

A CRUEL INJURY AVERTED.

A member of the Council of the College of Nursing takes exception to our statement in last week's issue in reference to our question: "Is a Nurse a Domestic Servant?" and the collapse of the appeal of St. Thomas' Hospital that for purposes of unemployment insurance she is.

We asked, "What have the members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., done to maintain the status of their profession in this connection. So far as we know they have taken no concerted action."

Our correspondent informs us that a deputation of the College Council waited upon the Governors of St. Thomas' Hospital and put forward arguments against the appeal; that other hospital Governors both Metropolitan and Provincial were associated with St. Thomas' Hospital in this appeal; and that a Matron member of the Council prepared a Statement to submit at the hearing of the case in the High Court against the appeal.

We are exceedingly glad to have this information. In our opinion, if members of the College from all over the country had taken "concerted action," addressed to the Chairman of their Council (who is also Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital) this most injurious attempt to depreciate the whole profession of nursing would never have been attempted.

Our correspondent claims that the result of the College Deputation was the withdrawal of the appeal that nurses are domestic servants, and that otherwise it would have succeeded in Court. The deputation may have influenced Sir Arthur Stanley to withdraw the Appeal, but we are very sure that he and the hospital governors associated with him would have been badly beaten in Court, as the case had not a leg to stand on; and the free nurses' organisations were acting under the best legal advice in preparing their Statements against it.

The whole proceeding is one more proof of the danger to the status of women workers when organised under the control of their employers; and had this professional depreciation been effected by the Chairman of the College in his dual capacity as Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital, either he or every self-respecting member of the College would have been compelled to resign or for ever hold their peace.

In our Correspondence columns a letter will be found from Miss Lloyd-Still, Matron of St. Thomas' Hospital, alluding to this subject.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We have pleasure in awarding the prize this week to Miss Sarah Ann Cross, Woolwich Home for Ailing Babies, 123, Eglinton Road, Plumstead, S.E. We regret being compelled to hold over its publication, on account of the great pressure on our space.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Monyhull Colony for Epileptics and Feeble Minded Persons, Birmingham.—Miss F. Cullwick has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bradford Royal Infirmary and has been Theatre Staff Nurse at the Birmingham General Hospital, and Superintendent Nurse and Assistant Matron at the Darent Training Colony.

Cardiganshire General Hospital, Aberystwith.—Miss J. E. Humphreys has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary and Dispensary, Warrington, where she subsequently was Acting Sister. She has done private nursing in connection with the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, and has also held various positions as Sister at Aberystwith for the last two-and-a-half years.

Victoria Cottage Hospital, High Barnet.—Miss A. E. Baker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, and was subsequently Sister at the Chelsea Hospital for Women; and has been Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Epping.

DAY SISTER.

St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.—Miss Isabel Peffers has been appointed Day Sister. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford; and has been Sister at the Hackney Infirmary and at the Toxteth Park Infirmary, Liverpool.

Miss E. Webberley has been appointed Day Sister. She was trained at the Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield; and holds the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association. She is also a Certified Midwife.

HOUSEKEEPING SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital, London.—Miss Mildred Freshney has been appointed Housekeeping Sister. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the appointments of Ward Sister and Night Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, and of Housekeeping Sister at provincial hospitals. She is a Certified Midwife.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Eleanor S. Campion is appointed to Herts C.N.A., as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Ida L. Benson to Kingston, as Senior Nurse; Miss Edith Blain to South Hetton; Miss Muriel E. Botsford to Maidenhead; Miss Emma W. Butler to Guildford; Miss Hester Dickson to St. Albans; Miss Elizabeth Dial to Harrogate; Miss Bridget Hickey to Ryde; Miss Emma Imossi to South Hetton; Miss Margaret A. James to Haworth; Miss Agnes Kemp to Worthing; Mrs. Alice L. Pywell to Torquay; Miss Constance E. Rose to Margate; Miss May A. Smith to Central St. Pancras; Miss Margaret D. Stewart to Leigh-on-Sea; Miss Lilian Whitton to Tickhill.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Elizabeth MacCalman, the Superintendent of the Perth Sick Poor Nursing Society's Nurses' Home, Stormont Street, Perth, who has completed twenty-one years of service—all of which has been spent in Perth—under Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, has been presented with the gold Badge of the Institute, the presentation being made by Dr. Graham, who said that Miss MacCalman had been a most energetic and sympathetic worker, and he did not think she had been off a day in the twenty-one years. He read a letter from the Institute, referring to the good and loyal work she had accomplished.

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