

Thus V.A.D.s, Village "Nurse-Midwives," women who have worked in Nursing Homes, and other insufficiently experienced persons might flood the General Part of the Register, be granted the title of "Registered Nurse," and compete on equal terms with every efficiently trained Nurse on the Register—a system which the Local Centres of the College of Nursing, Ltd., have been invited to support. The Independent Candidates consider this a grave breach of faith not only with the Nurses but with the sick.

4. FINANCIAL STABILITY.—The Independent Candidates will do everything in their power to promote efficiency and economy in the conduct of business, and consequently the Financial Stability of the General Nursing Council. At present they are of opinion that the bureaucratic system which permits expenditure of large sums of money without the consent of the Finance Committee and the Council, is responsible for waste and inefficiency. As the General Nursing Council is entirely financed by the Nurses it will be realised how undemocratic it is that the expenditure should be in the hands of persons, nominated by Government Departments, who have no financial responsibility.

In asking you to support their candidature the Independent Candidates desire to remind the Electorate that, for the first time in history, the Nurses on the Register formed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have the opportunity to elect a majority of those who are to form the Governing Body of their own profession.

They ask you to consider, seriously and dispassionately, which of the candidates are by knowledge, capacity—and, in the case of those who have been members of the First General Nursing Council, by the record of their work on that Council for the Registered Nurses—best qualified to serve your interests, and then to vote for them, and them only. If you consider the candidates named on the preceding page fulfil these tests, and desire to have them elected, vote for them, and for no one else.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Parliament decreed that the Nursing Profession in England and Wales should have a General Nursing Council.

Where is it?

At the present moment the fatal mismanagement of our affairs has left us high and dry.

Surely it is time Parliament investigated Nursing affairs. It grants an invaluable class of workers Statutory Rights, and social influence and wire-pulling at the Ministry of Health in the past, together with abysmal ignorance on the Council, have obstructed effect being given to the decrees of the Nurses' Registration Act.

It is to be hoped when Parliament reassembles a searching enquiry will be made into the whole Nursing question—Nation's Fund, College of Nursing, Ltd., and the reactionary policy of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Many Registered Nurses in this country are determined they will enjoy the professional privileges granted to them by Parliament.

We are informed that Miss Steele, nominated on to the Council by the Board of Education, has resigned her seat on the Council. This will be no loss to the nurses as she knows absolutely nothing about Nursing, either from an educational or economic point of view, and no doubt in ignorance, has consistently voted against the interests of the profession in support of bureaucracy and autocracy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE BALLOT PAPER G.N.C.

Nurses are so little used to voting, and are just now receiving so many papers in connection with the Election of the Nurses' Direct Representatives on the General Nursing Council, that we wish to draw their attention to the fact that the only Paper upon which they can record their votes is the official Ballot Paper sent out by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W., together with envelopes enclosed in which to return the Ballot Paper.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

Seafield Hospital, Leith.—Miss Margaret G. Campbell has been appointed Lady Superintendent of Nurses. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

NURSE-MATRON.

Tamworth Hospital, Tamworth.—Miss Marian Newton has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, and has been Staff Nurse at the General Infirmary, Derby, Sister at the General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and Matron at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham.

HOME SISTER.

Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.—Miss Williams has been appointed Home Sister. On the completion of her general training she qualified as a Queen's Nurse under the Metropolitan District Nursing Association, and has since worked in a Mission Hospital in Sierra Leone, and as District Nurse and Home Sister in Colchester.

SISTER TUTOR.

Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.—Miss Edith Hayes, Registered Nurse, has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, where she subsequently held the position of Day and Night Sister. She at present holds the position of Night Superintendent at the North Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham. She did military nursing, both at home and abroad, during the war. She is a Certified Midwife, and holds a Certificate for Sick Room Cookery.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

The late Mr. Archibald Balfour, of Chelsea, bequeathed a life annuity of £100 free of legacy duty to Miss Winifred Lizzie Duffus, "in recognition of her invaluable services as sick nurse to his late wife."

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