

The argument that the payment of the yearly registration fee is necessary for the retention of a nurse's name upon the register appears to us a most unjust and short-sighted one. Surely once a nurse has qualified for registration by undergoing the necessary training and passing the prescribed examination she is a duly qualified and registered member of the profession of nursing.

It is provided in the various Acts or rules which have been passed in Great Britain and in the Dominions that a nurse's name may be removed from the register on account of an indictable offence or misdemeanour or misconduct,

How, then, can the omission of the payment of half-a-crown a year be an equal cause of removal from the register? Surely, apart from the copy of the register, which should be published annually, there must be kept the main register in which as they are accepted the applicants for registration are entered and from which the annual register with corrected addresses, altered names by marriage, and, under our New Zealand system, additional qualifications and experience and appointments are added, is made up for publication.

This is an alphabetical register, and should be the working one for the information of the public; and from its pages it is quite a fair thing that the name of a nurse failing to pay her annual subscription should be left out. We do not think that, under any Act for the registration of members of a recognised profession, the names of those who have once been accepted as properly qualified are removed for the trivial cause of non-payment of a yearly fee. The reason should be of a very grave character, otherwise there is no distinction between mere carelessness and criminality. On perusal of Part I of the rules under the Act, we find under "Fee for retention in Register," that the word "published" register is used, and we consider that the intention of the framers of this rule is merely that the nurse's name may be removed from the publication of that year, but will remain on the main register. A nurse once registered should, therefore, unless removed under Part V of the rules on account of conviction of a felony, misdemeanour, or other specified reasons, still be entitled to call herself a registered nurse.

We shall be pleased to publish the opinions of Registered Nurses on this important matter.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The Badge for Registered Nurses on the Scottish Register is now on sale, and can be purchased from the manufacturers, Messrs. Brook & Son, 87, George Street, Edinburgh, at a price of 4s. 9d. (including postage), on production to Messrs. Brook & Son of a voucher which must be obtained from the Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh. To save correspondence a voucher will in the future be issued to each nurse as she pays her Retention Fee for this year. Nurses who have not to pay a Retention Fee this year can obtain the voucher from the Registrar.

Scottish nurses are apparently very apathetic about the publication of their State Register. It is now three and a-half years since their Nursing Council began to function, and so far it has not "so determined," as provided in the Rules, to publish the Register.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor.**—Miss Penelope M. Morris, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, W., and has been Sister in Charge of Surgical Unit, Middlesex Hospital. She served from 1914 to 1919 in France and Belgium on Military Service, was mentioned in dispatches, and received the R.R.C. In 1919 Miss Morris returned to the Middlesex Hospital. She holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

**Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital.**—Miss Mary W. Millar, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where she was Ward Sister, Night Sister, Housekeeping Sister. Miss Millar has been Assistant Matron at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital. She was awarded the A.R.R.C. for Military Nursing Service during the war.

**Borough and Grindon Sanatoria for Infectious and Tubercular Diseases.**—Miss Florence Harvey has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Highfield Hospital, Sunderland, and at the Borough Sanatorium, where she has acted as Deputy-Matron.

**Matlock, Wirksworth Cottage Hospital.**—Miss Ethel Spencer has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at Fell Lane Hospital, Keighley, Night Sister at Chesterfield Infirmary, and Matron of Ripley Cottage Hospital.

**Hastings, Borough Sanatorium and Infectious Hospital.**—Miss Florence Pollard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham, and at the Western Fever Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the South-Eastern Hospital, Sister at Clare Hall Sanatorium, and Ward Sister and Home Sister at Hornsey, Finchley and Wood Green Joint Hospital, Muswell Hill.

### ASSISTANT MATRON AND THEATRE SISTER.

**Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.**—Miss Elsie Hudson has been appointed Assistant Matron and Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Hospital, Wigan, and was there promoted to be Sister. Miss Hudson has held the appointments of Theatre Sister at Colchester Military Hospital, Theatre and Home Sister, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, and Assistant Matron at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool.

### MATRON'S OFFICE SISTER.

**Reading, Royal Berkshire Hospital.**—Miss Florence Tilt has been appointed Matron's Office Sister. She was trained at the City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham, and at Worcester Infirmary, and has been Sister at Norwich Isolation Hospital, Night Sister at Weston-super-Mare Hospital, and at Norwich Isolation Hospital.

### HEALTH VISITORS.

**Stoke-on-Trent County Borough.**—Miss Stella Dakin and Miss Annis Taylor have been appointed Health Visitors. Miss Dakin was trained at Bradford Maternity Hospital, and has since done private nursing. Miss Taylor was trained at Stoke Union Infirmary, and has since been Health Visitor for Leicestershire.

### DISTRICT MATRON AND SUPERINTENDENT OF MIDWIVES.

**West Indies, St. Kitts Nevis.**—Miss P. Daken has been appointed district Matron and Superintendent of Midwives. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

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