

("Shame.") This from indignant nurses. The Hon. Sydney appeared to thoroughly enjoy the protest. "What," he asked, "did Lord Rothschild know about nursing? Where were the nursing authorities? All the signatories to the Memorandum were laymen (pot calling kettle) with the exception of Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, who as Treasurer of Guy's knew something of nursing." Mr. Bonsor here repudiated all such knowledge; he "knew nothing." "Then, heaven help the thing," said Mr. Holland. "I thought that at least you did know something."

For the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland Mr. Swanzy (Vice-President of the Royal College) made an admirable speech. He said the full control of the proposed Society was vested in seven laymen (same with the College) not in the nurses themselves; but nurses should govern themselves. . . . Any other system would be intolerable—(it *is*)—and contrary to precedent in other professions. Modern nursing owed its high standard almost entirely to women. Further, nurses should have control of the money they themselves contributed. (When does the G.N.C. intend to issue a balance sheet?) One mode of Registration on a sound basis would be acceptable to Ireland, but the present suggestion was absolutely unsound.

Sir Victor Horsley, on behalf of the British Medical Association, said the time was long gone by for private societies to carry out State purposes. The scheme provided for no representation of any kind for medical practitioners or nurses. They were absolutely with the R.B.N.A. as to the infringement of the Royal Charter. The medical profession was acting in the public interest in supporting State Registration. The nurses had been hardly used, and State Registration would for them be a measure of justice. (Not as administered by the College Caucus.)

Dr. Langley Browne, for the Midland Medical Society, said the present scheme was an attempt to make another corner in nurses on a larger scale. Lawyers, doctors, and even the clergy managed their own affairs, and the most acceptable method of organisation for nurses would be a well considered measure of State Registration.

Miss Isla Stewart, on behalf of the Matrons' Council and League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, said the Government of nurses should be largely in their own hands. When the intentions of the City financiers (in conjunction with the officials of Guy's Hospital) were made public, a public meeting of nurses was held, when resolutions emphatically protesting against the attempt of the signatories to the Memorandum of the proposed society to obtain control over nurses were passed.

The chief reasons why the societies she represented objected were that the signatories were gentlemen who had no expert knowledge of nursing, and that no provision was made for the direct representation of nurses on the Governing Body. The government of the Nursing Profession was not a philanthropic scheme. There were large numbers of nurses, fully trained, competent to

carry out the necessary work, and to defray their own expenses.

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APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Bridgwater Hospital.—Miss Leah Gold, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in infectious work at Wollenford and Crowmarsh Isolation Hospital; and in general nursing at Chesterfield Royal Infirmary. She has held the positions of Ward and Theatre Sister, Home and Night Sister at Chesterfield; Night Sister and Assistant Matron at Wolverhampton General Hospital; and obtained a certificate for housekeeping at the General Infirmary, Salisbury.

Miss Gold holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta Street, W.C.—Miss Ella Cantlow has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, and has since been Holiday Sister at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road; Theatre Sister at Tooting Military Hospital; and Housekeeping and Home Sister at Hampstead General Hospital.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

Montgomery County Council.—Miss Elizabeth Ford has been appointed Lady Superintendent of District Nurses. She was trained at St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, E. She has held the position of Staff Nurse at the South Western Hospital, Stockwell; and of Health Visitor and Inspector of Midwives at Rochdale and Nuneaton. She has also been Matron of the General Hospital, Teian, Hupeh, China; and has since been Night Superintendent at Sculcoats Infirmary, Hull.

NIGHT SISTER.

Miller General Hospital, Greenwich.—Miss E. H. Darling has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, W., where she acted as Holiday Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse at the South London Hospital for Women; and the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. Miss Darling holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Parish of Devonport Infirmary.—Miss Matilda Church, S.R.N., has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Holborn Infirmary, and was pupil and Assistant Midwife at St. Pancras Home. She has been a Maternity Sister in Charge, and also Staff Nurse at the County of London War Hospital.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary L. Tarver is appointed to Huddersfield Maternity Branch, as Superintendent; Miss Sarah Case, to Manchester (Ardwick), as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Elizabeth M. King, to Reigate and Redhill, as Senior Nurse; Miss Susie E. Bayliss, to Silvertown; Miss Annie B. Bower, to Penzance and Madron; Miss Amy E. Friend, to Woolwich; Miss Ann E. Hughes, to Exeter; Miss Lilian M. Mason, to Penzance and Madron; Miss Barbara A. Pirie, to Royston; Mrs. Betsy Teal, to Rothwell; Miss Gwen G. Williams, to Mytholmroyd.

The Editor will be obliged if, in sending appointments for insertion, ladies will state whether they are State Registered Nurses.

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