

the College of Nursing on the matter referred to in your note. No discussion has taken place on this matter."

MR. SIDNEY M. QUENNEL, Westminster Hospital:—

"In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I find upon enquiry that the apprehension you mention does not obtain amongst the probationers training at this hospital."

MR. RICHARD COLES, King's College Hospital:—

I.

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 9th inst. with reference to the examination of Probationers, which I will place before the Committee at their next meeting."

II.

"I am directed to inform you that there is no intention of changing the Nurses' Examination."

MR. WALTER KEWLEY, Middlesex Hospital:—

"I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 9th inst. which will be submitted to my Board at its next meeting."

No further communication has, so far, been received.

MR. REGINALD R. GARRATT, Royal Free Hospital:—

"In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., I beg to inform you that so far as I am aware, no apprehension is felt by nurses with whom I am in contact on the subject to which you refer. It is fully realized by them that the College of Nursing will be of great value to the Nursing Profession, and will also be well able and desirous of protecting their interests in all respects."

In answer to this, the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses wrote:—

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of May 10th. I shall be obliged if you will be so kind as to answer the question contained in my former letter, *i.e.*, whether the rumour is correct that in future the examination of probationers at the Royal Free Hospital will be conducted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and not by their own training school?"

Mr. Garratt replied:—

"Will you please inform me by what authority your Committee seeks the information referred to from the Board of this Hospital. It is not customary to supply information to unauthorized persons."

The letter addressed to Mr. Garratt was written on official paper bearing the names of the officers of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the membership of which includes over 4,000 certificated nurses, presumably the unauthorized persons referred to by Mr. Garratt.

MR. A. BETTERIDGE, West London Hospital:—

"In reply to your circular letter, dated May, I beg to inform you that the examinations of probationers are still conducted by the hospital."

MR. J. COURTNEY BUCHANAN:—

"In reply to your circular letter I beg to say that the rumour is incorrect in so far as it applies to the probationers at the Metropolitan Hospital."

MR. GILBERT C. PANTER, Great Northern Central Hospital:—

"In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., I beg to inform you that no communication has been received from the College of Nursing by this hospital on the subject to which you refer."

No replies have been received from St. George's Hospital, the London Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, and University College Hospital.

(To be concluded.)

APPOINTMENTS.

SISTER.

Children's Hospital, Hull.—Miss Florence Jones has been appointed Sister of the Medical Wards. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, where she held the positions of Sister of the Children's ward, and also of Night Sister. She has recently been Holiday Sister at the Children's Hospital, Hull.

Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham.—Miss Mabel Annie Barham has been appointed Maternity Sister. She was trained at the Dudley Road Infirmary, Birmingham, and has been Sister in a medical ward at the Erdington Infirmary.

Royal Infirmary, Truro.—Miss Gertrude Far-
rington has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and has been Staff Nurse at the New Hospital for Women. She is a certified midwife.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurse C. E. Bray resigns her appointment (August 24th).

AN APPRECIATION.

Widespread regret is expressed throughout the nursing world in Ireland at the resignation of Miss Lucy Ramsden, Lady Superintendent of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, which post she has held for over 20 years, for it means not only severing her connection with the hospital, but leaving Ireland. Only those who have worked intimately with Miss Ramsden on the several Boards and Associations of which she is a member can realise how great her loss will be. Her sound judgment and keen sense of justice made her an invaluable colleague, one not easily replaced. Her work in the Rotunda Hospital has had a world-wide influence, as candidates for training in midwifery come from all quarters of the globe. Some months ago Miss Ramsden was chosen as one of the representatives to act on the Central Midwives Board (Ireland), and her appointment was only waiting ratification by the Local Government Board. Miss Ramsden has now withdrawn her name and this new Board will suffer accordingly, as her experience and advice would have been invaluable. Miss Ramsden is an active member of the Irish Nurses' Association, of which she has been twice President; also of the Irish Matrons' Association (twice President), a Director of the Nurses' Hostel, and a member of the Irish Nursing Board. Her name was found on every Committee that was formed in connection with nursing affairs, and no matter how busy she was, Miss Ramsden always found time for a "little more." Is it any wonder that the coming loss of such a faithful ally is deeply regretted?

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