

grossly and cruelly misrepresented by the statement in the latter portion of your paragraph.

One can only hope now that you will endeavour to make amends for such a gross misrepresentation by an expression of sincere apology.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) F. N. KAY MENZIES.

We do not intend to retract one word of criticism on this matter. The fact is not denied that the London County Council has raised the high salary of the Matron-in-Chief still higher whilst the moderate remuneration of her subordinates has been decreased, and that many of them resent this action upon the part of their employers. The truth is that the Central Public Health Committee committed a tactless blunder in making any such recommendation at the present time, and had there been a nurse on this Committee to reflect the psychological reactions of the Nursing Profession—instead of being entirely controlled by persons who do not belong to it—this error of judgment might not have occurred.

Had Sir Frederick Menzies taken the trouble to do a simple little sum he would have realised that owing to the rise of salary of the Matron-in-Chief the "cut in her salary" which he sets out in detail is non-existent. The loss has been passed on to the ratepayer.

We are carefully watching the new régime of the Nursing Department of the London County Council. We appreciate its difficulties—but they will not be decreased through bureaucratic methods of administration productive of smouldering resentment which it is not considered expedient to express.

The London County Council is a Public Service supported by rates and taxes, and we ratepayers have a right to express our opinion upon the manner in which our business is conducted.

We object to being accused by an official of this Service of "gross and cruel misrepresentation" when reporting facts which call for adverse criticism in connection with its management. Neither will abusive communications deter us from performing our public duty as Editor of this Journal.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

The 22nd Annual Professional Nursing, Midwifery, and Public Health Exhibition and Conference was held at the new Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W., from February 29th to March 4th inclusive. A number of interesting papers were presented during the Conference and some attractive exhibits shown.

CINEMATOGRAPHS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Practically all public mental hospitals have the necessary equipment for the projection of "silent" films but, as a result of the overwhelming popularity of "talkies," the Authorities are faced with an ever increasing difficulty in securing adequate supplies of suitable "silent" films.

The position promises to be acute in the near future and with this in mind the Mental Hospitals Association has set up a Special Committee of Inquiry to consider the whole question and to report as to the best methods of installing the necessary machinery to enable "talkie" films to be exhibited and as to the possibility of obtaining an adequate supply of these films at reasonable rates.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on February 23rd.

The following nurses were introduced into the presence of the Sovereign when the King invested them with the Insignia of the respective Divisions of the Orders into which they have been admitted.

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE,
CIVIL DIVISION—COMMANDERS:—

Miss Annie McWillie Peterkin.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

Associate—Miss Florence Jordan, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Maternity Hospital, Mountain Ash.—Miss J. B. B. McLaren, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and at the Municipal Maternity Hospital, Sunderland, and took her Housekeeping Course at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford. Miss McLaren has been Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, Sister at the Maternity Hospital and District Training Centre, Willington Quay, Sister-in-Charge at the Maternity Home, Widnes, and Sister at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

City Maternity Hospital, Wakefield.—Miss K. Perkins, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, and at the Maternity Hospital, Bath. Miss Perkins has been Night Staff Nurse, Labour Ward Sister, and Night Sister at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, private nurse in connection with the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Medical Ward Sister at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London, and Sister-in-Charge at the Maternity Home, Widnes. She took the Housekeeping Course at the Maternity Hospital, Leeds.

Isolation Hospital, Cannock.—Miss C. La Motte, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and the Fylde Hospital, Moss Side, Lytham, and has been Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Manchester, and Sister and Matron's Deputy at the Fylde Hospital. Miss La Motte is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Crumpsall Institution, Manchester.—Miss S. E. Beardshaw, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has been Staff Nurse at the Killingbeck Sanatorium, Leeds, and Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Temporary Home Sister at the Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield. Miss Beardshaw is a Certified Midwife.

County Mental Hospital, Northampton.—Miss I. M. Halliday, R.M.N., has been appointed Junior Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and at the City Mental Hospital, Nottingham.

SISTER.

Whitehaven and West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven.—Miss F. Nicholson, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, where she was Staff Nurse, and has been Staff Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and has had experience of private nursing. Miss Nicholson is a Certified Midwife.

City Hospital, Sheffield.—Miss M. Drabble, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and at the Lodge Moor Fever Hospital, Sheffield, and was later Sister at both these Institutions. Miss Drabble is a Certified Midwife.

PRINCIPAL CLERK IN REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W.—Miss Dorothy Phillips, S.R.N., has been appointed Principal Clerk in the Registration Department. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, has held the appointment of Matron at the Hostel of St. Luke, Fitzroy Square, London, and has had experience of private nursing.

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