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Miss C. McBan has been appointed Staff Nurse in the same institution where she was trained and obtained the F.N.A. Certificate.

SENIOR HEALTH VISITOR.

Banbury.—Miss E. S. Lewis has been appointed Senior Health Visitor. She is a trained nurse, and, in addition, holds the following certificates: Fever and Health Visitors, Royal Sanitary Institute, and Central Midwives Board. Miss Lewis has been Health Visitor at Plymouth, and Assistant Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., at Belmont War Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey.—Miss Lucy Caroline Cooper has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the City of Westminster Infirmary, Hendon, N.W. She was subsequently Nurse at the Isle of Thanet Infirmary, Superintendent Nurse at the Leavesden Asylum, Herts, Night Sister and Assistant Matron at the Hendon Infirmary, Health Visitor at Plymouth, and School and Tuberculosis Nurse at Sittingbourne, Kent. She has also done private nursing.

Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, who has been appointed a Commissioner of the Serbian Red Cross Society in Great Britain, has left London for Jugo-Slavia, where she will make arrangements on behalf of the Serbian Red Cross for the opening of wayside dispensaries.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The College of Nursing, Ltd., held its Annual Meeting at Manchester on Wednesday, June 18th, in the Chemical Theatre of the Manchester University, Sir Arthur Stanley the Chairman, presided, and commended the policy of the College and the Nation's Fund for Nurses—he also urged the importance of Parliamentary action to secure State Registration for Nurses, but did not inform the meeting that the Council had issued a letter to Nurse members to wreck the Central Committee's Bill now before Parliament, which the Nurses have worked and paid for for a quarter of a century! Nor did he inform them that the Council had deleted sub-section 2, Clause 5, of the College Bill before the Treasurer of Guy's Hospital introduced it into the House of Lords, thus making it possible to have a Governing Body for trained Nurses, on which not one seat is secured to a trained Nurse. Tea was served at the Royal Infirmary, and in the evening the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received the Nurses at the Town Hall.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

All the members of Council stood for re-election, but so much comment has naturally resulted from the fact that Hospital Governors and Officials only have monopolised the Council since its inception in 1916, that it was thought wise to have two Nurses other than Matrons on the Council. Thus Miss Geraldine Bremner, a pri-

vate Nurse and Mrs. Maynard Carter were elected, also Miss A. Peterkin, General Superintendent, Q.V.J.I.N., and Miss Edmondson, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Mr. Donald Macmaster, K.C., M.P., Chairman of Committee during the recent consideration of the Nurses' Registration Bill, was also elected. This is indeed illuminating, as the name of this gentleman, much less his personality, could not have been known to a dozen members of the College! Presumably Miss Letitia Clark, Matron Whipp's Cross Infirmary, Miss M. Keenan, Head Sister, R.N. Hospital, Chatham, and Mr. Minet, of St. Thomas' Hospital, and Miss E. W. Mowat, Matron, Whitechapel Infirmary, were not re-elected.

THE CONFERENCE.

LOCAL CENTRES.

Sir Henry Miers, Vice-Chancellor of the Manchester University, occupied the Chair on the 19th inst, when a so-called Conference was held. Miss Victoria Brown, R.R.C., Matron of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, read the first paper on "The Further Development of the Usefulness of Local Centres." She said that one of the most useful functions of the Local Centres would be to bring about greater uniformity in training, and the most satisfactory way to attain this would be through some scheme of affiliation between the large and the small hospitals. Through this affiliation, preliminary training schools might be formed at the centres, and it would be possible to get sufficient teachers of nursing to supply the needs of those affiliated hospitals. Then also an exchange of probationers between the hospitals might be provided for. By having Sister Tutors for the Nurses in training, the affiliated hospitals' probationers would not require to attend so many classes, and the hospital would greatly gain in efficiency. Someone might endow a preliminary training school at a local centre, or the Ministry of Health might be prepared to help towards establishing such centres. A member of the local centre of the College might be invited to serve on the Committee of Management of such preliminary Training Schools, and candidates for training should be required to pass an examination first. Local centres might arrange for lectures to the Nurses—an important thing, too, would be to provide recreation.

Miss Milne, Sister South Manchester Hospital, West Didsbury, said that the College wanted volunteers for all kinds of work, if all members would do the work that was nearest the College would do great things. By local centres isolated groups could keep in touch with head quarters. Lectures would be arranged on medicine, surgery, &c., by leading specialists, which would be helpful to the Nurses. At the present time preparation for their examinations generally lay in dragging, painfully and unwillingly, a load of books to their bedrooms in order to do their "swotting," and soon they were sound asleep. Nurses might memorise a great deal of their theoretical training

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