

Matrons' Association, and the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, have met and nominated certain Registered Nurses whom they have recommended the members of these societies to support, the campaign to ensure their election being, we understand, largely subsidised by Annie, Lady Cowdray, a member of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd. We are informed that a full complement of College candidates has been nominated for the eleven vacancies for representatives of the Nurses on the General Part of the Register.

Very regrettably also these societies have nominated a candidate in opposition to Miss A. M. Bushby, who has done such good work in the present Council as the representative of Sick Children's Nurses.

It will readily be understood that the Independent Candidates for election as representative of nurses on the General Part of the Register cannot afford to circularise 55,000 colleagues, therefore the scheme subsidised by Lady Cowdray, for placing a caucus of College Members on the G.N.C. may succeed for the coming Quinquennial term. But eventually, when the great mass of the electors have realised their responsibility and their power we predict that they will arise and elect a Council upon which "none are for a party, but all are for the State," and which will efficiently, honourably and without fear or favour, truly and impartially administer justice and safeguard the honour and the prestige of the Profession of Nursing.

I PREFER FREEDOM OF ACTION.

A considerable number of Registered Nurses have invited me to stand for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. My reason for refusing their kind suggestion is that under present nursing organisation the majority of nurses in this kingdom are too ignorant of the true condition of nursing politics, and too subject to economic control, and to financial patronage, to give a free vote for candidates. I prefer therefore to work for the progress of my Profession and for the benefit of my colleagues in the open.

It is very probable that in another decade, owing to the enlightened policy of The British College of Nurses, that the Nurses' Representatives on the General Nursing Council will have acquired the knowledge and power to govern the Profession liberally.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, S.R.N.

THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

As we go to press the date expires for the nomination of candidates for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. We give herewith the portraits and records of those who notified the British College of Nurses of their intention to stand as independent candidates, and whose candidature it commends to its Fellows and Members. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING also hopes that all its readers who have the right to vote in the Election will record their votes for these candidates. They are:—

MISS C. C. DU SAUTOY.

Miss Cathlin Cicely du Sautoy has had a distinguished and varied nursing career, beginning when she was appointed Lecturing Sister on Sick Room Cookery, Physiology, Hygiene and the Chemistry of Food, at Tredegar House, the Preliminary Training School for the London Hospital. She then entered Guy's Hospital for three years' training, and was the Gold Medallist of her year. She then became successively Queen's Nurse, Superintendent and Inspector under Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute; Lecturer and Examiner under the British Red Cross Society; Inspector Q.V.J.I. for Wales, and Lecturer under the Ulster Medical Board.

Her war work included work at home and abroad. She was Night Sister at the Ulster Hospital, Lyons; Staff Nurse, Charge Nurse and Home Sister at the Hospital, La Panne, and Matron of the Astoria Hospital, Paris until the Armistice.

After the war Miss du Sautoy worked as an Organiser and Directrice in the devastated areas of France, under the French Committee of the British Red Cross, principally in the City of Reims, and then under the American Red Cross when it took over the work, which would otherwise have been closed down, and which was of incalculable value.

Miss du Sautoy holds the Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate, and diplomas in domestic science, and is a Certified Midwife and for her war work was awarded the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise, the Medaille des Epidemies, and the Plaque of the Compagnie des Sauveteurs de Reims—a very rare distinction.

As a member of the present Council, Miss du Sautoy stood for the open Election of Direct Representatives on the Council, and came forward to give evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Commons in support of this principle, not as a Representative of the Council, for its Chairman gave evidence in the contrary sense, but as an independent witness. In regard to a compulsory Syllabus of Training she stated that it appeared to her they could only go by the Act, and the word "prescribed" meant "laid down by a responsible authority." Also to get on to the Nurses' Register all nurses were put through



MISS CATHLIN CICELY DU SAUTOY.
Standing as a Direct Representative of
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