

of the work of the College of Nursing to conduct these examinations, to see that they are properly conducted, and to give their certificates; in other words, instead of getting certificates of very varying value, as they do now, the fact that they hold the certificate of the College of Nursing would show that, at all events, a certain standard had been reached."

The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley is Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which professes to deal with trained nurses. He is also Chairman of the Joint War Committee, which has given a huge sum of money for free training for V.A.D.'s who will compete with trained nurses in the wide field of National Health work, and the Nation's Fund for Nurses is also pledged as a Sinking Fund for the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Is it any wonder that nurses become befogged concerning the intentions of all these Funds, when the same man is Chairman of two and closely associated with the third? The only thing which really stands out quite clearly is the demoralization, which results from tampering with the organisation of professional work, which should be based on sound economic principles, through schemes of charity controlled by unprofessional people.

We sincerely hope, therefore, that the solicitor of the College of Nursing, Ltd., will realise the natural confusion which has arisen in the nurses' minds, concerning these numerous societies, when addressing to them legal communications calculated to arouse a deep and bitter sense of resentment, upon the part of that section of the nursing profession which is determined not to be intimidated, knowing full well that the spirit of the people, and its sympathies, are with overworked, ill-paid, and defenceless women workers.

Surely the history of the nineties in this connection is not to be repeated.

V.A.D.S CUTTING AT THE ROOT OF EFFICIENCY.

A correspondent sends us the following letter from No. 5 War Hospital, Exeter:—

"The following appeared here to day:—

"NOTICE TO V.A.D. MEMBERS.

"The Devon Nursing Association is in urgent need of women who will undergo a year's training in District Nursing and Midwifery, with a view to paid employment under the Association. The training is given free of charge to women who will bind themselves to work for three years under the Association. Nurses thus trained earn salaries of £70-£100 a year for work in the county. The training is done at Plymouth. For further information apply, &c."

We quote the following "ad." from *The Church Times*:—

V.A.D. wanted to nurse young invalid lady. At least year's training necessary. Strong, able to lift. Gentlewoman. Salary £35.

We are more strongly of opinion every day, that

unless trained and certificated nurses realise this black-leg danger, subsidised and supported by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, and made secure by the Clause in the College of Nursing, Ltd., Bill, providing for unlimited Supplementary Registers of Specialists, and take very active measures to counteract it, nursing standards will degenerate in the near future, in the most lamentable degree, and nursing as a skilled profession will cease to exist.

PENSIONS MINISTRY HOSPITALS.

Apparently someone has a glimmering of light in the Ministry of Pensions Hospitals Department. It is reported that certain Voluntary Aid Detachment hospitals have been informed that they are not further required, as the Ministry of Pensions would prefer to start small hospitals on their own account, equipped by themselves, run by their own *paid* staff, working under their own *paid* inspectors, and thus eliminating the amateur and charitable element.

Other Government Departments please note.

With the signing of peace the unskilled worker should no longer be required, especially where the sick are concerned.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

General Hospital, Northampton.—Miss Amelia Smith has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has held appointments at Wakefield, Bury, Essex County Hospital, Colchester, Birkenhead, Dundee, and, lastly that of Assistant Matron at King Edward VII's Hospital, Cardiff. There were 53 candidates for the post.

Cottage Hospital, Halstead.—Miss Carmen C. Sable has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she held the position of Holiday Sister for two years after the completion of her training.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Lily F. Boyden is appointed to Somerset C.N.A. as Third Assistant Superintendent. Miss Alice M. Simpson is appointed to West Sussex C.N.A., as Assistant Superintendent. Miss Elizabeth C. Ballard is appointed to Tonbridge; Miss Elizabeth E. Brigge, to Adlington; Miss Ruth Clarke, to Gloucester; Miss Margaret Kinsman, to Dorset C.N.A. as Health Visitor; Miss Florence E. May to Silvertown; Miss Annie M. Payne, to Margate; Miss Carrie Tallis, to Norton; Miss Florence Worthington, to Cleckheaton.

PRESENTATIONS.

A very pleasant afternoon "At Home" was given by the staff and nursing staff of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, to Miss Reeves, the late Matron. The chief event was the presentation by the staff to Miss Reeves upon her

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