

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

Anslow, Mabel	1,005
Cattell, Emma Alice	1,782
Embry, Florence Mary.. .. .	349
MacCallum, Maude	2,202
Macdonald, Isabel	2,212
Marsters, Susan Maria	2,116
Swiss, Emily Constance	2,632
Wade, Emily	575
Watson, Millicent Isabella Stewart	1,242
Webster, Violet Jane	720
Windley, Dorothy	703

II. By Male Nurses.

Stratton, Frederick William .. unopposed

III. By Male and Female Mental Nurses.

REPRESENTING FEMALE MENTAL NURSES.

Wiese, Maude Eva 294

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Perry, Helene Maud 171

REPRESENTING MALE MENTAL NURSES.

Donaldson, Robert 265

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Christian, Tom 206

IV. By Sick Children's Nurses.

Bushby, Alice Mary 102

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Coulton, Agnes May 41

V. By Fever Nurses.

Villiers, Susan unopposed

(Signed) W. P. HERRINGHAM,
Returning Officer.

January 30th, 1923.

Rule 9 (A).

Rule 9 (A), drafted and promoted by Dr. E. W. Goodall and the College members of the late Council, to provide preferential treatment for members of the College of Nursing, Ltd. (and thrust through Parliament by the late Minister of Health, although it was illegal according to the Act), to permit them to be quickly passed, and placed on the State Register out of their turn, and thus pack the Electorate, has effected its purpose; and, organised through the College of Nursing, Ltd., the votes of these nurses have been closely canvassed and largely controlled in support of the College nominees, with the anticipated result.

It is most significant that where the electorates for the Supplementary Candidates could not be thus influenced by the College—as the General Part of the Register has been through Rule 9 (A)—*every vacancy has been filled by an Independent Candidate!*

We warmly congratulate the special electorates upon their choice of candidates, and these public-spirited nurses upon their election. The Male Nurses and the Fever Nurses had

their Candidates (Mr. F. W. Stratton and Miss Susan A. Villiers) returned without a contest; the Sick Children's Nurses have a splendid representative in Miss Alice M. Bushby; the Female Mental Nurses and the Male Mental Nurses will be well served by Miss Maude E. Wiese and Mr. Robert Donaldson. Miss Cicely C. du Sautoy, Independent Candidate, has also been elected to represent General Nurses.

The rest of the elected members of the Council are nominees of the College of Nursing, Ltd., the majority of whom are members of its Council.

We reserve our Editorial remarks for our next issue.

THE RESULT OF MISMANAGEMENT BY THE MAJORITY OF THE G.N.C.

The "Second Interregnum" of the General Nursing Council, through the grave mismanagement of the recent majority, who voted on more than one occasion to prevent themselves, and their dissentient colleagues, performing their public duty, is amply apparent. Let us touch on two results of this policy alone:—

(1) The Registered Nurses' Society, immediately the State Register was opened, adopted a Rule that only trained nurses registered by the Statutory Council, were eligible for membership. This Rule should, of course, be enforced by all persons sending out private nurses, so that the legal status granted trained nurses through the Nurses' Registration Acts, should be recognised, both for the benefit of Registered Nurses, and for the safety of the sick.

What, however, has been the result of this sense of professional responsibility upon the part of the R.N.S.?

That owing to the mismanagement by the Registration Committee—and the quite illegal recommendation to the Council to defer the registration of 800 applicants from December to February, many of whom had already been waiting for *months*, all the candidates accepted upon their first class certificates and recommendations, by the Committee of the R.N.S., have been deprived of work, as they have not been registered by the G.N.C., and have thus suffered very serious financial loss and inconvenience.

No one now expects any courtesy from Headquarters, but that letters from these injured nurses should be treated with contempt by the Registrar and remain unanswered for weeks, only adds to the justifiable indignation of the nurses and their detestation of the arrogant bureaucracy, as permitted under the present direction of their affairs.

(2) It will be remembered that the recommendation of the Registration Committee to re-

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