

standards of high-class journalism or those due to her colleagues.

This action of the Editor of *The Nursing Times* is the more reprehensible as she is herself standing as a candidate for election to the General Nursing Council, and has presumed to "star" her own name in competition with more highly qualified colleagues.

As the four signatories are all Fellows of the British College of Nurses, Counsel's opinion is being taken on their behalf, under its provision for legal protection.

Whatever this legal opinion may be the action of the official organ of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which is attempting to monopolise the entire representation on the General Nursing Council of some 55 thousand nurses, a protest against the tactics employed in this Election will be given wide publicity.

AN INDEFENSIBLE ACTION.

Our attention has been drawn by several of its members, to a letter issued from the Matron's Office at Guy's Hospital, "to members of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League," and signed by Miss MacManus, as "Matron and Hon. Secretary G.H.N.L.," enclosing a leaflet printing the names of candidates for election, which are those nominated by the Joint Committee mentioned above, in which she writes:—"If you have already made up your mind about the candidates you wish to support, this letter to you is unnecessary, but if you wish for any assistance in selecting your Candidates, I would like to recommend all the ladies whose names, in the enclosed leaflet, are on the 'General Part of the Register.'"

As Matron of the hospital, Miss MacManus has a right to address a letter on this matter to any Guy's nurse she pleases, but we think she exceeds that right when in a letter addressed to members of the Guy's Nurses' League, and signed by her as its Hon. Secretary, she uses the influence of this official position, no meeting of the League—so we are informed—having been summoned to consider the matter.

ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. J. Wilson, the Returning Officer, has informed the candidates that the Ballot Papers in connection with the Election of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be opened on Wednesday, December 7th, at 12 o'clock noon. They will then be placed in the Ballot Boxes provided, until he begins the counting of the votes on Thursday, December 8th, at 10 a.m.

The result of the Election of Direct Representatives on to the General Nursing Council will not be declared before we go to press, but we surmise there may be a change amongst the nominated members.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The Election of Direct Representatives.

As the result of the Election for members of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, the following are declared elected:—

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| Miss ELLEN FRANCES BLADON, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Lady Superintendent of Nurses | Votes. |
| Miss MARGARET M'PHERSON WHITE, Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, 26, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Superintendent of Nurses | with 1907. |
| Miss MARY LIVINGSTONE CAMERON, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow, Matron | with 1847 |
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| Miss FLORENCE ADA MERCHANT, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, Matron | with 1676 |
| Miss ELIZABETH EDMONDSON, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, Matron | with 1598 |
| Miss MARGARET ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Matron | with 1589 |
| Miss MARY POOL, City Hospital, Edinburgh, Matron | with 1443 |
| Miss ISABEL DAVIDSON, Edinburgh District Mental Hospital, Bangour Village, West Lothian, Matron | with 1219 |
| Miss AGNES BOYD DONALD, 18, Berkeley Terrace, Glasgow, C.3, Registered General Nurse | with 1216 |

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen, attended by the Lady Cynthia Colville, recently visited Queen Mary's Maternity Home, Hampstead. Her Majesty has paid several visits to this excellent hospital, which bears her name, and has expressed her approval of the work for mothers and babies.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, accompanied by the Duchess of York, opened the Woolwich and District War Memorial Hospital on November 2nd.

The retirement of Miss A. M. Bushby (Matron), from the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, after twenty-five years' service during which time she had never been absent through illness, received wide recognition in the Press, and gifts from a circle of hospital friends—which were well deserved. Miss G. A. Allen, who was associated with Miss Bushby as assistant matron for the past seven years, has succeeded her in office, with the best of good wishes for success.

LEGAL MATTERS.

ROBBING THE DEAD.

Edith Lucy Manning, whose name appears on the State Register of Nurses, was, on November 15th, charged on a warrant, before Mr. Bingley at Marylebone Police Court, with stealing and receiving two £5 Bank of England notes belonging to the trustees of the late Mrs. Blois Turner, who at the time of her death was 70 years of age.

Mr. Robert Humphreys, the solicitor who defended, pleaded guilty to the charge.

For the Commissioner of Police Mr. Sanders said that in June last Mrs. Blois Turner went for an operation into a Bayswater Nursing Home where the accused was employed. While there Mrs. Blois Turner withdrew £50 from her bank, of which she had £30 left at the time of her death.

The accused attended Mrs. Blois Turner at the time of her death, and the same evening handed over to the Matron her bag and personal effects, which included various letters, but no money.

Mrs. Turner's sister, while looking through the bag, came across the letter from the bank showing the receipt of the £50, and informed the Police.

Two of the missing notes were traced to Brighton where the accused had spent a holiday.

Her story was that after the death of the patient she put the envelope with the notes into her pocket for safe custody, and forgot all about it. When she found it she did not know what to do. On the way to Brighton she fell in with card sharps and lost money. Then she realised that she could not pay the money back, and proceeded to spend the rest.

Mr. Bingley characterised the accused woman's story as to pocketing the money and forgetting it as ridiculous, and said it was a shocking offence to rob a dead woman. He fined her £20, and ordered her, in addition, to restore the £30.

The crude story told by this woman need not be taken into consideration, and for the "shocking offence" of robbing a dead

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