

REPORT OF THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE.

The Chairman ruled out of Order the recommendation of the Uniform Committee, "That the booklet of instructions be issued free, it being the feeling of the Committee that it is the legal responsibility of the Council to issue directions" on the ground that if it was desired to alter a previous decision of the Council notice to rescind that decision must be given in time for its insertion on the Agenda, giving the Council ten days' notice.

Circumstances alter cases. It will be within the memory of the readers of this journal that on an occasion when we argued in this sense the Chairman held that Miss Cox-Davies had conformed to the requirements of the Rules, though she had given no notice to rescind a previous decision, by placing a motion in her own name on the Agenda.

May we remind the Council that they have no jurisdiction to prescribe a "foreign uniform." We presume that by giving permission to the Uniform Committee to incorporate details of the "Foreign Uniform" in the Booklet to be issued, they intended to refer to the uniform worn overseas by Nurses Registered by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES FOR NURSES.

A pleasing ceremony took place recently in the Poor Law Institution at North Shields, when medals and certificates were handed over to successful probationer nurses by Mrs. A. West Russell, wife of the member for the borough of Tynemouth. Mr. W. Thirkle, vice-chairman of the Hospital Committee, presided, and amongst those present were the Mayor of Tynemouth, chairman of the Board of Guardians, and the Mayoress; Mr. T. Percival, Clerk to the Guardians; Dr. J. B. Williamson, Medical Officer of the Institution; Dr. Hislop, Borough Medical Officer of Health; the Matron, and members of the Board.

The chairman introduced Mrs. West Russell, who said she was delighted to accept their invitation, as she was deeply interested in everything connected with nurses and nursing. Many people did not know the value of a trained nurse, and they should do everything they could think of to make their lives pleasant. There were many people wearing nurses uniforms who had no right to do so.

Mrs. Russell next proceeded to present the medals and certificates, remarking that rewards like these made the work much easier, and she hoped that those who received them would rise to the top of their profession.

The rewards were as follows:—Frater gold medal, Nurse Sanderson; Grant silver medal, Nurse Glendinning; Pearson bronze medal, Nurse Findlay.

Certificates were presented to Nurses Curry, Ivy Mason, Tirza Mason, Roberts, Smithson, Stoddart, Slater, Best, and Page.

Prior to the proceedings the party took tea in the dining hall, and the visitors were subsequently shown over the hospital wards and other parts of the Institution by the Chairman, Medical Officer and Matron.

APPOINTMENTS.**SISTER-IN-CHARGE.**

Birmingham Cripples' Union, Open Air Convalescent School.—Miss Mary Smith has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at Bramley Union Infirmary, Leeds, and has since been Charge Nurse. She has also been Sister at the Hospital for Children, Leasowe; Senior Charge Nurse at Jersey General Hospital; and Ward Sister at Wingfield Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Liverpool Hospital for Women.—Miss Mildred Harle has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Sunderland Royal Infirmary; and has been Pupil Housekeeper at Charing Cross Hospital; Ward Sister at Swansea General Hospital; Home Sister at the South Devon Hospital, Plymouth; Home and Housekeeping Sister at the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.

HOME SISTER.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.—Miss Nora S. Townshead, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the London Temperance Hospital, and has been Sister-in-Charge Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) from 1915 to 1919; worked for six months with Lady Paget's Unit to Central Europe, and has since been Sister at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Pupil Housekeeper at Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and Housekeeping Sister of Hayling Branch of Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Dundee Royal Infirmary.—Miss R. Hay Grant, M.A. (Edin.), Registered Nurse, Massachusetts, U.S.A., has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, after which she did one year's teaching in a girls' school, acted as Staff-Nurse, R.A.F.N.S., and was engaged in private nursing at Phillip's House, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, U.S.A.

NIGHT SISTER AND SISTER.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.—Miss Cottell, S.R.N., and Miss Constance Smith have been appointed Night Sister and Sister of the Women and Children's Ward (alternating).

Miss Cottell was trained at the South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, and at the Treloar Hospital, Alton. She has twice been Sister at the Treloar Hospital, and Night Sister and Day Sister at the General Hospital, Watford.

Miss C. Smith was trained in Fever Nursing at the City Isolation Hospital, Leicester, and in General Nursing at the General Hospital, Hereford, where she was Night Sister.

Miss Lilian Hallam has been appointed Sister of Male Ward and Casualty. She was trained in Fever Nursing at the Isolation Hospital, Leicester, and at the General Hospital, Hereford, where she was Sister.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Twickenham Urban District Council.—Miss Ethel Dunkley has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at Hackney Infirmary, and has since been Health Visitor at Heston, Isleworth, and at East Grinstead.

BEQUESTS TO NURSES.

Mr. Harry J. Weinberg, of Nottingham, who left property to the value of £36,784, bequeathed £5 for each month of attendance to each of the nurses who were with him at his death.

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