

## TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Rosina H. Blundell is appointed to Leeds (Central), as Superintendent; Miss Gertrude A. Sears, to Sheffield, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Mabel R. Gould, to Gosport, as Senior Nurse; Miss Edith C. Birch, to Woodlands; Miss Ethel F. Chapman, to Charlton; Miss Edith C. Crowden, to Shoreditch; Miss Bertha Heaps, to Kirk Sandal; Miss Violet E. Howells, to Winsford; Miss Lily M. Jenkins, to Street; Miss Lucy Roberts, to Winsford; Miss Frances V. Wells, to Hebden Bridge.

## THE FEDERATION OF MEDICAL AND ALLIED SERVICES AND THE NURSING PROFESSION.

### DEVIUS TACTICS.

A few years ago a Society was formed by members of the Medical Profession, which adopted the title of the Federation of Medical and Allied Services. Amongst the Allied Services Nursing was included. Nurses' organisations were invited to affiliate with the Federation, and amongst those which responded to the invitation were the Royal British Nurses' Association, the National Union of Trained Nurses, and the College of Nursing, Ltd. We ourselves attended several of the first meetings of the Federation, and hoped its programme would prove of benefit to the community. Ultimately we had our doubts so far as Nursing was concerned, as, lumped with Midwifery, Sanitary and Health Workers, &c., the status of professional nursing became somewhat obscure, and there appeared to be an inclination to exalt the College of Nursing, Ltd. (in reality a company of laymen, of which the Executive control is in the hands of hospital governors and medical men), at the expense of the genuine organisations of free nurses. In time the Federation brought out a monthly journal called *Health*, when the College bias was very distinctly demonstrated in print. We received an invitation to contribute an article on Nurses' Registration, signed by "The Nursing Editor." Being of an enquiring frame of mind, we wrote to the Secretary of the Federation to ask who our anonymous correspondent might be, and found to our astonishment that the lady was Miss V. Collum, the laywoman who edits the official organ of the College of Nursing, Ltd. We, of course, declined to contribute to an organ classing "Nursing" as unprofessional work, to be under the direction of an unprofessional person. Such an arrangement proved that there was little hope of "Nursing" being treated seriously or fairly.

With the issue of this month's *Health* the danger of the devious tactics of this official of the College is amply demonstrated. In three different parts of the journal biased attacks are made on the minority members of the General Nursing Council, who stand for self-government of the profession, and who incurred the animus of the College clique, supported by lay and medical members of the Council, in their stand against proposals of a most injurious character, such as depriving the whole body of Nurses in England and Wales of the record

of their certificates on the State Register, the handing over of Statutory duties to the Registrar, and other unauthorised persons, such as the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., thus treating the compilation of the State Register with contempt, and for which stand we at least have been secretly vilified at the Ministry of Health, the Minister of which has in consequence approved new rules to penalise the constitutional minority, who have since been ejected from office—by the despotic majority—on Standing Committees; a scandal of which the last has not yet been heard.

Without any enquiry whatever from the minority composed of nurses belonging to societies affiliated to the Federation, these biased and grossly misleading statements concerning them have appeared in *Health*, on the Councils of which we find members of the College Council in power, but for which the governing body of the Federation is responsible.

We learn that Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has sent a true statement to the Secretary of the Federation, and we hope, for the honour of its managers, he will see that it is inserted in the next issue of its official organ. In the meanwhile, the devious tactics of the College officials should be exposed, and, unless justice is done, the free nurses' organisations should no longer support a Federation which has proved itself incapable of treating them fairly.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles is to be President of the Committee set up to organise a ball at the Royal Albert Hall on June 28th, in aid of the hospitals of London combined appeal.

The Ladies' Association of the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, announce a Garden Fête and Sale, on June 29th, which will be opened by Lady Barratt, in aid of the Princess Louise Convalescent Home, Nazeing, and the Samaritan Fund. The President of the Association is Mrs. Gillespie, and the Hon. Secretary Mrs. H. Monk.

A Sports Fête and Bazaar under distinguished patronage will be held in aid of the Princess Louise Convalescent Home, Nazeing, on Whit Monday, June 5th, commencing at 2 p.m. (military time) at Ninnett's Farm, Middle Street, Nazeing. The attractions include sports, side shows, bazaar, and open air dancing.

The re-opening of the Convalescent Home by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, on Monday last, was a most enjoyable function.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from its chairman, Sir Frederick Eley, Bart., a donation of £1,000. It has received from an anonymous donor a donation of £100. Further contributions towards clearing off a debt of £5,000 will be gratefully received.

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