

that the majority of those who took part in it were unacquainted with, or were prepared to ride rough shod over, the limits within which a Statutory Council works. Fortunately, the Chairman realised that the Special Committee had acted illegally, and informed the Council that "there was no question about it, the appointment must be referred to the General Purposes Committee."

PREScribed FORM FOR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION NECESSARY.

It will be noted in the Report of the Registration Committee that the Committee stated that in their opinion it would not be necessary for applicants for reciprocal registration to apply on a "prescribed form," and they have omitted from the Rule the words "in the prescribed form."

Applicants for Reciprocal Registration will have to make a signed application to the General Nursing Council for admission to the Register in the country where they wish to register, and they must do so on a "prescribed form" if the Council's records are to be kept in an orderly manner, although it will no doubt be unnecessary for them to give references.

What about witnessed signatures, and how distinguish between half-a-dozen applicants of the same name?

Confusion worse confounded, unless a "prescribed form" is used.

PARALYSIS OF REGISTRATION.

It will also be seen from the Report of the Registration Committee that 5,157 applications are still held over (many for months). It is high time that the Cox-Davies Instruction to the Registration Committee of February 17th, 1922, should be rescinded. This placed upon the Registrar the responsibility of deciding which applications for Registration are doubtful, and of examining and submitting all others to the Council through the Committee. The effect of this Instruction has apparently been to paralyse Registration, as only some 205 a week are put through, while those received in the last five weeks recorded vary from 550 to 347. It is high time that the gratuitous and expert services of members of the Registration Committee and other members of the Council were available, as before the Cox-Davies Instruction was in force.

TITULAR LETTERS.

We are glad to note that registered nurses communicating with this Journal are beginning to write "Registered Nurse" after their names. This is their legal right. It is to be hoped that the "titular letters" to be used, a question discussed on several occasions by the late Council, will not be much longer obstructed by its successor. We fear the medical element now in power are not greatly in sympathy with professional privileges for nurses, permissible under the Act, such as they themselves enjoy. We look to the Independent Members of the Council to claim our rights.

PARLIAMENTARY MEDICAL COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

The Parliamentary Medical Committee of the House of Commons, which has been reconstituted, with Lieut. F. E. Fremantle as Chairman, and Sir Sydney Russell-Wells as Hon. Secretary has decided to ask for an interview with the Minister of Health in regard to Nursing Affairs in connection with the General Nursing Council.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing.—Miss Metzgar has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where she subsequently had charge of the gynaecological ward. She has also been Theatre Sister at the Samaritan Free Hospital, Sister at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, and Night Superintendent at St. Mary's Hospital.

Stourbridge Institution.—Mrs. Winifred L. Ford, Registered Nurse, has been appointed Matron and Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham, and has been Sister at Edmonton Infirmary, and Superintendent Nurse at Windsor and Uxbridge Infirmaries, holds certificates in fever nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER TUTOR.

Burnley Union Infirmary.—Miss Ethel B. Watson Registered Nurse has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, London; and has been Sister at the County Borough Hospital, Huddersfield; and has had experience in private nursing. Miss Watson holds a certificate for Fever Nursing and the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

SISTER.

St. Paul's Hospital for Skin and Genito-Urinary Diseases, Red Lion Square.—Miss Catherine M. Jamieson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Camberwell Infirmary, where she acted as Temporary Sister. She has been Sister at the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, Night Sister at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and Sister at the Kensington Infirmary.

SCHOOL NURSE.

County Borough of Blackburn.—Miss Alice Gaistang has been appointed School Nurse, under the Board of Education. She was trained at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, and for some years, both during and since the war, did excellent work in the Near East, both for sick and wounded and for refugees. She is a Registered Nurse.

THE PASSING BELL.

The members of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League and her many friends and fellow-nurses will be grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Dorothy Harkness, *née* Smith, wife of the Medical Superintendent of Bermondsey Hospital. She had a heart attack on Wednesday, April 11th, and died early next morning. Mrs. Harkness was trained at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and her great love for children made her a specially excellent nurse in this branch. She had been an invalid for some years, but took an active part in the After-Care Committee work in Bermondsey. Her fine courage in spite of failing health endeared her to all, and she will be greatly missed.

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