

There is to be a Board of Examiners consisting of three Medical Officers and three Superintendents (Matrons) from the Charlottetown Hospital, the Prince Edward Island Hospital, and the Prince County Hospital.

Apparently only graduate (certificated) nurses in the Province are eligible for registration right away, those graduate nurses who enter must practise for one year before they are eligible for registration in the Island.

Prince Edward Island, situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is rather larger than the county of Norfolk. It was first settled by the French, who held it for many years; then we came along and deprived them of it, relented and restored it to France, but later seized it again. Our little way.

The *Times* makes the following interesting announcement:—

“A munificent donation by an American lady who has benefited by English nursing skill has enabled the British Nursing Association to expand into the British-American Home, equipped with the latest appliances, in its own building in the outskirts of Madrid.

“This establishment meets a long-felt want of the English-speaking colony, and its endowment relieves the British Mutual Aid Benevolent Society of a heavy financial burden. Four British nurses will be in attendance at the home, to which Queen Victoria of Spain has been asked to give her patronage.

INSIGNIA OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR FOR MISS F. E. CROWELL, R.N.

Miss F. Elisabeth Crowell, R.N., director of nursing service of the Rockefeller Commission for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in France, was recently decorated by President Millerand. Miss Crowell was formerly executive secretary of the Association of Tuberculosis Clinics in the city of New York. The French President pinned the insignia of the Legion of Honour on Miss Crowell at a presidential reception to members of the Commission when it terminated its active work in France.

Our readers will warmly congratulate Viscount Novar, P.C., formerly Sir R. Munro Ferguson, upon his appointment in the new Government as Secretary for Scotland. Viscount Novar had charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons from 1905 to 1914, when he was appointed Governor-General for Australia, and during all those years extended to the nurses valuable help with the utmost kindness and courtesy.

THE ELECTION OF NURSE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ESSENTIAL.

The Registered Nurses of this country have before them a momentous event—the election of their representatives on to the General Nursing Council, which will govern them for the next five years.

We want the nurses to realise that this Statutory Council set up by the Nurses' Registration Act is the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession, just as the General Medical Council is the Governing Body of the Medical Profession. Yet the constitution of this Council does not, as the Medical Council does, provide for self-government of the Profession by its members. Nurses have been and are such a subject class of poorly paid women workers that no Government, so far, has had the innate sense of justice or generosity to give them a constitution through which it would be possible to govern themselves, and better their conditions, as they think fit. Thus, although the Registered Nurses have the right to elect sixteen members of their profession on to a Council of twenty-five, and have thus the vote if they have the loyalty to unite, actually the balance of power is in the hands of their employers, members of the public, lay women, hospital managers and medical men who are nominated by Government Departments, and who have proved, during their past term of office, extraordinarily ignorant of nursing organisation and sensibilities, and, with the aid of the Matrons, have grasped executive power in committees and in the office, ignoring the wishes and considered judgment of the Registration pioneers and the rank and file who promoted and won the Nurses' Registration Act, in the face of the most determined and unscrupulous attempts to suppress liberty of thought and action throughout the nursing community. This is our position to-day.

After a life-time of arduous work for the organisation of Nursing Education by the State, and a self-governing Disciplinary Body, at the cost to the pioneers of upwards of £30,000, we are faced with a powerful caucus—the Union of Hospital Governors and decorated doctors—supported by charity and the Cowdray millions—which controls thousands of nurses throughout the country, who have absolutely no effective power in its Council, and who are

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