

describe it as a piece of cheap and flimsy strategy. It will be observed that in order to fix determination on the Bill that was not passed, the 'Nurses' Registration Bill' is placed within quotation marks, as it was not in the circular. Does this make any difference? The reader who is unprejudiced will form her own reply. It would be better still to hear the answer of any who, contributing a fee on such assurance, should happen to be informed that as with the conjuror's hat the pigeon was inside when he placed it on the table, but when he lifted it the bird had flown. More humorous is the remark in another article which states that if the original (1916) 'programme of the College, Ltd., had been carried out, the consequence can now be foreseen. State Registration would have overweighted the engine provided with such care. A great part of the load of beneficent operations for the good of the nursing profession must have been dropped, and the College would have become little more than a recording body.' And as 'this specified' Nurses 'Registration Bill' never did pass, the result is that the College is left unfettered by State control.' State registration, therefore, now becomes a 'fetter' on a nurse. Is it better to be born blind or not to be able to foresee?"

In our opinion every guinea paid to the College Company for State Registration should be returned to the nurse who sent it.

It is the only honest course, and we call upon the College Council to adopt it without further subterfuge. Until this straightforward course is adopted the College policy merits justifiable mistrust.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING PATTERN OF R.A.F. NURSING SERVICE BADGES.

It is notified for information that new patterns of uniform and hat badges for the R.A.F. Nursing Service have been approved. These badges are as under:—

For Wear with Outdoor Uniform.—Winged caduceus of Mercury badge, surmounted by a crown, made in "all gilt."

For Wear with Mess Dress.—Winged caduceus of Mercury badge, as for wear with outdoor uniform, but with silver wings.

The position of these badges will be as follows:—

OUTDOOR UNIFORM.

(a) On the lapel of the Norfolk coat. The bottom edge of the badge to be one inch above the inner end of the step opening on the collar of the coat.

The staff of the badge to be parallel to the inside edge, and midway between the inside and outside edge of the collar.

(b) On the shoulder cape. The staff of the badge to be placed diagonally on the front corners of the cape, midway between the point of the cape and the turn of the band.

MESS DRESS.

As at (b) above.

The above patterns of badges will be adopted as from 1st September, 1920, and in the meantime badges of the old pattern should not be made.

The new pattern badges can be seen on application to E. 4 C. Air Ministry, W.C. 2.

HAT BADGE.

The R.A.F.N.S. metal badges and black mohair bow in front of the hat have been abolished, and instead, the members of the R.A.F.N.S. will wear the same hat badges as officers of the R.A.F., with a plain black mohair band.

P. YOUNG.

Squadron Leader for D. of E.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Canning Town Women's Settlement Hospital, Balaam Street, Plaistow, E. 13.—Miss Elizabeth Ouston has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, Burnley.

Southgate Isolation Hospital.—Miss Dorothea Webb has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Kidderminster, and has subsequently been Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Norwich, Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, and Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Mansfield.

Marton District Hospital, Derby.—Miss S. Mansen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at West Bromwich District Hospital, and has held the positions of Sister at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, and of Sister and Deputy Matron at Drofield District Hospital.

Palmer Memorial Hospital, Jarrow-on-Tyne.—Miss Sarah G. Dalziel has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Kilmarnock Infirmary, and has been Charge Nurse at the City Hospital, Hull, and Matron at the Fūsehill War Hospital, Carlisle.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Booth Hall Infirmary for Children, Blackley.—Miss Winifred Arter has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at Paddington Infirmary, and has since been Sister at Cox Heath Infirmary, and Booth Hall Infirmary. She is a certified midwife.

SISTER.

Horton Infirmary, Banbury.—Miss Minnie Statham has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, and has been Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Hull.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday last the marriage took place at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, of Miss Isolen Mary Moore, a member of the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, and Mr. H. O. Wilson, of 10, Chartham Road, South Norwood. The bride received her training at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, and before joining the Registered Nurses' Society had experience of private nursing in the Isle of Man. On behalf of many of her colleagues this journal wishes her all happiness in her married life.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death at Inverness, on July 28th, of Miss Nancie Sophia Ella Tupper Cameron, R.R.C., late matron, Canadian Army Medical Corps, second daughter of Major-General Donald Roderick Cameron, C.M.G., and granddaughter of the late Sir Charles Tupper, a Canadian statesman, for many years High Commissioner in London.

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