

single one that office is held with the sanction of the Local Government Board." The mistake has been to try to compile a *voluntary* register. It has been tried and failed. What is required is registration by Act of Parliament, with provision for a three years' open term of grace, after which term a prescribed curriculum, independent examination, and registration by an independent and representative General Nursing Council. The College of Nursing Council entirely ignorant of the work it claimed to do, made a false start in a spirit of coercion. It is up against people who have devoted their lives to questions of nursing organisation, and has aroused a spirit which intends to fight to a finish for just legislation for the Nursing Profession.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Association of Poor Law Unions, in their Report, state that their attention has been drawn to the following resolution of the Central Committee for State Registration, with which the Committee agrees, and recommends the Council to adopt, viz.:—
"For a three years' term of grace after the passing of the Act, nurses in practice who hold a certificate of training, or produce evidence of training satisfactory to the Council, shall be entitled to be registered without further examination." They also recommend that it be urged upon the Provisional Council of the College of Nursing that no practising Poor-Law nurse of five-years' experience as a nurse shall be excluded from the provisional registration roll.

REGISTRATION OF MENTAL NURSES.

The Asylum Workers' Association have recently been considering the question of State Registration of Nurses as provided in the Bills drafted, and have adopted a resolution that "no Bill for the Registration of Nurses will be considered satisfactory which does not adequately provide for the representation of Mental Nurses on the Governing Body."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Brighton and Hove Dispensary, Western Branch.—Mrs. M. Martin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and subsequently was promoted to the position of Sister, and joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. She holds the decoration of the Royal Red Cross (second class).

Yeovil and District Hospital, Yeovil.—Miss Ruth Anderson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital and has been Sister at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Assistant Matron at the Purey Cust Nursing Home, York.

District Hospital, Swindon.—Miss J. McKinnon Smith has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and,

in infectious nursing, at the City Hospital in the same city, where she was promoted to the position of Sister. She has also been Night Superintendent at East Pilton Hospital, Leith, Sister at the General Hospital, Leith, and Matron of the Sanatorium, Tunbridge Wells.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

City of Westminster Union Infirmary.—Miss Edith Marland has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Kensington Infirmary and has held the positions of Ward Sister and third Assistant Matron at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, Home Sister at Kingston Infirmary, and Home Sister at Abergavenny Nursing Home.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT MATRON.

Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby.—Miss M. E. Bailey has been appointed Temporary Assistant Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, where she was Ward and Theatre Sister. Miss Bailey has also been Night Superintendant at the B.R.C. Hospital at Netley.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Celia R. Clapson is appointed to Rotherhithe, as Minor Ailment Centre Nurse; Miss Minnie Bishop is appointed to Stockport; Miss Selina Collier, to Taunton; Miss Mary Gladwin, to Brentford; Miss Fanny Goodwin, to Matlock; Miss Rachel Harris, to Jewish Maternity and Sick Room Helps Society; and Miss Faith Start, to Silvertown.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Rosie Newton, who has been doing duty at Lady Ward's Military Hospital at Reigate.

At the inquest last week it was stated that she broke down under an attack of influenza, and pneumonia supervened. In her delirium she obtained possession of a hatpin, and, removing a poultice, thrust it for nearly 5 in. into her breast.

Dr. Pegg, who gave evidence, said the hatpin did not touch any of the vital parts, and the perforation did not accelerate death, which was due to pneumonia.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

It is with great regret that we record the death, as the result of a sad accident, of Miss Muriel Dorothy Corney, a probationer at the Park Hospital, Hither Green. Miss Corney was standing in front of the fire in a waiting-room, when her skirt caught fire. She endeavoured to extinguish the flames herself, but was unable to do so. She then ran into the corridor and was seen by an assistant steward, who, with assistance, extinguished the flames. At the inquest held last Saturday, Dr. R. L. Wilcox said that Miss Corney's burns were very severe and intensive. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury, who expressed sympathy with the relatives.

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