

APPOINTMENTS.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Cheshire County Asylum, Parkside, Macclesfield.—Miss Annie Jarvis has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at the Retreat, York, and subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse.

CHARGE NURSE.

Blackburn Workhouse Infirmary.—Miss Minnie Manser has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Wisbech Union Infirmary, and has been Nurse at Newton Abbot Union Infirmary, and Charge Nurse at Winchester Union Infirmary.

CHILD WELFARE WORKER.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.—Miss E. M. Candy has been appointed to work for the hospital in connection with Child Welfare. She was trained at the Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Kidderminster, and subsequently held the position of Sister there; and has been Surgical Out Patient Sister, Night Superintendent and Deputy Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children. She has also held the positions of Principal of Training School for Nursery Nurses and Matron of Day Nursery, at 9, St. Bernard's Crescent, Edinburgh; and Matron of the V.A.D. Hospital, Lord Mayor's Walk, York.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

We are officially asked to give publicity to the following letter:—

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Enquiries have reached us from certain members of the Royal British Nurses' Association in Nottingham and elsewhere as to a statement which appeared in the recent Press reports of a meeting held under the auspices of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in that town. The Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., is reported to have stated at this meeting that "more than a year ago another Society, the Royal British Nurses' Association, approached the College of Nursing with a view to *affiliation*." We can best deal with this statement by saying at once that it is misleading and inaccurate. The facts are that the College of Nursing, Ltd., approached the Royal British Nurses' Association with a view to its *amalgamation* with the latter body. To the member who quoted from one press report of the speech to the effect that the Secretary had "pointed out that the Royal British Nurses' Association wished to affiliate with the College," we would reply that the statement bears with it its own contradiction. How, we ask, could an Association, having a Royal President and incorporated by Royal Charter propose to affiliate itself to a body incorporated under the Companies Act?

The speaker appears to have arrived at the conclusion, again to quote her words as reported, that "the Association might be fearful lest its identity, however well safeguarded, should be lost." When such misleading statements as that quoted come to their notice we think that our members have just cause for anxiety as to whether the prestige of their Association has been sufficiently "well safeguarded." Moreover, such statements must lead to confusion in the minds of our members for, at the verbal request of the Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd., it was pointed out to them at their general meeting that the College was to be amalgamated with the Association, and not the Association with the College of Nursing, Ltd.

We are, &c.,

CONSTANCE EMILY CAMPBELL THOMSON
(Nurse Honorary Secretary),

HERBERT J. PATERSON (Medical Honorary
Secretary),

ISABEL MACDONALD (Secretary).

The Royal British Nurses' Association,
10, Orchard Street, W. 1.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

In connection with the Conference of the National Union of Trained Nurses to be held on November 16th and 17th, at 3, Vere Street, W., we are asked to state that Dr. Thomas, Assistant to the Medical Officer of the London County Council, has kindly consented to address the Conference on the morning of Saturday, November 17th, on "Some Developments in Public Health Work." Season tickets, admitting to all meetings and to the concert, will be 1s. 6d. to non-members of the Union, and 1s. to members if applied for beforehand at 46, Marsham Street, S.W. 1. Programmes can be obtained from the same address.

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