

or of the whole Society. Three members form a quorum so that practically this little clique of three can carry out all the great powers and responsibilities which the Society desires to undertake. The Consultative Board is to be appointed by the Council; the Examination Board—which is not to exceed twelve in number—is also to be appointed by the Council. In other words, three members of the Council could appoint the whole Society. It is noteworthy that no member of the Society pays any annual or other subscription. There is no statement as to where the funds of the Society are to come from except the nurses who enter for any of the Society's examinations are to pay such fees as the Council shall determine—which probably means that the nurses are to provide all the funds for a Society from which they gain no benefits and upon which they do not possess the slightest representation. The Council can meet when it chooses, and do what it pleases, and there is a very unusual provision that the Society—that is to say, the members appointed by the Council—can remove any member of the Council from his office by a Resolution to that effect; so it is obvious that members of the Council are expected to be very complaisant and obedient indeed. The Consultative Board has the sole and rather doubtful privilege of being consulted. The powers of the Examination Board are limited to giving advice. But there is no compulsion whatsoever upon the Council to take the slightest notice of the opinions expressed by either body.

The scheme, in short, provides for the formation of an omnipotent oligarchy, empowered to interfere with the methods of training adopted at four or five hundred hospitals in the United Kingdom, to dictate to hospitals, small and great, what training they are to give their nurses, to dictate to the nurses what examination they are to pass, and, moreover, to settle at their own entire discretion, which nurses actually pass those examinations, and which do not; to place on a Register of Nurses such names as they choose, and, with, or without reason given, to remove from that Register the name of any nurse they disapprove of. The scheme, in short, is a concentrated essence of tyranny, dangerous to every interest concerned, impracticable, and intolerable. And we feel convinced that there are thousands of trained nurses and their friends in this country who will do all in their power to prevent such outrageous proposals being carried into effect.

The nurse of twenty years ago was a much more robust type of woman than those of the present day, and rose as "one woman" to protect themselves from control by a caucus of financiers.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

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LEGACY FOR A NURSE.

The late Mrs. Elizabeth Milward of Redditch bequeathed £100 to the Nursing Association and £50 to Nurse Emily White.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRÓN.

Victoria Hospital, Southend-on-Sea.—Miss Jean L. Brown has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, where she has held the position of Assistant Matron.

Union Infirmary, Birkenhead.—Miss Fanny M. Collin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Evington Infirmary, Leicester, where she subsequently held the position of Ward and Theatre Sister. She has also been Ward Sister at the Fulham Infirmary, Night Sister at the Fulham Military Hospital, Theatre and Ward Sister Bowling Park Hospital, Bradford, and Assistant Matron at the Birkenhead Infirmary.

Royal Eastern Counties Institution for the Mentally Defective, Witham, Essex.—Mrs. Gertrude Seely, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Chorlton Union Hospitals, and has been Matron of Clune Poor Law Institution, and of the Lanchester Poor Law Institution.

Isolation Hospital and Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Over, Gloucester.—Miss Edith Goodall Walker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Leeds General Infirmary, and has been Assistant Matron, Royal United Hospital, Bath, and Matron of the Home Sanatorium, West Southbourne, near Bournemouth.

SISTER-TUTOR

Chester Union Infirmary.—Miss Mary Winifred Hall has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at Wingrove Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Sister at the Tynemouth Union Hospital.

Assistant Superintendent Nurse and Tutor Sister, Harton Poor Law Hospital, South Shields.—Miss Rose Eveline Clist has been appointed Assistant Superintendent Nurse and Tutor Sister. She was trained at the Highfield Infirmary and at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary Liverpool, and has been Sister at the Poor Law Infirmary, Leeds, at the Burnley Union Infirmary, and at the Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham, Night Superintendent, Bethnal Green Infirmary, Pupil Midwife St. Pancras Infirmary, London, Theatre Sister and Night Sister, North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, Health Visitor and School Nurse, Leicester County Council, and Matron at the Municipal Maternity Hospital, Coventry.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mrs. Elsie E. Smith is appointed to East Suffolk, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Margaret H. Lambe, to Northants, as third Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Edith Deadman, to Gosport, as Senior Nurse; Miss Emily G. Johnson, to Oxford, as Senior Nurse; Miss Maud C. Lynch, to Kingston, as Senior Nurse; Miss Emma Bickerdike, to Leeds (Central); Miss Janet Bruce, to Ross; Miss Evelyn A. Hardy, to Harrogate; Miss Olive Howson, to Harrogate; Miss Elise Jones, to Hull; Miss Sarah Norledge, to Grimsby.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

The King has sanctioned promotions in two appointments to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England: Florence Bertha, Lady Baddeley (Cert., St. Bartholomew's Hospital) has been appointed a Lady of Grace.

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