

a general part and a special part dealing with fever nurses. These two Councils had vigorously objected to the original proposal which the Board of Health and he himself had been prepared to adopt, namely, that fever nurses should be put on the general Register. What one was up against was—were they prepared to sacrifice reciprocity (reciprocity from which Scottish nurses benefited more than English nurses) and take their own line and have a Register different in its character and quality from that of England, or were they prepared to accept the course which had been adopted? That question was very carefully considered, and the Board arrived at the conclusion—with which he agreed—that to sacrifice reciprocity would be a very grave undertaking, indeed, would be a risk which, as then advised, he was not prepared to undertake. Continuing, he said it seemed abundantly clear to him that there were other interests and persons with whom he was bound to consult before reaching a final conclusion. There was the Nursing Council itself, which, although subject to a certain extent to the Board of Health, nevertheless would be bound to be consulted before any variation in the proposed rules could be adopted. There were also the Minister of Health in England and the nurses themselves—[organized English nurses have expressed their views, both to their own Nursing Council, and in deputation to the Minister of Health, and they are firmly opposed to those expressed by the Scottish deputation.—ED.]—for he could not help entertaining the feeling that they were settling their fate in their absence without a full knowledge of their views. It might be difficult to obtain them, but he felt bound to ascertain the views which the nurses held with regard to the step which, if taken, would be bound vitally to affect their interests in the future. All he could promise was that he would take the opportunity to consult those people and to reach a decision in the light of these views, which would be to the best interests of Scotland.

The deputation then withdrew.

#### WHAT ARE ORGANISED SCOTTISH NURSES DOING?

There are several bodies of organised Nurses in Scotland. What are they doing to bring their professional opinion concerning their own affairs to the knowledge of the Secretary of State for Scotland? He, very wisely, realises the nurses should be consulted.

Whilst sympathising with the difficulties with which Scottish local authorities are faced, it is their duty to provide all nurses in their service with a basis of general training upon which to build up special experience.

#### THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB "AT HOME."

Invitations have been issued by the President, Convener, and Committee of Management of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, to an "At Home" to be held in the Club on Tuesday, September 27th, at four o'clock, to meet and welcome Miss Steuart Donaldson, the recently appointed Matron of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Tea and Music will be provided and a happy gathering is anticipated.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Victoria Cottage Hospital, Romford.**—Miss A. Gordon Cumming has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Gravesend Hospital, and has been Sister at the London Throat Hospital, Theatre Sister and Charge Nurse at Cirencester Hospital, Sister at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and has served on the Reserve of Q.A.I.M.N.S. for four years.

**London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green, E.**—Miss Lois Newman has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she was Sister, Out-patient Sister, Night Superintendent, and temporary Matron's Assistant. She has been Assistant Matron at the Metropolitan Hospital, London, and Matron of Guildford Military Hospital, and of the Mines Hospital, Rio Tinto, Spain.

**Kroonstad Hospital, South Africa.**—Miss Guthrie, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron of the Kroonstad Hospital, South Africa, in place of Mrs. Dalgleish, who has taken over the Matronship of the Kimberley Hospital. Miss Guthrie held the post of Matron in several Military Hospitals in Great Britain during the war, and her colleagues in the Home Land wish her every success in her new appointment.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Victoria Hospital, Burnley.**—Miss Lucie Somerset has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Preston Royal Infirmary, where she was Nurse-in-Charge of the Theatre and Sister-in-Charge of Surgical Wards for three years, and held temporary Assistant Matron's post. Miss Somerset trained in Fever Nursing at the Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford, and holds the Certificate of the I.S.C.M.

**Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.**—Miss Louisa Edwards has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, and has been Staff Nurse at Woodside Hospital, Glasgow, and Ward Sister at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

### ASSISTANT SISTER TUTOR.

**Leeds General Infirmary.**—Miss Freida Blakesley has been appointed Assistant Sister Tutor. She was trained at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, and has been Sister and Night-Sister at that Training-School. Previously Miss Blakesley was a trained teacher in a large girls' school—excellent experience for the post to which she has been appointed.

### SCHOOL NURSE.

**Radcliffe Urban District Council.**—Miss Ellen M. Matthews has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, and has since been Ward Sister and Deputy Theatre Sister there.

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Rachel E. Cross is appointed to Birkenhead, as Superintendent; Miss Kate E. G. Taylor to Norwich, as Superintendent; Miss Emma Hall to St. Helens, as Senior Nurse; Miss Elizabeth N. Watson to Oxford, as Senior Nurse; Miss Constance Baigent to St. Ives; Miss Florence Barker to Harefield; Miss Helen F. Barry, to Fulham; Miss Mary F. Chartres to Boxgrove; Miss Margaret M. Cotter to Old Whittington; Miss Florence M. Dingle to Blockley; Miss Mary E. Foster to Hoddesdon; Miss Helen MacDonald to West Sussex, as Health Visitor and School Nurse; Miss Agnes McKnight to Glossop; Miss Sarah A. Oliver to Hastings; Miss Eva W. Owen to Caldervale; Miss Winifred A. Smith to Carshalton.

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