

LONDON HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Miss Clara Robinson, R.R.C., is appointed Matron of the London Homœopathic Hospital vice Miss Edith Annie Eddison, R.R.C., resigned owing to private reasons. There were fifty-six applications for a Selection Committee of the Board of Management to recommend a Candidate from.

Miss Clara Robinson was trained at the Nightingale Training School of St. Thomas' Hospital, and was afterwards appointed Sister at Portsmouth Royal, then Sister at Charing Cross, and afterwards gained experience in Housekeeping and in the Kitchen Departments by taking Assistant Matron's post at the London Homœopathic Hospital. She then took the Matron's post of the Buchanan Hospital at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, where she has during the war been nursing wounded soldiers, and after being twice mentioned in Despatches, was awarded the Royal Red Cross.

Miss Robinson hopes to take up her appointment on the 1st March, 1920.

PRIZE WINNERS AT BRISTOL.

The annual prize-giving took place at the Bristol General Hospital on the 11th inst, when Mrs. Michell Clarke distributed the prizes as follows:—

Gold Medal.—Nurse Dorothy Dingle.

Silver Medal.—Nurse Julie Hillier.

Certificates of Efficiency.—Nurse Marjorie Fortey, Nurse Dorothy Crocker, Nurse Dorothy Turner, Nurse Margaret Glasbrook, Nurse Sheila Grant, and Nurse Margaret Murphy.

Lottie Culverwell Prize (awarded by Mrs. Samuel Hosegood to the best nurse of the year).—Nurse Dorothy Dingle.

Surgical Nursing.—1, Nurse Beatrice Warral; 2, Nurse Dorothy Crocker.

Medical Nursing.—1, Nurse Margaret Glasbrook; 2, Nurse Dorothy Dingle.

Anatomy.—1, Nurse Elizabeth McLeod; 2, Nurse Elizabeth Wheeler.

Physiology.—1, Nurse Elizabeth McLeod; 2, Nurse Florence Large.

Practical Nursing.—1, Nurse Isabella Swift; 2, Nurse Verna Tribley.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert M. Baker, paid a tribute to the work of the matron, Miss Densham, and the assistant matron, Miss A. Cameron.

THE STORE CUPBOARD.

A well-stocked store cupboard should always contain the following: Nestlé's Milk (NESTLÉ'S, 6 and 8, Eastcheap, E.C. 3), Bovril, in bottles or cubes (BOVRIL, LTD., Old Street, E.C.), Horlick's Malted Milk, of which full supplies are now available (HORLICK'S MALTED MILK CO., Slough, Bucks.), Virol (VIROL, LTD., Old Street, E.C.), so useful in the diet of expectant mothers, infants and young children.

OUR ADVICE TO SOUTH AFRICAN NURSES.

We gather from the *South African Nursing Record* that Miss Alexander, who has returned to Kimberley from work in Europe, is advising South African Nurses to join the College of Nursing, Ltd. Why? What use can such a Company be to them?

The South African nurses have their own Trained Nurses' Association, with District Branches throughout the Union, which should be, and is, able to deal with their professional affairs. We presume Miss Alexander has taken with her copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College Company, and will be careful to point out to nurses she advises to pay a guinea to place their names on the College Register (Roll of Members) that its Council can at any time remove their names from this Register *without any right of appeal* on the part of the nurse so removed. If not we consider it the duty of the *South African Nursing Record* to place this dangerous and autocratic provision before the members of the Nursing Profession in South Africa.

Miss Alexander recently informed nurses at the Kimberley Hospital that "The Registration Bill in England had been thrown out through lack of unity." This is not correct—the Registration Bill has never been "thrown out," and appeared to the end of the Session on the Orders of the Day. What did happen was that, consumed with jealous intolerance of the Bill promoted by the Central Committee, and in order to incorporate the College Company as the Governing Body of the profession, the Council of the College circularised its members to help wreck the Bill, and obstructed its progress through the House of Commons by having dozens of wrecking amendments placed on the Order paper by half a dozen M.P.'s—at the request of their constituents. Votes, not principles, influenced these politicians in their wrecking policy.

All this is now past history, and as the Government has come forward and dealt justly with the Profession in the United Kingdom as a whole, we can afford to treat the College tactics, now they have failed, with the contempt they deserve.

To talk of co-operating with England through the College Company, as Miss Alexander advises, is misleading South African Nurses.

The only way to co-operate with England is to register under the Nurses Registration Act, and secure reciprocity and legal status when working in the Mother country. Our advice to South African Nurses is to save their guineas for this purpose until the General Nursing Council set up by the Act defines the Rules.

The Right Hon. Viscount Astor has consented to accept the office of President of the Thirty-first Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at Birmingham from July 19th to 24th, 1920.

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