

WE OBJECT ON PRINCIPLE.

We regret that an attempt should be made to secure support for the Edith Cavell Homes through contributions from the rank and file of the Army, and we are not surprised that some officers have preferred to give donations themselves, to asking their men to contribute. In civil hospitals it is unheard of to ask for support of funds for the benefit of the nurses from their patients, as it would place them in an entirely wrong and invidious position. The same holds good with regard to the Army, and we hope that all such collections will be discontinued by authority.

SOUTH AFRICAN NURSES AND SELF DETERMINATION.

"The Medical and Pharmacy Bill is not," says the *South African Nursing Record*, "to be proceeded with in the Assembly, and will consequently lapse. There is, apparently, also no intention of re-introducing it in the later session of this year."

We cannot regard this as an unmixed evil, as we are not satisfied with the attitude taken up by the above-mentioned journal, as the mouthpiece of the South African Trained Nurses' Association on the constitution of a Nurses' Governing Body set up in the Bill.

Speaking editorially, our contemporary says, "We trust the Central Board of the T.N.A. will once more urge the establishment of such legislation (*i.e.*, legislation for trained nurses) on the lines of the late Medical Bill, viz.:—1. The establishment of a General Medical Council for the Union. 2. Compulsory registration of all practising midwives and trained nurses, the General Medical Council to have full disciplinary control of all such."

Midwives and nurses should offer strenuous resistance to any proposals for their compulsory registration which do not provide that adequate powers of self-government shall be assured to them. The Nurses should agitate for a General Nursing Council composed largely of graduate nurses throughout the Union.

The Editor of the *South African Nursing Record* has done so much to rouse trained nurses in the Union of South Africa to an active sense of professional responsibility, that we hope he will take a firm stand on the important principle to which we allude.

ENCOURAGEMENT BY THE QUEEN.

The Queen has assumed the position of Commandant-in-Chief of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps as a mark of her appreciation of the good services of the Corps at home and abroad—the Corps will in future bear the name of Queen Mary's Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital and Sanatorium, Lincoln.—Miss Eileen O'Kane has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Belfast Infirmary and Fever Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse at the Newcastle Infectious Diseases Hospital, Sister-in-Charge of the Nurses' Home, City Hospital, Newcastle, Assistant Matron at the Infectious Diseases Hospital in the same city, and Matron of the Borough Sanatorium, Sunderland.

TEMPORARY MATRON.

Warde-Aldam Hospital, South Elmsall, near Pontefract.—Miss Louisa Cooper has been appointed Temporary Matron. She received her general training at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland; and training in infectious and medical work at the Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. She has been Sister at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield; the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; and the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff; and Matron of the Station Road Hospital, Blackpool.

SECOND ASSISTANT MATRON.

Borough Hospital, Birkenhead.—Miss M. Carlin has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Sheffield Royal Hospital, where she has held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and has been Pupil Housekeeper at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Workhouse Infirmary, Bridgend.—Miss Ellen Handley has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Birmingham Union Infirmary, and has been Night Sister at the Crossley Sanatorium, Kingswood, Cheshire; Maternity Sister and Ward Sister at the Southampton Union Infirmary; Night Sister at Chesterfield Union Infirmary; and Superintendent Nurse at Banbury Union Infirmary.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie is appointed Inspector of the Northern Area. Miss Mackenzie received training in general nursing at the Leith Hospital; District training at Edinburgh; Midwifery training at the Glasgow Maternity Hospital; and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has since held several appointments under the Institute, including that of County Superintendent of Bucks C.N.A.

Miss Edith E. Batten is appointed to Barrow-in-Furness; Miss Annie B. Bower, to Gloucester; Miss Ann H. Clough, to Cannock; Miss Mary Crosse, to Watford; Miss Ada Dicks, to Wakefield; Miss Mary J. Doran, to Blackburn; Miss Eva Markby, to Nelson; Miss Mary F. Ronchetti, to Watford; and Miss Kate H. Steff, to Ramsgate Maternity and Mothercraft Association.

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