

delinquent "liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding twelve months." The Midwives' Board is invariably lenient, and to have taken the drastic action it did, proves that the offence must have been a serious one.

Two years elapse, and the offender has now applied to the General Nursing Council for registration on the General Part of the Register, and, if accepted, will be in a position to discriminate as to the "good character" of applicants for registration—herself the while being disqualified by lack of it from registration on the Midwives' Roll!

We believe the Registration Committee did not recommend this applicant for registration, but turned her application down as not in conformity with the rules. Now it is rumoured that, as a member of the Hospital Matrons' Association, her Colleagues on the Council are moving heaven and earth to have her accepted, and thus through favouritism to effect serious depreciation of the "good character" standard of the Register. The members of this Matrons' Union on the Council have, on two previous occasions, permitted personal sympathies to over-ride their public duty, and if *this* job is effected the profession has another grave cause of complaint against the integrity of the majority of the Council.

New Danger No. 3.

OUR IRRESPONSIBLE GOVERNING BODY.

We are still awaiting the decision of Parliament as to how far the General Part of the Register is to be made the portal to practice as "Registered Nurses" by untrained women who have no hospital experience whatever, which would be the result of the College Council agitation to depreciate the State Register by placing on it untrained women excluded from their own voluntary register, excepting in the case of a favoured few with powerful social influence.

But we learn in the meanwhile the Registration Committee has attempted to place on the General Part of the Register certain Children's Hospital applicants who are not qualified for the Sick Children's Register—but unsuccessfully so far.

What is known as the "New 1900 Rule" has now been approved by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and all and sundry may flock on to the General Part of the Register—as monstrous a breach of faith with the 25,000 nurses who have applied under the present Statutory Rules as working women have ever suffered.

The General Nursing Council, governed by the nominees of the College of Nursing, Ltd., has emulated its notorious breach of contract—with the College Nurses—in taking money for State Registration under conditions it was unable to fulfil.

Of such irresponsible persons our Governing Body is at present composed.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Two things stand like stone.
Kindness in another's trouble;
Courage in your own.

APPOINTMENTS.

HOME SISTER AND THEATRE SISTER.

Harton Poor Law Hospital, South Shields.—Miss C. G. Hardy has been appointed Home and Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, where she has held the position of Relief and Ward Sister. She has also been Ward and Night Sister at the Harton Hospital.

THEATRE SISTER.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—Miss C. M. Speed has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and has held the positions of Theatre Sister, Tunbridge Wells General Hospital, and Sister, North Staffordshire Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent.

SISTER.

Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich Home for Ailing Babies.—Miss Elsie May Lee has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. James' Hospital, Balham, S.W. Positions previously held:—Staff Nurse, South Eastern Fever Hospital; Nursing Sister, Military Families' Hospital, Portsmouth; Nurse Midwife, Municipal Maternity Home, Deptford; Ward Sister, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth; Nursing Sister, British Red Cross Society; Ward Sister, Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.

THE PASSING BELL.

THE LATE MISS CATHERINE BORTHWICK.

With regret we announce the death of Miss Catherine Borthwick, formerly Matron of the General Hospital, Johannesburg, which occurred at her residence in Glasgow on May 15th.

Miss Borthwick received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and the Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. She was Assistant Matron at the Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert. From there she was appointed to the Matronship of the West Koppies Mental Hospital, Pretoria, and later became Matron of the General Hospital. On the resignation of Mrs. McGill she was appointed to the Matronship of the General Hospital, Johannesburg.

Miss Borthwick was a woman of strong and lovable character, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the Nursing Profession. She had been in indifferent health for some time. She leaves many friends in the wide area of her activities to regret her untimely death, and to those who were privileged to come in intimate contact with her her loss is irreparable.

LEAGUE NEWS.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held at the Field House Nurses' Home, belonging to the Royal Infirmary. Owing to the serious illness of Miss Davies, the League was obliged to hold its annual meeting without the President. A good number of members attended the business meeting which was followed by a Social and Garden Party, to which many guests were invited. The Lady Mayoress of Bradford was present.

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