

Corporation, and thus be compelled to join the College, as provided in its Constitution, whether they approve of it or not? So far, only one official, Mr. F. G. Hazell, the General Superintendent and Secretary of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, regrets he has "no information to afford you relative to the subject matter of your letter." This reply is in the best Manchester Royal Infirmary style—high and haughty. We must, however, beg to remind Mr. Hazell that it is also a public institution, supported by public funds, and that the public has a right to be informed upon what terms it admits probationers, and the manner in which they are treated. Probationers are public officials, and not the domestic helots of either a committee or their fellow officials. It may be necessary to refer to this matter upon a future occasion, when we deal with the replies received as a whole.

AN INACCURATE STATEMENT.

We note a letter from Miss G. Cowlin, the Assistant Secretary of the College of Nursing, in the *Hull Daily Mail*, in which she supports the charitable patronage and interference by the committee of actresses calling itself the British Women's Hospital Committee, in our professional organisation. Incidentally Miss Cowlin states that the nurse members of the College are "now electing their own Council by postal vote." That is not a true statement. The nurse members are now being permitted to elect 12 out of the 36 members of the nominated College Council, and this after the whole organisation and the Rules to which they have to conform have been agreed and adopted.

Responsible officials should be careful to be accurate in making public statements in a controversy with their professional colleagues. Let the lay element draw the long bow if thought justifiable in this controversy, but not members of the nursing profession.

NO MONOPOLY OF NURSING.

Sir Arthur Stanley visits Sheffield on Friday, 24th inst., in support of the College of Nursing Ltd. The *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* states that "the promoters look forward to the time when all trained nurses will belong to the College, and when those who are in need of nurses will draw only upon those who are connected with the institution."

Just so, and it is against this monopoly of the control of trained nurses and their work by their employers that we independent members of the profession are fighting. We must have freedom of contract or servitude—and the sooner trained nurses realize this the better.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

The Infirmary, Denbigh.—Miss Gertrude Brown has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and for three and a-half years has been Ward Sister, and Sister-in-Charge of the X-Ray Department, Leigh Infirmary, and Croesnewydd Auxiliary Military Hospital, Wrexham.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Hospital, Leith.—Miss S. MacDougall has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained in general nursing at the General Hospital, Leith, and in infectious nursing at the City Hospital, Edinburgh, and has held the positions of Outpatient Sister and Ward Sister in connection with her training school.

THEATRE SISTER.

District Hospital, Mansfield.—Miss R. Holtby has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Walsall, and has been Staff Nurse at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury; Sister at Blaina and District Hospital, and Theatre Sister at the General Infirmary, Rochdale.

INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.

County Council of Buckinghamshire.—Miss Mary Dudley has been appointed Inspector of Midwives. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, Night Superintendent at the Women's Hospital, Shaw St., Liverpool, Deputy Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Maryport, Outpatient Sister at the Coventry and Warwickshire General Hospital, and Sister at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. She is a certified midwife, and has held various appointments under Public Health Authorities.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N., one of the leading and most respected superintendents of nursing in the United States of America, has been elected President of the American Nurses' Association. Miss Noyes is Chief of the Nursing Bureau of the American Red Cross at Washington, and President of the American Journal of Nursing Company.

We welcome her to high office in her dual capacity of registered nurse and professional journalist, and the American nurses on their choice of President.

ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association will be held at the Mansion House on May 29th, at 3. The Lord Mayor will preside and the speakers will include Sir John Jardine, M.P., the Dean of Windsor, Sir George Savage, Lieut.-Colonel Thomson, R.A.M.C., and Dr. Mercier.

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