

the Council that you have done War Service and hence the reason of the date on your certificate, 1920, will be put before the Council for their consideration, after which I will notify you of their decision."

No correspondence from Mr. Donaldson or from Mr. Stratton asking for remission of fees has ever been submitted by the Registrar to the Council—so, presumably, she took the responsibility of admitting Male Nurses to the Register at the reduced fee of One Guinea as Existing Nurses upon her own initiative. If not, by whose direction has the scale of fees for Intermediate Nurses been ignored?

Had the matter been brought to the notice of the Council, we are convinced everyone would have been in favour of remitting the fee for men and women whose training was interrupted by service for their country during the war.

THE "NURSING TIMES" AND THE "MINORITY MEMBERS" ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The rank and file of the Nursing Profession have long ago ceased to expect fair play from the proprietary commercial nursing press, but the attempt to prejudice the election of the six "minority members" on the General Nursing Council in the forthcoming Election cannot be ignored, and Sir Frederick Macmillan, part proprietor of the *Nursing Times* has this week received a solicitor's letter calling his attention, on behalf of "the Minority," to the following paragraph, which appeared in the Christmas number of his journal, and which is absolutely untrue so far as the members attacked are concerned:—

THE G.N.C. ELECTION.

"Great consternation has been caused by the announcement that voting papers must be sent out afresh, owing to the errors which we announced last week. The Council has, indeed, been unlucky. To meet the wishes of the minority of members, it was agreed that the election should not be worked from the head office; accordingly the addresses were given to an outside firm, which apparently muddled the business, sending two voting papers to some nurses while about 1,000 nurses got none. We cannot understand, however, why the mistake was not discovered in time by the officials responsible. Surely every name and address ought to have been checked. The next step will, no doubt, be announced at the G.N.C. meeting of this week."

The "minority of members" on the Council are in no way responsible for the fiasco of the Election. The Returning Officer has exercised absolute power in the matter, as he owned at the meeting of the Council on the 15th inst, and upon him devolves the responsibility for the failure of his methods.

Had the expert knowledge of "the minority" been available on the Registration Committee—

from which they were ejected by most reprehensible methods last year—the conduct of business of the Council would not now be held in contempt by every woman of business on the State Register.

As the inspiration of this and other false statements which have appeared in the *Nursing Times* concerning the "minority of members" is well understood, we call upon Sir Frederick Macmillan to stop this campaign of calumny in his journal without delay.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.—Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has held the following appointments:—Matron, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, 1907-1913; Matron St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, 1913-1917; Principal Matron T.F.N.S., City and County of London, and of No. 2 General Hospital; Chief Lady Superintendent, Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Service, 1917-1922; Secretary to the Registrar, G.N.C., September to date, 1922. Miss Darbyshire has been awarded the R.R.C. and the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal.

The three selected candidates for the post of Matron to University College Hospital were Miss R. E. Darbyshire, Miss S. Irvine-Robertson, trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and Miss Mabel C. Tisdale, Lady Superintendent, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., trained and certificated at King's College Hospital, London.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES. QUESTIONS.

1.—What are the causes of digestive disturbances among infants and what would you advise in such cases?

2.—What changes does the air of an occupied and badly ventilated room undergo? Why is ventilation necessary? Describe how you would ventilate a sitting-room used by the family generally, including an old man liable to bronchitis?

3.—What is the law in regard to vaccination and how would you advise concerning it? What other infectious diseases resemble small-pox? What steps can the local authority take in order to avoid possible danger?

4.—What is the common cause of ophthalmia neonatorum? What steps should a nurse take, and how can she assist in its prevention and its cure?

5.—What points should be taken into consideration in arranging the order in which you would visit your patients (a) on a morning round, (b) on an evening round?

6a.—Describe as many as possible of the agencies at work for improving the Nation's health.

or

6b.—State what advice you would give in three of the following cases:—

- (a) Young mother expecting first baby.
- (b) Selection of a home for friendless child.
- (c) Woman requiring artificial teeth.
- (d) Child suffering from malnutrition in poor circumstances.
- (e) Mentally defective child.

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