

between the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association and the National Poor-Law Officers' Association, who had been invited to send a delegate to a conference to be held in London on Tuesday, February 5th, with a view to an effort being made to achieve greater co-ordination between the various Nurses' Societies.

#### THE PRESENT POSITION.

He wished to put the whole position very plainly. With regard to the College of Nursing, it must be borne in mind that whilst a number of promises had been given, not one had been carried out with the exception that Miss Yapp had been put on the original Council. She had since resigned. From the beginning, as was well known, the ideals of the College had appealed to everyone, and they had urged their nurses to join, with the result that large numbers of Poor-Law Nurses had become members on their representation. The position was a difficult one, and it remained to be decided whether they should proceed with their negotiations with the College of Nursing, or whether they should join hands with the other Nursing Societies. As had been pointed out, their position in regard to the College of Nursing was absolutely changed, because whereas Sir Arthur Stanley had had great difficulty in satisfying all the claims made for representation on the Council, there were now—owing to the break in the negotiations between the College and the Royal British Nurses' Association—a number of seats vacant, and probably they would have no difficulty in obtaining adequate representation.

#### REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES WITH R.B.N.A.

Mrs. Roberts (Walton Irstition) was appointed a delegate to attend the Conference of the Royal British Nurses' Association in London on February 5th. The question of the nomination of representatives on the Council of the College of Nursing was then discussed, and action taken.

The recognition of nurses trained in certain minor training schools was discussed. Also the possibility of an affiliated training for probationers in both large and small hospitals, and the recognition of uncertified nurses in practice in Poor-Law hospitals.

#### REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

On the invitation of the Executive Council to nominate two representatives of Nurses' Sections to attend meetings of the Executive Council until they could be formally appointed by the Annual Council Meeting, Mrs. Lawson (Sheffield) and Mrs. Roberts (West Derby), who received the largest number of votes in the ballot, were nominated.

#### NURSES' SECTIONS TO CONTINUE.

Mr. Percival stated that this matter was suggested some time ago by Mr. Richmond, to whom the Association was indebted for the original suggestion as to the formation of Nurses' Sections,

It was felt that the description "Nurses' Section" was not a happy one, and it had been suggested that a separate organisation should be formed to be called the National Poor-Law Nurses' Association, affiliated with the National Association, and having use of its machinery. It would make no difference except that it would be absolutely self-controlled, and would report to its own Executive or to the Executive of the National Association. The matter had been before the Executive Council, and had been deferred in order that the nurses themselves could have the opportunity of expressing an opinion.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that no alteration be made in the present system, and that the Nurses' Sections continue as at present.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Guardians of the Manchester Union for the use of the Board-room, and the proceedings terminated.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### NURSE MATRON.

**The Infectious Hospital, Chinley, Derbyshire.**—Miss K. Brocklehurst has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Infirmaries, Brighton, and has worked under the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute at Liverpool, Lancaster and Rishton; and has been Health Visitor, Tuberculosis, Dispensary and School Clinic Nurse and Inspector of Midwives under the Derbyshire County Council.

### THEATRE SISTER.

**Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.**—Miss Mary Kenney has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Staffordshire General Infirmary, and has also done military nursing.

### CHARGE SISTER.

**Queen's Park Auxiliary Military Hospital, Blackburn.**—Miss Nellie Higginbottom has been appointed Charge Sister. She was trained at the Bolton Union Hospital, and has worked in Auxiliary Military Hospitals at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lytham. She has also had experience of private nursing.

### SISTER.

**Armstrong's College, Newcastle.**—Miss Annie Beattie has been appointed Sister at Armstrong's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was trained at the Hospital, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**The Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.**—Miss Elsie Cockerill has been appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland. She was trained at the York County Hospital.

Miss A. M. Taylor has also been appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and was trained at the York County Hospital. Both have held the position of staff nurse at the York County Hospital.

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