

A correspondence has resulted in the Hull local press from the College meeting held in the Guildhall, on April 19th, owing to the statements advanced by some of its advocates.

For instance, Miss Lyon, the Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hull, made the statement that one of the objects of the College was to establish a uniform curriculum of training, when surely she must be aware that recently to placate the opposition of committees of Children's Hospitals the College Council has cut at the very root of uniformity of training and a Central examination, by promising to institute a Register of Specialists—nurses trained in Children's Hospitals—a breach of faith which nurses who have joined the College on the printed promise of a one standard Register of General Nurses, and a one-standard examination, will most certainly resent.

We consider Miss Lyon ought to have informed the audience of the "Mysterious Pact" to register Specialists to which the College is now privately pledged. As the Matron of a Children's Hospital, she presumably knows of it. Again, Miss Lyon said they were not appealing for charity. Why deny a fact? The Nation's Fund for Nurses Appeal is registered under the War Charities Act—and for the future the Charity Commissioners for England insist that the Committee of the Fund must append the words, "Registered under the War Charities Act, 1916," to all its appeals, and no longer evade the law as for months it has done by omitting these words from printed advertisements and appeals.

Miss Lyon also said "three hundred and fifty members of the nursing profession had died in the service of their country" during the war. This is not a fact unless V.A.D. members are classed as such, which we dispute. We have to lament the loss of one hundred and sixty-seven of our colleagues, and sincerely regret the sacrifice of their devoted lives.

Mrs. Martin Harvey, who said she was thinking particularly of V.A.D.s as revealed to her during a visit to France, said their country was under an obligation to them; Hundreds of women were suffering from shell shock. She then eulogised the College Scheme, the autocratic Constitution of which we venture to say she has never studied, or, if she has, she, as a professional actress, would surely not endow actor managers with powers over the working members of her own profession which she is prepared to advocate for trained nurses. Anyway, we presume Mrs. Martin Harvey would resent a committee of trained nurses collecting funds to undermine the economic independence of the dramatic profession and place its members *for life* under the control of theatre managers. But apparently any member of the laity has a right to meddle with our economic conditions and professional status, and degrade them in the body politic.

We hear a whisper that the managers of the Royal National Pension Fund are willing to finger this so-called "Nation's Fund." No doubt they are.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospital, Dublin.—Miss E. Hezlett has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospital, under Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., and has since held the positions of Sister and Assistant Matron at the Hospital. Miss Hezlett has been Acting Lady Superintendent from the beginning of the war, when Miss E. Holden, R.R.C., was called up for military duty, and appointed Matron of the 3rd London General Hospital, T.F.N.S., Royal Patriotic Schools, Wandsworth, a position she still holds. We are glad to note that Irish ladies, trained in Ireland, have been recently appointed to leading positions as Matrons in Dublin Hospitals. Chance of promotion is the best spur to the output of energy.

SISTER.

General Hospital, Cheltenham.—Miss C. Smith has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton.

Workhouse Infirmary, Maidstone.—Miss Emma Jane Hubbard has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Union Hospital, Rotherham, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Loughborough Infirmary, and of Sister at Greenwich Infirmary, Plymouth.

Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.—Miss G. Luke has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Mile End Infirmary, and has been Sister at Townley's Hospital, Bolton, the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, the City Hospital, Bristol, the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, and the Military Hospital, Griffithstown.

West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.—Miss Winifred Thorn has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and has been Sister of a male surgical ward and also Night Superintendent at the same Hospital.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the following to be Queen's Nurses, to date April 1st, 1918:—

ENGLAND.

Ethel B. Wardley, Bessie Wilson, Emily G. Johnson, Mary Cock, Florence Randall, Ethel Douglas, Ivy F. Weir, Margaret D. Higgs, Ellen G. Fox, Rose H. Coe.

SCOTLAND.

Annabella Craig, Janet Crawford, Margaret McDougall, Mary C. P. Chambers.

IRELAND.

Teresa Doyle, Frances M. McCurdy, Clara J. Lewis, Rose H. Williams.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Sophia J. Wood is appointed to South West Midlands Area as Inspector. Miss Sophia

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