

Registration Committee to which she alludes. She has a right to call for, and inspect, the letters received by the G.N.C. from the Registrar of the College of Nursing, Ltd., asking for information as to the latest date Existing nurses' applications could be received, and also to see the reply sent to Miss Sheldon on the matter. We hope, after the discourtesy with which she has been treated in the performance of her public duty, Miss Wiese will take steps to see all these documents at an early date.

Someone has got to protest in the name of Registered Nurses against the uncouth methods by which our professional liberties are being crushed out. Miss Wiese has the Statutory Rules, which under the Act have the force of law. She has every right to demand that they shall be legally carried into full effect.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Tibooburra District Hospital, New South Wales.—Mrs. W. E. Lee, S.R.N. (*née* Fanny Williams) has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Woolwich Infirmary, and has held the following appointments:—Charge Nurse, West Ham Infirmary, Sister, Central London Sick Asylum, Health Lecturer, Gloucestershire, Assistant Health Inspector, Broken Hill, S.W. She has also had experience in private and district nursing, and holds the following Certificates:—Central Midwives Board, Royal Sanitary Institute for School Nurse and Health Visitor, and Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Bristol, Queen Victoria Convalescent Home.—Miss M. E. Stephens has been appointed Assistant-Matron. She was trained at Bristol Royal Infirmary and has been Senior Sister at the West of England Sanatorium, Weston-super-Mare, and Sister at Southmead Infirmary, Bristol.

SISTER TUTOR.

Sheffield, Fir Vale Hospital.—Miss M. A. Shaw has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, where she was Ward Sister. She passed through the King's College Course, Campden Hill, London, for Sister-Tutor. Miss Shaw holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and also a certificate for sick cookery.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Durham County Council.—Miss Isabella Wardle has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Highfield Hospital, Sunderland, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse. She has also been Health Visitor and School Nurse at Whitley and Jarrow. Miss Wardle holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and one for health visitors.

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

THE PASSING BELL.

THE DEATH OF MISS AMY HUGHES, S.R.N., LADY OF GRACE OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

The nursing profession will have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Miss Amy Hughes. The end came peacefully on the morning of Thursday, September 6th, after a comparatively short, acute illness, although it was known to her friends that she had been ailing for some time.

Amy Hughes, born in 1856, was a daughter of the Rev. A. S. Hughes, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Darlington, and had just come to young womanhood in those wonderful years in the seventies, when their well-disciplined upbringing fitted educated girls to step out of the family circle and become the pioneers and builders of the modern secular profession of nursing. The great example was before them of Florence Nightingale and Agnes Jones, and a School of Nursing had been in existence at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, for upwards of twenty years, when, in March, 1884, Amy Hughes entered for training, and began her active thirty years' work for humanity.

We have talked over these early years of training with Miss Hughes, and know how deeply she deplored her short course of training; but in July, 1885, she was strongly urged by the Matron, Mrs. Wardroper, to enter the service of the Metropolitan Nursing Association, Bloomsbury Square, London, for training and work as a district nurse. This advice made possible a life-time of immense usefulness, as health work in the homes of the poor and the whole science of sociology was in its infancy in those days.

Thus, Amy Hughes was privileged to become a leading light in national health work. After training in Bloomsbury Square, Miss Hughes was transferred to Kensington District Nurses' Home in 1886, and to Westminster in 1887, where she remained till March, 1889, when she was appointed to take charge of district work in Chelsea.

By this time the Queen's Institute had been established, and she was enrolled as a Queen's Nurse, a title which carries with it all that is best in nursing.

In 1891 she went back to the Home in Bloomsbury Square, as Superintendent, where she remained until 1895. This was the largest district training home in existence at that time, and many of those who are now "older Queen's Nurses" were her probationers there, and owe to her teaching and inspiration the success and happiness they have found in their altruistic branch of nursing. Feeling the great need for midwife training when attending the working-class mothers in their own homes, Miss Hughes qualified in that branch of work, and was keenly interested in it, and in the Midwives' Institute, of which she was for some time President.

In 1895 she accepted the appointment as Superintendent of Bolton Union Infirmary, where a Training School was being started, but in a few years she returned to London as head of the Nurses' Co-operation of Private Nurses, Langham Street, W., where she remained until 1902, when she returned to the Queen's Institute for organizing work in connection with the formation of County Nursing Associations.

In 1905 she became General Superintendent of the Institute in succession to Miss Pauline Peter, and this post she held until 1917—years full of ceaseless activity and progress. Her connection with the work did not, however, cease on her resignation, for she was made a member of the Council of the Queen's Institute, and remained its representative on several committees

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