

Miss G. Cowlin, Librarian, College of Nursing, Ltd.

Miss H. Perry, Registered Mental Nurse.

Miss S. A. Villiers, Member G.N.C., Fever Nurse; Matron, South Western Hospital, Stockwell. (Miss Villiers is not a Member of the College, and is standing for election as an Independent candidate).

Miss A. M. Coulton, Member G.N.C., Sick Children's Nurse; Matron, East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.

All the above candidates are members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., with the exception of Miss Villiers; and Miss Bremner, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Musson, Miss Sparshott, and Miss Lloyd-Still are also members of its Council. Miss Lloyd-Still and Miss D. Coode are both resident at St. Thomas' Hospital.

ELECTION OF REGISTERED NURSES GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

At a Meeting held in Edinburgh on Thursday, 5th instant, representative of Registered Nurses, including Members of the College of Nursing, the Scottish Matrons' Association, Queen's Nurses, and others, a Committee was formed to endeavour to secure suitable candidates for election to the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following Candidates:—

Miss Gill, R.R.C. (Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh).

Miss White (Superintendent, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Scottish Branch, 26, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh).

Miss Merchant (Matron, Stobhill Hospital, Springburn, Glasgow).

Miss Burleigh (Matron, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh).

Miss Fraser, R.R.C. (Matron, Gray's Hospital, Elgin).

Miss Edmondson, R.R.C. (Matron and Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen).

Miss Davidson, R.R.C. (Matron, Mental Hospital, Bangour).

Miss Thomas (Matron, City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh).

Miss Agnes Boyd Donald (Private Nurse, 18, Berkeley Terrace, Glasgow).

The weak spot in this list is that, with one exception, every candidate is a Matron, and the Male Nurses, General and Mental, have no representation whatever. Thus the rank and file of the Nursing Profession in Scotland is to be governed by lay, medical and matron representatives. This is the more undemocratic as the General Nursing Council is the Disciplinary Body of the entire profession.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the Committee which has approved this list, that it has "kept in view the technical nature of the work involved." This is, to a certain extent,

necessary, but where a Council has penal powers over the workers, the rank and file of those workers have a right to adequate representation. This list gives the Matrons the power not only to register but to remove a nurse's name from the Register, and thus decide whether or no she shall be permitted to practice. No such arbitrary power should be placed in the hands of one privileged class of nurses in relation to the great body of their colleagues. Matrons have not this absolute power in hospitals, a committee maintains the balance.

ELECTION OF GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND. MEETING IN EDINBURGH NOT REPRESENTATIVE.

A meeting of all the Registered General, Fever and Children's Nurses, employed at present in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was held on Monday, October 23rd, and it was unanimously decided to send the following Resolution to the Nursing Press, in order to reach as many former G.R.I. Nurses as possible:—

"This meeting desires to point out to all past and present G.R.I. Nurses that the meeting held at Edinburgh on Thursday, October 5th, and described in the *Nursing Mirror* of October 21st as representative of Registered Nurses throughout the country, was *not* representative of all Registered Nurses in Scotland, inasmuch as no notice of the intention to hold this meeting reached the Registered Nurses working in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. The recommendations therefore put forward by the Committee then formed do not represent the opinion of all Registered Nurses throughout Scotland. This Meeting is unanimous in putting forward the opinion that to recommend 8 Matrons out of a possible 9 candidates for election is not necessarily in the best interests of the Profession; and that to urge each Nurse to make a point of using her full nine votes may be misunderstood. Every Registered Nurse should use her votes to return as her representatives those whose policy she knows and trusts, and she might conscientiously be bound to refrain from voting for several candidates, animated by no personal feeling, but from a strict sense of duty to the Profession as a whole."

G.R.I. Nurses are reminded that the Voting Papers and official list of nominees will shortly be in their hands, and they are urged to give the matter their most earnest attention and to vote only for those whom they are convinced are most fitted to represent them for the next five years on the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

Signed (SISTER) ANNIE DOUGLAS METHVEN,
Registered Nurse A. 269.
(STAFF NURSE) GERTRUDE ELIZABETH
SLOAN,
Registered Nurse A. 1485.

On behalf of all Registered Nurses Working
at this time in the Royal Infirmary,
Glasgow.

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