

With regard to the omission of the word "official": The statement of the reasons why the Privy Council insisted on the deletion of the word does not prove the omission to be immaterial, but, on the contrary, is evidence that the Privy Council considered the alteration a material one; otherwise they would not have insisted on it. Why the Clause was altered is not germane to the question at issue.

May I repeat that the completion of our agreement was contingent on the granting of the Supplemental Charter. If there has been any repudiation, it is on the part of the College and not on our part.

I can assure Sir Arthur Stanley that, until we received the reply of the Privy Council to our petition, we never entertained the idea that it would not be granted, or that the amalgamation would not be completed in due course. Therefore, Sir Arthur's insinuation as to the reason for the action of my Council is unworthy of him.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT J. PATERSON.

#### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A lecture on "Red Cross Work in Roumania and Serbia" will be given by Mrs. Dickinson Berry, M.D., at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1, on Thursday, February 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Miss Margaret Macdonald, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Overseas Forces of Canada, will be in the chair. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be made to defray expenses.

#### A USEFUL CHARITY.

The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs, presided at the 82nd Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C., on February 14th, and heartily commended the efforts now being made by some of the subscribers to secure a site now adjoining the hospital for the purpose of its extension. To effect this it was necessary to obtain £4,000 by April 1st. If the site could not be bought, and a factory were built on it, it would be disastrous to the work of the hospital, depriving it of light, air and quietude, so essential to the welfare of the patients. The hospital is registered by the War Office for the treatment of sick and wounded soldiers suffering from the special injuries for the treatment of which it exists, and all such patients have been discharged cured. Two members of the Committee are serving with His Majesty's Forces, and three members of the surgical staff are on active service.

The London Insurance Committee has adopted a resolution welcoming the efforts of the Minister of Reconstruction to formulate a scheme for the immediate establishment of a Ministry of Health which would possess full maternity and infant welfare powers.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Borough of Hornsey, Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill, N.**—Miss Irene Webb has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has been Matron of the Fever Hospitals at Leicester, Bolton and Bucknall, and at Clare Hall Sanatorium, Middlesex. She has also been Lady Welfare Superintendent at the Daimler Motor Co. Works, Coventry.

### SISTERS.

**Royal Mineral Water Hospital, Bath.**—Miss Maude L. Shipman has been appointed Senior Sister. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E., and has been Sister at the West Ham and Eastern General Hospital, Stratford, E.; Sister at the Anglo-American Hospital (B.R.C.S.), Wimereux; Sister-in-Charge, Outpatient Department, South London Hospital for Women, Clapham. Miss Shipman is a certified masseuse, and holds the massage certificate of the I.S.T.M.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Tuberculosis Hospital, Cottingham, near Hull.**—Miss Phyllis Andrew has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Kiltroy Hill Infirmary, Worksop.

### CHARGE NURSE.

**Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter.**—Miss Dorothy Souhard has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the City Hospital, Bristol, and the Hospital, Weston-super-Mare, and has been Staff Nurse at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, and has also had experience of private nursing and military nursing.

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elsie A. Benians is appointed to the South-Western Area as Inspector. Miss Benians received general training at Bethnal Green Infirmary, district training at Brighton, midwifery training at the Woolwich Home for Mothers and Babies, and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has held various appointments under the Institute having been Superintendent of Huddersfield D.N.A. and County Superintendent of West Riding N.A.

Miss Norah Farrant is appointed to the Eastern Area as Inspector. Miss Farrant received general training at the London Hospital, district training at Brighton, midwifery training at the Brighton Hospital for Women and Children, and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has since held several appointments under the Institute including that of Assistant County Superintendent and County Superintendent of Sussex C.N.A.

Miss Jessie M. Chambers is appointed to Arnold; Miss Annie Foster to Worthing as Senior Nurse; Miss Louisa Longford to Blackburn; Miss Marion McAlister to Huddersfield; Miss Ellen J. Morey to Blackburn; Miss Edith E. Morgan to Brentford; Miss Alice A. Pedler to Highgate.

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