wish their Chairman success and a safe return.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London is able this year to distribute no less than £170,000 to the hospitals and homes it helps to keep in being. This is £30,000 more than last year's total, and £12,000 more than the previous record achieved in the years just before the war.

It is to be deplored that, at the present crisis, naturalised Germans are permitted to give huge sums to this and other charities.

We are glad to hear that Miss Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, is now progressing towards recovery. For the time being Miss Hogg is acting as Deputy Matron.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Booker Isolation Hospital, High Wycombe.—Miss M. G. Fisher has been appointed Matron. She has held the positions of Night Superintendent and Sister at the Fever Hospital, Blackburn, and of Senior Sister and deputy-Matron of the Moss Side Hospital, Lytham.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale.—Miss Gertrude Matthews has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where she subsequently held the position of Massage Sister. She has also held similar positions at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C., and at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and been Sister of a ward at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Great Portland Street, W.

SISTER.

Royal Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital, Cardiff Docks.—Miss Mackenzie has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and has been Sister-in-Charge of No. 1 Auxiliary Hospital, Eccles; Sister-in-Charge of an auxiliary hospital at Budleigh; and Matron of the Devonport Nursing Home, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

CHARGE NURSE.

Blaby, Wigston and Cadby Joint Hospital for Infectious Diseases.—Miss A. Ferrell has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, and has recently been on the staff of the Isolation Hospital, Leicester.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Theresa S. Brooks is appointed to Gloucester D.N.A. as Assistant Superintendent. She received general training at St. Thomas's Hospital, district training at the Metropolitan D.N.A., midwifery training at the General Lying-In Hospital, York Road, S.E., and has the C.M.B. certificate. She has since held several appointments under the Institute.

Miss Elizabeth Brooks is appointed to Newton Heath; Miss Ella M. Marwood, to Lancaster; Miss Sarah A. Moody, to Liverpool (West); Miss Ada E. Richards, to New Mills.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

December 14th, 1916.

1. What are the common sanitary defects you are likely to find in (a) The yard or area; (b) The bedrooms; (c) The living-rooms of a patient's house?

2. What instructions would you give to a mother who has to wean an infant four months old (a) For herself; (b) For the infant?

3. How would you prepare in a working man's house for an abdominal section (1) At short notice; (2) Knowing a few days beforehand?

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