

THE PETITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

All certificated nurses in favour of direct representation on the Provisional Nursing Council set up in a Nurses' Registration Bill to make the rules and regulations to which registered nurses have to conform, should sign the Petition to the Prime Minister. Forms free from the Petition Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Eccles and Patricroft Hospital, Patricroft, near Manchester.—Miss Elizabeth Holliday has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Bradford, and held the position of Surgical Sister in the same institution for three years. She has also been Night Sister, Assistant Matron, and Housekeeper at the Royal Hospital, Bristol, for five years, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Maryport, and Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Goole.

Children's Open Air Sanatorium for Tubercular Bone Disease, Northfield, near Birmingham.—Miss Evelyn Beckett has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, where she afterwards held the positions of Sister and Night Superintendent. She has also been Sister at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Hospital; at the Shropshire Surgical Home, Barchwich; and Sister and Acting Matron at No. 5 Military Hospital, Exeter. She has also worked under the French Red Cross.

NURSE MATRON.

Chase Farm School, Enfield.—Miss Edith Wain has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has since held several appointments.

SISTER.

Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.—Miss Mabel Nelson has been appointed Sister of the Children's Ward in the above institution. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Melbourne, where she held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister in a private hospital in Melbourne and had experience of private nursing; she has also been Sister at an Auxiliary Hospital, at Clacton-on-Sea.

WHERE ARE OUR CHILDREN?

Eight children between the ages of five and fifteen were recently found in a brothel in Camden Town raided by the police. The mother, Jessie Louisa Johnson, was fined. Where are the children now? Surely a fine is no punishment for this most criminal conduct upon the part of the mother.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Edith Cavell Homes for Nurses promise to be very popular, the seven beds in the Home at Little Wych, near Bridport, recently opened, are already booked for the whole of the holiday season, and all the vacancies are already bespoken in the Home which is to open at Haslemere in September. At present the Homes are utilised through the Matron-in-Chief of the Joint War Committee for nurses working under its authority, but presumably the hard-working, long-enduring civilian nurse will one day come into her own. Nurses who wish to visit these homes should obtain an application form from the head office, 25, Victoria Street, S.W., and when filled in submit it to the Matron-in-Chief, Joint War Committee, 83, Pall Mall, S.W. If approved, an invitation and a railway ticket are promptly sent, and the visitor is received at the Home, where rules are practically non-existent.

The Lord Mayor is lending the Mansion House on October 11th for a concert in support of the Homes, and Miss Irene Vanbrugh is arranging a theatrical programme with the same object. All benevolent schemes for nurses should be managed outside the Governing Body of the profession. Like the General Medical Council, the functions of the General Nursing Council should be educational and disciplinary, and free from economic influence.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution was recently held at 27, Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, Mr. de Courcy Wheeler, F.R.C.S.I., in the chair.

The Chairman gave a *résumé* of the work done by the nurses since the outbreak of war, and stated that the institution had just cause to be proud of the result. The services of many had been recognised by the military authorities. One of the nurses was a lieutenant in the Canadian Nursing Service; some were serving with the Imperial Nursing Service abroad, and three were attached to St. John's Brigade Hospital in France. The Matron of the new Irish Counties Hospital was an old City of Dublin Nursing Institution nurse, and ten of the nurses were employed at the Dublin Hospital for Wounded Officers. Representatives of the Institution were to be found in almost every theatre of war, including Malta, Gibraltar, Salonika, Egypt, and France.

To balance the rise in the prices of all commodities the salaries of the nurses had been raised by 20 per cent. since the outbreak of war, and this year, in addition, a bonus of 2s.

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