

being held by a Registered Nurse, provoked a chorus of dissent, owing to the provision contained in the last ten words. The Majority, apparently, were quite ready to approve the Resolution if the honorarium was not limited to a Registered Nurse, appreciating, with Dr. Goodall, that "all had the same chances of being elected to the chair." What they evidently did not realise was, that the only person who should be in the Chair of the Nurses' Governing Body is a Registered Nurse, and, further, that the whole of the funds for the upkeep of the Council are provided by the Registered Nurses.

The nine nominees of Government Departments on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales are privileged persons, as the State has no financial responsibility towards the Council, though its nominees help to dispense the Council's funds.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee objected to an honorarium for the Chairman on the score of expense. Certainly the expenses of the Council are enormous—last year over £26,000; but we are of opinion that they could be reduced by some thousands of pounds annually without detriment to efficiency.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 18 Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, December 17th, 1926, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair, and fourteen Members were present.

Amongst the correspondence dealt with was a letter from the Nurses' Registration Board of New South Wales in regard to adjusting a scheme of reciprocal re-registration. The Council resolved to deal with this matter along with proposed similar schemes in regard to certain other Australasian States.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener, and after discussion was unanimously approved.

The Report showed that the Committee had considered Reports by the Examiners who conducted the October Examination, and that various arrangements had been approved for the holding of the Spring Examinations in February.

The Report of the Registration Committee was submitted by Miss Davidson the Convener, and was approved. In accordance with this the names of certain Nurses who had passed the Council's Examinations, and had now reached the age of 21, were ordered to be placed on the Register, and seven existing and intermediate Nurses whose applications still remained incomplete, after various intimations had been made to them, were held as withdrawn, and the Registrar was authorised to return the fees to those applicants.

### LEGAL MATTERS.

#### SHOP LIFTING BY NURSES. Goods Value £25.

The *Evening Standard* of December 23rd reported that prison sentences for shop-lifting were on that day passed by Mr Mead at Marlborough Street on two hospital nurses, but in one case the sentence was afterwards reconsidered, and the girl was bound over instead.

They were Lilian Martin (24) and Antoinette Cooper (18), who pleaded guilty to stealing and receiving a variety of articles, including a gown and a jumper from Messrs. Selfridge & Co., Ltd., Oxford Street, W., total value £25 3s.

They came under the observation yesterday of John McCourt, assistant at Messrs. Selfridge's, who stated that he

saw Martin take a jumper. They left and lunched at an Oxford Street restaurant, and he stopped them as they walked along the thoroughfare, called a taxicab, and took them back to Messrs. Selfridge's. They were carrying packages containing the stolen articles.

There was no previous conviction against them, and they were given good characters.

Mr. Mead characterised the offence as a very serious one indeed—pilfering property worth £25 3s. This class of offence, he said, was very prevalent at present, and people carrying on businesses must be protected.

He sentenced Martin to six weeks and Cooper, being younger, to a month, both in the second division.

Later, Mr. Mead reconsidered the case of Cooper, and in view of her age and the fact that it was her first offence, he bound her over.

### ADMINISTERING POISON TO NURSE.

At the Bristol Assizes a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment was passed on Beatrice Lilian Rawlings, 21, domestic servant, convicted of administering poison to Nurse Ansell, who had been left in charge of the house where the prisoner worked while her employers were on holiday. The prosecution's case was that the prisoner took a dislike to the nurse, and put rat poison in her tea, in which traces were found. The defence was a total denial.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRONS.

**Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.**—Miss Emily R. MacManus, R.R.C., S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital from 1908-1911, and was appointed Sister at the Kasr el Aini Hospital, Cairo, in 1912, in which city she also did private nursing. In 1913 she acted as Holiday Sister at Guy's Hospital for three months, after which she held the position of Theatre Sister at King's Lynn Hospital until May 1914, when she returned to Guy's Hospital as Sister of Astley Cooper Ward, and in August, 1915, became Staff Nurse in the Civil Hospital Reserve in France, where she remained first as Nurse and then as Sister until December, 1918, being mentioned in despatches in 1917. In March, 1919, Miss MacManus was appointed Assistant Secretary to the College of Nursing, Ltd., and in May of that year was appointed Assistant Matron at Guy's Hospital, which post she held until May, 1922. She is at present Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

**Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, N.W.1.**—Miss Mary E. Lewis, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, where she later held the posts of Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Casualty Sister, and Theatre Sister. Miss Lewis has also been Ward Sister at the Hospital, for Women, Soho Square; Night Sister, at the Jessop Hospital, for Women, Sheffield; Assistant Matron at the County Hospital, Bedford; and Matron, at the General Hospital, Maesteg, Wales.

**Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.**—Miss Alice M. Rose, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Kingston upon-Hull Union Infirmary, and has been Sister at the Bradford War Hospital; Theatre Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; and Sister Tutor at the Municipal General Hospital, Bradford. Miss Rose is Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

**Richard Murray Hospital, Blackhill, Co. Durham.**—Miss Beatrice Evans, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and received her Midwifery Training at the General Lying In Hospital, York Road, London. She has held the posts of Matron at the Maternity Hospital, Warrington; Matron at the Rosevale Hospital, Dumfries; and Matron at the St. Marylebone Alms Houses, St. John's Wood, N.W.

**Isolation Hospital, Rawmarsh.**—Miss A. E. Rippon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Fever Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Bury. Miss Rippon has also done private nursing.

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