

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The following questions appeared on the Question Paper (House of Commons), on December 4th:—

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NURSES ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Major Barnett.—To ask the Minister of Labour, as representing the Ministry of Health, whether he is aware that the rules laid down for the election of representatives of nurses on the general register provide that the returning officer shall, seven days at least before the last day fixed for the return of voting papers, cause a voting paper to be forwarded by post to each person qualified to take part in the election; that the day so fixed in the election now proceeding is Friday, December 8th; and that at 12 (noon) on Monday, December 4th, the voting papers for at least 1,000 of the nurses qualified to vote had not yet been sent out; and will he explain the reason for this. [*Wednesday, December 6th.*]

Major Barnett.—To ask the Minister of Labour, as representing the Minister of Health, whether his attention has been drawn to the election now proceeding under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, of sixteen persons to be members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; whether he is aware that the rules laid down for such election provide that the ballot shall be secret; and whether he will say for what reason the ballot papers which have been issued have a space provided on the back thereof for an identification number, which must be filled in, and which will enable the identity of every voter to be ascertained and the secrecy of the ballot violated. [*Wednesday, December 6th.*]

We regret we go to press before the replies will be available.

Nurses, and especially Scottish nurses, will note with satisfaction that the Secretary for Scotland (Viscount Novar) has temporarily appointed Captain W. E. Elliot, M.C., M.P. (Lanark), to be his Parliamentary private secretary (unpaid). Captain Elliot has taken pains to acquaint himself with the nursing question, and has on more than one occasion, by his speeches and his vote, rendered valuable services to the Nursing Profession in the House of Commons.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Cumberland County Council's Tuberculosis Colony at Englethwaite Hall, near Carlisle.—Miss Helen Haddon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, and has been Matron of the Binnington Pensioners' Hospital, Stockport.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Knowle Mental Hospital, Fareham, Hants.—Miss Jessie Andrews has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse at Cane Hill Mental Hospital, and Ward Sister at Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Hospital.

Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin.—Miss Annie Butler has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, and under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, and

has been Assistant Matron, Night Matron and Charge Sister in Theatre at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.

NIGHT SISTER.

Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss Mabel Agnes Fear has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, where she has held the position of Night Sister since 1919.

SISTER TUTOR.

Salford Union Infirmary, Pendleton, nr. Manchester.—Miss Esther Kate Hayes has been appointed Tutor-Sister. She was trained at the Fulham Infirmary, and has held previous appointments: T.F.N.S. (1914-1920) Staff Nurse, Sister, Home Sister, Night Sister, Theatre Sister, and Acting-Matron, Salonica.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Tottenham Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.—Miss E. M. Dunn has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Guy's Hospital for three years, with four months' midwifery; and has had experience at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital, Alton, and Health Visitor at an Infant Welfare Centre.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.**TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Miss Rose A. McKeivitt is appointed to Sheffield as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Josephine Ainsworth to Ashton-under-Lyne; Miss Mary A. S. Batty to Maltby; Miss Ellen Breen to Stockton-on-Tees; Miss Lucy Brown to Maltby; Miss Mary A. Conalty to Fulham; Miss Edith E. Diplock to Prestwich, as Senior Nurse; Miss Catherine Donnelly to Wolsingham; Miss Nellie Hay to Lumley; Miss Elizabeth A. Jones to Charminster; Miss Agnes McKnight to Prestwich; Miss Agnes M. Matthews to Godalming; Miss Annie J. Tate to Tinsley; Miss Elizabeth Wolfe to Barnsley.

THE PASSING BELL.

We deeply regret to record the death of Miss Fanny Sleigh, known for years as Sister President at Bart's. Miss Sleigh, who died at her residence, 1, Bigwood Road, N.W., on December 3rd, was the third daughter of the late Mr. Alexander Sleigh, of Liverpool.

In 1881, on our appointment as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Miss Sleigh had been a Sister at the hospital for some years, and was one of the little band of young Sisters in comparison with those veterans who had been there for a quarter-of-a-century. Fanny Sleigh was temperamentally a typical nurse, fundamentally sympathetic with suffering, of a sweet gaiety, gentle, skilful, artistic—what we recognise as a really "lovely" character. She possessed a faculty for affection that penetrated the depths of her being; and, indeed, we do not believe she could have existed without power of expression for her warm love of humanity. Known affectionately as "Sister Pressie," many generations of probationers came under her gentle influence in the fine surgical ward, which she ruled with such kindly sway. She retired from the hospital at the age-limit some years ago, and has since lived with her books, her loom, her magic needle, surrounded by artistic treasures, and, deeply religious, has now passed to her rest. To her sister, Miss Mabel Sleigh, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and well known in the past as Sister Lucas, we offer our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of a sister so precious.

As we go to press a memorial service is being held at the Church of St. Bartholomew's the Less,

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