

FOR A JUST BILL.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with sincere thanks the following donations. The National Union of Trained Nurses, £5. Miss F. Sleigh, £1 1s. Mrs. Preston, £1. Miss J. W. Davies, 10s. Miss J. H. Macdonald, R.N.S., 5s. Miss M. Byard, 2s. 6d.

POOR LAW OFFICERS AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

We learn from the *Poor Law Officers Journal* that the Parliamentary Committee of the Poor Law Unions' Association "are continuing to press the promoters of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and its associates for a definite statement of their intentions as regards the decision of the Association." The Association requires a large share of representation on the Council. "We must not fail either to recognise quite fairly," the article continues, "that it is a request, and a repeated one, which proceeds from a representative public body to a private one which has not so much as a shadow of a title to public representation. We know that there are chartered companies which have been founded with control over material matters, but can anybody produce an example of a limited company which has been given control over a public service that is concerned in such far reaching consequences as those which are bound up in the question of life and death which affects many thousands of the public, men, women and children? The position being what it is the inquiry may well be made which would require such an answer from Parliament as would state the ground on which the Legislature could furnish any limited company with power to decide who should or who should not control the care of many thousands of our fellow citizens."

AN INACCURATE STATEMENT.

Speaking recently at a meeting of nurses at Queen Mary's Hospital, West Ham, the Honble. Arthur Stanley said at present no society had any legitimate claim to represent more than a thousand or two thousand nurses, and the profession probably numbered 40,000 to 50,000.

We presume Mr. Stanley forgot the existence of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses the federated membership of which at its lowest computation numbers 10,000 nurses, who have been working and paying for registration for many years, to say nothing of the members of the various Leagues of Nurses who support the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. And it must be remembered that these nurses have come out and agitated for reform, often unsupported by their Matrons and in opposition to their Committees.

To compare these courageous pioneer workers with any number of thousands of nurses who may

be influenced, if not coerced, by committees and matrons to join the College of Nursing would be very unfair.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Chalmers Hospital, Banff.—Miss Agnes E. Williams has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bradford Union Hospital, and has gained experience at the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting, in Ceylon under the Colonial Nursing Association, and at the British Hospital, Cannes. Miss Williams is at present Matron of the Malton Cottage Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.—Miss Jennie Brown has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, where she has held successively the positions of Sister, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Matron, and has had experience of infectious nursing at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, where she has also held the position of Sister.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Harton Poor Law Institution, South Shields.—Miss Martha Jane Horner has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary North, and has been Night Sister at Edmonton Infirmary, Night Sister at the Military Families Hospital, Woolwich, and Second Assistant Matron and Home Sister at the Shore-ditch Infirmary. She is a certified midwife.

City and District Infirmary, York.—Miss Mabel Senior Nuttall has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the York City and District Infirmary, where she has held the positions of Charge Nurse and Head Night Nurse.

SISTER.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, Yorks.—Miss M. L. Slee has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, and has been Senior Sister at the Moorlands Auxiliary Hospital, Kersal, and has also had experience of District and private nursing.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Ada Powell is appointed to Newport Training Home (Shropshire N.F.), as Supt. Miss Ada Powell received General training at St. Olave's Infirmary, District training at Gloucester, and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has since held various appointments under the Institute, including that of First Assist. Supt. of Somerset C.N.A.

Miss Isabella Randall is appointed to East London (Stepney), as Supt. Miss Randall took her General training at the General Hospital, Northampton; District training at Brighton;

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