

of Parliament, and pledges it to a certain course of action, before it has even considered a Nurses Registration Bill. It is treating Parliament with contempt and deluding the nurses in an unpardonable manner.

We are informed that this questionable policy upon the part of the College was one of the chief reasons which caused the R.B.N.A. to hesitate to be associated with it, and thus be made responsible for methods which cannot fail to bring discredit upon those who employ them. In the meantime, Miss Vera Matheson's pamphlet is being widely distributed from the British Red Cross Office. No doubt, Parliament will have a word to say sooner or later, upon this "pledge," given in its name without its consent!

We note another gross misstatement made in this pamphlet by Miss Vera Matheson concerning ourselves, with which we can deal as occasion arises. In the meantime, we advise this "mushroom" organizer to acquaint herself with the history of our profession, of which it is apparent she is lamentably ignorant. Incidentally, it might be well for her Board to curb the irresponsible verbosity of this official, when attacking the professional reputation of those whose ideas she apparently has no hesitation of adopting and putting forth as her own. Unblushing plagiarism is evidently the cardinal sin of the College clique in Ireland. We fear there must be a sad lack of original genius and creative faculty in its ranks!

THE NATION'S PAUPERS.

I happened to pass No. 21, Old Bond Street one evening recently, and stopped to look with natural indignation at the array of posters in both windows, advertising the appeal for the Nation's Paupers (erstwhile professional nurses) with which they were filled from end to end.

Two typical very old "chars," in rusty crêpe bonnets, were also attracted by the sight.

"Nusses?" said one. "Young nusses? What's the matter with 'em? What's they want money for? They's kep', and we not able to get enough to eat."

I addressed the "lydies," and told them that, speaking as a "nuss," we strongly objected to be held up as paupers in shop-windows and on every vacant wall-space in the Metropolis by the vulgar rich, who should be doing some of the nation's hard work, instead of patronising the nation's hard workers. We parted the best of friends.

A SELF-SUPPORTING "NUSS."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham. — Miss E. Truslove has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and

has held the position of Staff and District Nurse at the Hednesford Accident Hospital, Senior Sister, and subsequently Matron of the Keighley and Bingley Isolation Hospital, and for ten years Matron of the Smallwood Hospital, Redditch, two of which were spent with His Majesty's Forces in France.

Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Dublin. — Miss Eileen Rohde has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, obtaining first-class honours in both primary and final examinations; and was subsequently on its private staff for a year, Sister of the Fever Wing, and Locum Tenens for the Home Sister and Sister-in-Charge of the female landing. She entered the service of the Egyptian Government, as Nursing Sister at the Kaisr-el-Aini Hospital, in November, 1900, where she also acted as Night Superintendent and did Matron's duties on several occasions, and had charge of a large division when the hospital was full of sick and wounded troops.

Miss Rohde left Cairo for India, to take a post as Military Sister in the hospital at Peshawar; and since 1917 has been Matron of the Military Hospital, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad. She holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, and is a certified midwife. Miss Rohde is of Irish nationality.

SUPERINTENDENT.

North Islington School for Mothers, 8 and 9, Manor Road, N. — Miss G. Le Goyt has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the positions of Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, Night Superintendent and Home Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Secretary of the London Association of Nurses, 123, New Bond Street, W., and for the last year Home Sister at the Military Hospital, Endell Street, W.C. She is a certified midwife.

SISTER.

Royal Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital, Cardiff. — Miss Ethel Wyatt has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Hospital and Dispensary, Newton Abbot.

PRESENTATION.

Recently an interesting presentation took place at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, on the occasion of the Matron (Miss M. Cotton) vacating her office. The members of the medical staff of the institution met and expressed their appreciation of the untiring and successful efforts made by the Matron on behalf of the hospital since its opening, some three and a-half years ago. A tribute was paid Miss Cotton for the standard of excellency in nursing which the probationers trained under her guidance had attained, as evidenced by the Medical Examiners at the last annual test. The presentation, taking the form of a purse containing a substantial cheque, was made by the Chairman, who, supported by others, voiced the kind wishes of all present for Miss Cotton's future.

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