

State Registration, as they have done for years. We hope, therefore, that Miss Biggar and the secretaries of local centres will distribute copies and explanations of the Constitution of the Company, and make it quite plain that a nurse member's name can be removed from the Register, and herself from membership, in spite of her cash payments "as the Council may in its discretion think proper" *without any right of appeal*.

This autocratic assumption of power places the nurse in a most defenceless position; for she practically agrees to be accused, tried, judged, and condemned, without the right to defend herself.

All the ladies who have taken office in connection with the London Centre must be called upon to state whether or no they are in favour of this type of tyranny. Those Matrons on the Council have condoned it, even if they were not consulted before it was in print.

The Secretary, Miss Rundle, has publicly expressed approval of the Council having the power (which this Clause gives them) to ruin a nurse's professional career without giving her the right to defend herself.

Our reason for requiring nurse members of the College to study and know something about their own affairs is that even if, through apathy, they are willing to sell their birthright of professional status for a mess of pottage, we are strongly opposed to their selling *ours*.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.**—Miss Gertrude Vergette has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, certificated in 1905, and has been associated with the hospital for sixteen years. Miss Vergette has for some years been Sister of the Massage Department, and has worked unceasingly and with wonderful success during the war in the Soldiers' Block.

**Bath War Hospital.**—Miss Maud E. Tate has been appointed Matron of the Bath War Hospitals in succession to Miss A. B. Hill (resigned). Miss Tate possesses the 1914 ribbon and the Serbian Order of St. Sava.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss F. C. Wallen, Assistant Matron of the Islington Poor-Law Infirmary, who has discharged the duties of Matron of the Infirmary for the past six months, has been appointed permanently to the post of Matron.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary.**—Miss Jean W. Wightman has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Barrow-in-Furness Hospital; and has been Sister at the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh; and Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Perth.

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Caroline R. Sowden is appointed to Dewsbury as Senior Nurse; Miss Edith Addis is appointed to Jewish Maternity and Sick Room Helps Society; Miss Beatrice Avery, to Manchester (Salford); Miss Minnie Deverill, to Coventry; Miss Alice M. Hopkinson, to Tottenham; Miss Edith M. Symons, to Plaistow; Miss Elizabeth A. Thornley, to Accrington.

## A LOSS TO BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

The appointment of Miss Gertrude Vergette to the Matronship of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, proves the acumen of the Committee of that institution, but will be a very serious loss to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Miss Vergette is one of the "old sort." By that we mean a woman devoted to duty and highly efficient in every detail of work she undertakes. In temperament, kind, bright, helpful, endowed with common sense and the courage of her own opinions, she is just the type of woman whose influence is of the greatest value in a Nursing School. We wish her the success she deserves in her future position, where we feel sure she will use all her best endeavours for the benefit of the hospital and the Nursing Staff.

## SISTER TUTORS.

The Committee of the Nation's Fund for Nurses have established in connection with the College of Nursing, Ltd., three scholarships for training sister tutors at King's College for Women, London University, of £105 each. The successful candidates are:

Miss M. E. Abram, assistant matron, Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield; Miss D. E. Bannon, sister surgical ward, and Miss D. M. Edgell, night charge sister, maternity ward, both St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

The Nation's Nurses have no control over this War Charity Fund raised in their name.

## MY LITTLE IRISH NURSE.

She came to me so cheery—kind,  
Her steps so swift and light,  
Her strong, warm hands drove fear away,  
And soothed me in the night.  
Her voice is like the whisperings  
The angels send to earth.  
Her presence is a peace—a rest—  
My little Irish nurse!

Her dark eyes hold a Faith that looks  
From a soul God knows is His.  
Life's daily task fulfil a round  
Of beauty, mirroring this.  
O, Service—sacred gift to heal  
An aching universe!  
'Tis hands like yours lift the cooling draught,  
My little Irish nurse!  
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