

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., AND THE EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

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The following letters have been received by the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in reply to the letter which we published last week enquiring whether the examination of nurses in the training schools concerned would in future be conducted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which claims disciplinary powers over its members under a very autocratic constitution.

PROVINCES.

MR. A. H. LANEY, General Hospital, Birmingham.

"I have discussed your letter of the 16th inst. with Matron, and find that the rumour is without foundation so far as this hospital is concerned."

MR. HARRY JOHNSON, Royal Infirmary, Leicester.

"I have received your letter of the 9th inst., and beg to inform you that no suggestion has been made to the Board of Governors of this Institution for any alteration in connection with the examinations for Probationary Nurses on the staff of this Institution."

MR. FRANK G. HAZELL, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., for which I thank you. I regret I have no information to afford you relative to the subject matter of your letter."

It will be remembered that the curt refusal by Mr. Frank Hazell, of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, to afford any information on this matter of public importance was criticised on a previous occasion.

MR. C. AMASON, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

"I am directed by the Board of Management to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 9th in reference to the training of Nurses."

MR. J. G. HOWITT, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

"I am in receipt of your circular letter of the 9th inst. in regard to the examination of Probationary Nurses by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and in reply have to inform you that as far as this Infirmary is concerned no arrangements have been made. We are at the present time continuing the teaching and examination of our Probationary Nurses as formerly."

MR. SAMUEL COLE, Royal Devon and Exeter Infirmary.

"I am duly in receipt of your circular letter dated 9th inst., and in reply to your enquiry the rumour that Nurses not yet qualified for their certificates will have to be examined by the College of Nursing, Ltd., is incorrect as far as it applies to the Probationers at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital."

MR. FRANK INCH, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

"In reply to your circular letter of the 9th inst., I beg to inform you that I have no knowledge of the rumour that in future the examination of Nurses who have not yet qualified at this Hospital for their certificates will be conducted by the College of Nursing, Ltd."

MR. FREDK. NEDEN, The County Hospital, York.

"In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., the report to which you refer has not reached us.

"The examination of our Probationers is undertaken by members of our Honorary Medical Staff and

by a Matron of another Hospital, who visits the Hospital for the purpose, and there is no present intention of making a change."

MR. R. ORDE, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 9th, and in reply to inform you that we have no information on the subject referred to."

WALES.

MR. LEONARD D. REA, F.C.I.S., King Edward VII's Hospital, Cardiff:—

"In reply to your letter of 9th inst., I am able to assure you that the rumour is not correct, so far as applying to the probationers in this Hospital."

SCOTLAND.

MR. R. MORRISON SMITH, C.A., Glasgow Royal Infirmary:—

"I have received your letter of 13th inst., and in reply have to say that it is not contemplated in the meantime to make any change in our training or examination of nurses."

MR. J. MATHESON JOHNSTON, Western Infirmary of Glasgow:—

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th inst. At the Western Infirmary we have no knowledge of the rumour to which you refer."

MR. A. SCOTT FINNIE, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen:—

"I have received your circular letter, dated 13th inst., with reference to the examination of nurses. As this is a matter coming within the Matron's department, I have sent the communication to her."

MISS E. EDMONDSON, Acting Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen:—

"In reference to your letter of the 13th inst., which has been forwarded to me, I beg to inform you that no definite communication has been received by the Board of Directors of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary from the College of Nursing. I do not think the rumours which you mention are worth attention, as such examinations would only be compulsory for those who wish to become members of the College. The confidence of the trained nurses in the College is clearly seen by the large number of members at the present time"

MR. G. B. BROUGH, Royal Infirmary, Dundee:—

"No alteration is in contemplation on the existing arrangement by which the Dundee Royal Infirmary continues to grant certificates signed by the Hospital authorities to nurses who have satisfactorily completed their course of three years' training."

IRELAND.

MR. E. B. ARMSTRONG, Royal City of Dublin Hospital:

"In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., I beg to say that as far as this hospital is concerned, the rumour that in future nurses' examinations will be conducted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and not by our own training school is unfounded and inaccurate."

MISS M. C. HILL, Matron, Adelaide Hospital, Dublin:—

"In reply to your letter with reference to the qualifying examinations to be held in future for probationers at the Adelaide Hospital, I am directed by the Nursing Committee to inform you that should the Nurses' Registration Bill, drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., become law, the probationers at

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