

On May 19th, in reply to a question, Dr. Goodall informed the Council "the ladies in question had not been informed that their applications had been accepted, and if necessary they need not be so informed."

By whose authority have the directions of the Council of April 21st been ignored?

Rule 44 (1) (Powers of Committees) provides that the Council may not delegate to a Committee "the powers of removing a nurse from the Register."

Therefore, neither the Registration Committee, nor the Registrar, nor the Chairman of the Council alone has the statutory right to de-register any nurse who has been placed on the Register by the General Nursing Council.

There is no "mare's nest" about Rule 44 (1), and if the four applicants approved by the Council on April 21st are removed illegally I consider they have a very strong case for an action at law.

Instead of "abusing the plaintiff's attorney," I am of opinion that Dr. Goodall and his supporters would have been wiser when acknowledging an error to take steps to rectify it.

Nurses are proverbially treated with contempt by their despotic controllers, but the Nurses' Registration Act has bestowed upon us legal status and legal protection, and we do not intend to permit Dr. Goodall or any other person whosoever to ignore our Statutory Powers, Rights or Privileges.

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MEDALS FOR MALE NURSES.

An interesting event took place in the nurses' recreation room of the Hackney Infirmary on Wednesday, May 24th, in the form of a presentation of medals and certificates to third-year nurses. Out of the eighteen who sat for examination, eleven had secured first-class certificates, and the remainder second class.

The highest possible number of marks was 280, and this time male nurses had the distinction of carrying off the two leading awards—a gold medal and a silver medal, respectively—the recipients being Mr. Alfred J. Hipkin (235 marks) and Mr. Arthur C. Steele (233). The bronze medal went to Nurse Mabel Whate (223). Each also received a certificate.

The fifteen other nurses entitled to certificates were: Louisa Evans, Ann S. Reid, Annie White, Nora Sheehan, Ethel Maud Pugh, Gwenllian Jenkins, Margaret A. Smith, Annie S. Phimister, Eva Horsnell, Nora O'Sullivan, Sarah K. R. Simpson, Annie R. P. Fowler, Louisa A. Ffortune, Elsie Sercombe, and Elizabeth McCabe.

The awards were distributed by Mr. J. Mason (Chairman of the Board).

The Medical Superintendent (Dr. Brander) and the Matron (Miss Griffith) are greatly to be congratulated upon the success of their pupils. We hope Mr. Hipkin and Mr. Steele will apply for registration by the State. The Male Nurses' Register requires the support of men of their ability.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.—Miss Dorothy E. Bannon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, obtaining her certificate in 1917, has had experience of administrative work in the Matron's Office, and is at present Night Superintendent at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Walthamstow, Wanstead, and Leyton Children's General Hospital, Walthamstow.—Miss Kate E. Haywood has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and has been Staff Nurse, Outpatient and Electrical Sister, and Sister of a flat of two wards at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service Reserve in France and Belgium for four and a half years, and Assistant Matron and Home Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End. For her services in the war she was awarded the Royal Red Cross, Second Class, and the Belgian Medal of Queen Elisabeth.

Deal and Walmer Victoria Hospital, Wellington Road, Deal.—Miss Amy F. M. Horne has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesbrough Hospital, and has been Matron of Bovey Tracey and District Surgical Hospital, and Matron of Ashburton Hospital.

Longford Sanatorium, Isle of Wight.—Miss Martha A. Rogers has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, holds the certificate, and has been Assistant Matron at the Norfolk War Hospital, and at Colindale Hospital, Hendon, and is a Certified Midwife.

Overstone Hospital, Pittenween, Fife.—Miss A. R. Melville has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, and the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and has been Sister at Ruchill Hospital, Night Sister at East Pitton Hospital, Leith, Superintendent Sister at Bangour War Hospital, West Lothian, and Sister at the Motherwell County Hospital. She has also had experience in private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed to Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India (Temporary) in the grade of Staff Nurse: Miss D. W. Gower, Miss E. A. Bryant.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSES.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the Birmingham and Three Counties Social Centre of the College of Nursing, Ltd., that:

A Scholarship, value £150, is offered for the year 1922-3 to enable a Trained Nurse to take a year's course at King's College for Women, London, with a view to qualifying as a Tutor-Sister.

Also, two Midwifery Scholarships of £25 each for the year 1922-3.

These Scholarships are open to Nurses holding a Certificate of General Training from a Hospital in Birmingham or in the Counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire or Staffordshire, or who have worked as Nurses within this area.

Examinations for the above Scholarships will be held in June.

Apply, giving particulars as to training, experience, age or education, not later than June 6th, to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Glegg, 84, Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

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