

**HEALTH WEEK, MAY 2nd-8th, 1920.**

From the Royal Sanitary Institute we are informed that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to act as Chairman of the General Committee promoting Health Week, to be held from May 2nd to May 8th, 1920.

**No. 1 BILL NOT WITHDRAWN.**

Bill (No. 1) for the State Registration of Nurses, promoted by the Central Committee, remained on the Orders of the Day in the House of Commons, until the Prorogation of Parliament, when it vanished with the Session. Major Barnett never withdrew his Bill realising the vicissitudes of politics, but he gave whole-hearted support to the Government measure promoted, as promised, by the Minister of Health, and had the satisfaction and pleasure of seeing the principles incorporated in his Bill receive the support of Parliament and pass into law; a highly satisfactory conclusion to the Nurses' Registration controversy, and one which should inspire the whole nursing profession with a determination to make the very best use of the Nursing Acts in a spirit of harmony and goodwill.

**THE COLLEGE OPPOSES TRADE UNIONISM FOR NURSES.**

At a social gathering of members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., recently held at Leeds, Miss Cowlin, the Organising Secretary, attacked trade unionism as a means of nursing organisation, and the following resolution was passed, and it was resolved to send it to the Minister of Health:—

"That in the opinion of the meeting a professional union of nurses registered under the Trades Union Act is not an ideal unit of organisation, and that the Ministry of Health be urged to do all in their power to improve the salaries and conditions of trained nurses, that with the co-operation of the Ministry voluntary professional organisation may prove to be the best medium for obtaining a high standard of nursing service."

It would have been interesting to have seen Dr. Addison's expressive face when he read this ingenuous communication! It is a great pity the College advocates know so little of politics, and behave in so childish a manner. Why kick against the pricks?

Trade unionism has the power of the Law behind it, and if individual nurses elect to use that power, what right has the College to send paid agitators around the country to misinform nurses on the question? And, by the bye, who pays these runners? Surely, money collected from the charitable public by the heart-rending and pauperising appeals of the Nation's Fund for Nurses for poor, down-trodden, over-worked and sick nurses, and for academic schemes, is not used in support of this political propaganda! No doubt kindly trades unionists have subscribed amongst others to this so-called National Fund, and it would be the irony of Fate to take their money for any such purpose.

**APPOINTMENTS.****MATRON.**

**Worcester General Infirmary.**—Miss M. F. Watson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Bolton General Infirmary and has been Sister-in-Charge at Monsall Fever Hospital and Worcester General Infirmary, where she has also held the position of Night Superintendent, Assistant Matron and Acting Matron.

**Compton Bishop Children's Home.**—Miss Ethel G. Banfield has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and has held the positions of Assistant Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital Convalescent Home, Swanley; Assistant Matron, St. George's Hospital, Malta; and Matron of St. Ignatius Hospital and of Valetta Hospital, Malta.

**SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.**

**Edmonton Union.**—Miss Jane Cowen has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at Stockport Infirmary and has been Superintendent Nurse at Stepney and head nurse at Biggleswade Union Infirmaries.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**Manchester, Child Welfare Centre.**—Miss Jessie Emsley has been appointed Assistant Superintendent. She received her training at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, and has since been Sister at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, at the Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, and at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool. Miss Emsley has also seen service in France with the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital, and with Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve at Plymouth. She is a certified midwife.

**SISTER.**

**Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton.**—Miss Elizabeth Rogers, R.R.C., whose appointment as Sister at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital was reported last week, was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Chester, not as stated at the General Infirmary, Worcester, in which institution she held the position of Sister.

**HEALTH VISITOR.**

**Monmouthshire Education Committee.**—The following trained nurses have been appointed Health Visitors: Miss O. B. Bishop, Miss G. F. Kennedy, and Miss E. M. Owen, trained at King Edward VII. Hospital, Cardiff; Miss C. Davies and Miss M. M. Gale, trained at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.**

The following promotions have been made:—

**LADY SUPT. TO BE CHIEF LADY SUPT.**—Miss H. A. M. Rait, R.R.C. (Sept. 18th, 1917).

**SEN. NURSING SISTERS TO BE LADY SUPTS.**—Miss H. J. Reynolds (Sept. 18th, 1917); Miss A. M. Harris, R.R.C. (Jan. 10); Miss M. E. Harvey (March 30th).

**NURSING SISTERS TO BE SEN. NURSING SISTERS.**—Miss A. Goodwyn (Sept. 18th, 1917); Miss S. G. Mills (Jan. 10th); Miss L. A. White, A.R.R.C. (Feb. 17th); Miss W. M. Aldridge, A.R.R.C. (March 30th).

The following ladies have been appointed Nursing Sisters:—Miss E. M. McPherson (Nov. 15th, 1918); Miss E. F. Grove (Feb. 27th).

The following lady nurses have been permitted to resign the service:—Sen. Nursing Sister Miss E. J. Reid (July 17th). Nursing Sisters.—Miss E. Lawson Brown (Sept. 1st, 1918); Miss V. R. Tyler Cove (Oct. 1st, 1918); Miss C. H. Shaw (Jan. 16th); Miss D. A.

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