

PASSIVE RESISTERS.

A member of one of the affiliated societies described, not inaptly, those nurses who had joined neither one of the societies nor the College of Nursing, as passive resisters. It looks now as though they might have but a few weeks left to them in which to take themselves out of this unpleasant category. The nurses banded together in the societies have fought splendidly and loyally for a great reform, and among the working nurses of the R.B.N.A. are to be found many who have taken a very active part indeed in helping forward the measure. We are not likely to forget what they did last summer, when the Central Committee's Bill was receiving the consideration of the House, and we hope that now, just as the great reform is passing through the Houses of Parliament, nurses who have not yet belonged to any of the societies will come in and join forces with those who have fought and paid for their Registration Bill. The benefit of belonging to the Royal British Nurses' Association will not be lessened because an Act of State Registration has been achieved. Its members will still be able to lay claim to the title of Chartered Nurses and to the prestige which this gives to them. All those who wish to be members of it at the time of the passing of the Bill, to take their place in the ranks of the reformers, under the banner of the Royal Charter, should write at once to the Secretary, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, for the Application Form. The fee for registration is five shillings, the annual membership subscription, five shillings, and the cost of the beautiful bronze badge is four shilling and sixpence.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Isabel Patrick has been appointed Health Visitor under the Urban District Council of Mitcham. During the war Miss Patrick has been acting as Health Visitor at Willesden, where she has been extremely popular among her fellow-workers, and she has a great faculty for securing for herself a welcome in the homes of the poor, a great asset when one has to advise working mothers. She was trained at Ancoats Hospital, and possesses the C.M.B. Certificate besides being trained in massage. She became a member of the R.B.N.A. in 1905.

Miss Patrick is well known to members of the R.B.N.A., and carries with her many good wishes for the success in her new work.

Miss McAra has been appointed Superintendent of the Anderston District Health Association, and her energy and knowledge of life and its affairs are likely to be of great practical value in such an appointment. She joined the Association in 1912, after taking her general training at the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow. Later she studied massage in London and orthopædic nursing in Massachusetts. During the war she did military service under the French Government, and she has very considerable knowledge of conditions affecting child life, as she worked for a year as School

Nurse in Glasgow. Miss McAra's name is familiar to most of our readers, as she is a frequent contributor to **THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING**, and she takes a keen and active interest in all matters which affect the welfare of her profession.

THE NURSES' LIBRARY.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has generously presented to The Nurses' Library, at 10, Orchard Street, a large number of books on Nursing and Hygiene. We would remind the nurses that members of the Association are entitled to borrow books from the library on the condition that they pay postage to and from the office. If a member, who has borrowed a book, desires to keep this longer than a fortnight, notice of renewal should be sent to the office. A great deal of extra trouble is caused by members failing to observe this rule, or to return the books when they have finished with them, and we beg all those who do borrow books to avoid giving unnecessary work in this connection.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—I quite agree with "M. R." that there is no one so democratic as the real aristocrat, and the finest example of this I have ever known is our own dear President. The Members of the R.B.N.A. will never forget how she has stood by the rank and file, how she stood aside at the great crisis of 1917 and said that we, the *nurses*, would decide what was best for the *nurses*; and how she has helped us all along the line since then. The R.B.N.A. has played the game to the rank and file of the nurses and we are glad to see that a clear-sighted colonial appreciates this. I am always glad to see a member of our Australian Branch writing in the Journal and I thank "M. R." for her letter. Yours sincerely,

C. LIDDIATT.

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(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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