

The following is the Cast for the Play in the order in which the characters appear:—

Dorset (a maid)	.. ..	Miss Frances McElwee
Mrs. Herries	.. ..	.. Miss Grace Nicholson
The Rector	.. ..	.. Mr. Sydney Pinner
Lady Remenham	.. ..	.. Mrs. Atherton Earp
Lady Mabel Venning (Lady Remenham's daughter)	.. ..	.. Miss Edith Dickie
Mrs. Cassilis	.. ..	.. Miss Isabel Macdonald
Lady Marchmont	.. ..	.. Mrs. Reidy
Mrs. Borridge	.. ..	.. Miss Sarah Hebson
Miss Borridge	.. ..	.. Miss Gladys Roach
Geoffrey Cassilis	.. ..	.. Mr. S. Culverwell
Major Warrington	.. ..	.. Mr. Aubrey Gordon

The Scene takes place at Deynham Abbey in Leicestershire.

Act 1. The Drawing Room.

Act 2. The Lawn.

Act 3. The Smoking Room.

The Play will be produced by Mr. Douglas Phair.

Stage Manager, Mr. Cyril Pearson.

#### APPOINTMENT.

Miss N. S. Townshend has been appointed Matron of the Frederick Andrew Convalescent Home at West Malling, Kent. This is a very delightful Home for Gentlewomen, and its splendid work is likely to be greatly developed under the Matronship of Miss Townshend, who is an able administrator and full of enthusiasm for everything which she undertakes.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

On March 12th, Miss Olive Forsyth was married to Dr. Pennington of Baltimore. Miss Forsyth has been on the Co-operation of the Association since the Spring of last year.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with very great regret that we have to report the death of Miss Blanche Trew, an early member of the R.B.N.A. who has always taken a sincere interest in its welfare. She nursed in South Africa during the War there, and was a prisoner for three months during the course of the War. She received the Royal Red Cross, and, after the War, returned to the appointment she had previously held, that of Matron of the Royal Cornwall Infirmary. Later she was Matron of King Edward VII Sanatorium at Midhurst, but the work there proved too strenuous as she was still suffering from the results of her labours in South Africa. She started a Nursing home in Newquay, where she made many friends, and, in 1915, she organised the Morant Hospital at Brockenhurst. Miss Trew's was a very charming personality, and she entered into the later adventures of her life with a keen enjoyment that made it hard to realise that she had already accomplished so many years of strenuous work.

Much sympathy will be felt by members of the Nursing Profession with Sir Harold Boulton, Bart., C.V.O., to whose kindness Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association owe their beautiful Club, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of Lady Boulton, who was a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on May 21st at 20, Portland Place, London, W. Miss E. M. MUSSON R.R.C., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

The Minutes having been confirmed, THE CHAIRMAN announced that the Register of Nurses for 1926, a copy of which was on the table, was now published, the total number of nurses registered being 52,596. Although, to their disappointment, it had not been on the table for the April Meeting, it was published earlier this year than ever before, the earliest time previously having been July. The Council owed a debt to the staff of the Registration Department, who had worked very hard to accomplish this.

#### Election of Vice-Chairman.

The next business was the election of a Vice-Chairman. THE CHAIRMAN announced that there had only been one nomination, that of SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, who had been nominated by DR. GOODALL, MISS COX-DAVIES, and MISS BREMNER.

MISS COX-DAVIES then moved, and MISS ALSOP seconded, the election of SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM as Vice-Chairman, which was carried *nem con.* No comment was made by Sir Wilmot Herringham, and the Council proceeded to the next business.

#### The Industrial Crisis.

THE CHAIRMAN said she thought the Council would wish to know what steps had been taken during the recent General Strike to carry on its business.

Meetings of all Standing Committees, except the Mental and Uniform Committees, which had been postponed, had been held once. On May 4th as many members of the Council as possible were assembled, and they discussed what to do, and formed a temporary Committee of the Chairman and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

On Monday, May 10th, it was decided that the State Examination must be postponed. The Council was much indebted to the British Broadcasting Company for making this announcement.

Notices were also sent to the Matrons, and telegraphed to the Examiners.

On the conclusion of the General Strike it was decided that the written Examinations should be held on May 31st and June 1st. It was not easy to make new arrangements in regard to securing the necessary halls, but this had now been done. The Council was again indebted to the British Broadcasting Company for giving this fresh information.

Notices had also been sent to 3,700 nurses.

DR. GOODALL moved, and MISS WIESE seconded, the motion that the action of the Chairman of the Council be approved.

#### Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £150 for Stamps, £15 for Insurance Stamps, and £25 for Petty Cash were allowed.

#### Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that 35 fees are held in the office belonging to Nurses whose applications are not in conformity with the Rules. These fees cannot be returned to the nurses as no addresses are available.

The Committee reported that applications to date otherwise than by Examination were 55,309. Approved to April 30th, 52,236, for approval on May 21st, 8. Ineligible to April 30th, 1,377. Duplicate applications, 483. Withdrawn, 1,169. Incomplete, 36.

Applications for Registration by Examination had been

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