

**MISS MARY ALLBUTT, F.B.C.N., S.R.N.**

Miss Mary Allbutt, S.R.N., Matron of the Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, has been appointed a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses. Previous to her training at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary she worked at the West Kirby Convalescent Home for Children, of which one block was used as a Children's Hospital for Liverpool. After her training Miss Allbutt went as Sister to the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, and then spent four years at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, where she took her maternity training; after obtaining the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board she held the posts of Staff Nurse, Night Superintendent and, later, Housekeeper at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. When the Territorial Nurses were mobilised at the outbreak of War, Miss Allbutt was sent to a Military Hospital in Leeds and, later, she did Military Nursing in France. At the close of the War she was appointed Home Sister and Sister-Tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, and her next appointment was that of Assistant Matron at Whipps Cross Infirmary, a post which she held for three years and then she became Matron of the Fulham Hospital. She is an Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Miss Allbutt is a keen educationalist, an able administrator, and a very striking trait in her character is a natural and ever ready ability to understand the rank and file. The position of Matron of a large training school is of necessity, to a certain extent, one of isolation. What one always feels about Miss Allbutt is that, however much her mind may be compelled to occupy itself with matters of administration, education and discipline, her heart is with her nurses and indeed we have had, in our own experience, evidence that she has sympathy with all nurses whether they may be the nervous candidates in the Examination Halls of the General Nursing Council, or private nurses struggling to maintain the prestige, dignity and ethics of their own particular branch. Talk but for a few minutes with any of the nurses of the Fulham Hospital and you soon find that their Matron's sympathy, and still better, her co-operation is taken for granted by her staff in all their undertakings. She is their Matron but she is their comrade too. Anyone who knows Miss Allbutt can well understand this, for she enters wholeheartedly into the work of the moment whatever it may be, brings to business or pleasure the strength of a calm yet forceful character, of a kindly heart, of a well balanced mind, and that quiet courtesy too which, as a natural characteristic, may have had a greater influence upon her career than perhaps even she herself is aware.

Our readers will welcome Miss Allbutt's appointment as a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses, not only as a comrade tried and true in the controversy that ended in the passage of the Registration Acts, not only as one who will lend dignity and the weight of conscientious purpose to its deliberations, but also as a very able and desirable representative of a branch of Nursing—the Poor Law Service—which, especially during recent years, has sent out so many of its trainees to hold honourable place in the Profession.

**MISS DOROTHY KATHLEEN GRAHAM, F.B.C.N., S.R.N.**

Miss Dorothy Kathleen Graham, S.R.N., has been appointed a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses. She was trained at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, and at Guy's Hospital, London. She took her Midwifery Training at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board. She also possesses the Sister-Tutor's Diploma of King's College. Miss Graham has held the following appointments:—Sister at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, Assistant Matron Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Sister-Tutor at the following Hospitals in York:—York County Hospital, York City and District Infirmary, The Retreat, York, the York City Mental Hospital, and the North Riding Mental Hospital. At present Miss Graham is Sister-Tutor to the Royal Northern Group of Hospitals, London; this group includes the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, and the Royal Northern Hospital of Recovery, Southgate. Miss Graham is also an Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

This record, our readers will agree, is a highly creditable one and, in itself, sufficient to show that Miss Graham is a young member of the profession who has outstanding ability. Apart from having held these responsible posts, Miss Graham is an able writer on Nursing, and her books—"Hygiene for Probationer Nurses," "Bacteriology for Probationer Nurses," and "The Chemistry of Food and Sick Cookery"—are already standard works for those preparing for the State Examination, and also they have been found to be valuable as works of reference for nurses engaged in branches of lecturing work.

These details will serve to show that Miss Graham is no mere "hewer of wood and drawer of water" in the ranks of our Profession, but that she is one of those who "do things," one who is likely to "go far." She has educational aspirations for her profession, and a full sense of the responsibility of individual achievement, in relation to professional education. We are glad

that she will have her share in guiding the activities of the College.

Miss Graham is a daughter of the late Dr. C. R. Graham, of Netherby House, Wigan, and was educated at the Cheltenham Ladies' College, under the late Miss Beale. A casual conversation with her, relative to that famous College, led one to sense the inspiration that, from Miss Beale (who was a very great educationalist and a well-known leader of the Women's Movement) had passed into the mind of her young student; one felt that here the teacher had lit a torch which would bear its light into one path or another of the world's progress, a generation on.

Miss Graham's personality is a very charming one, her bright blue eyes hold all the enthusiasm of youth, her fine forehead bespeaks intellectual ability and her direct, pleasant manner of address has in it a winsomeness that must add in no small degree to the effectiveness of her intellectual gifts and her success as one of our young English Teachers of Nursing.



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