

## COMMENTS.

We congratulate the General Nursing Council on re-electing Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman, and Miss Musson on the honour conferred upon her. Her long and honourable nursing career is well known.

The principle that a Registered Nurse should preside over the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession is sound, and the English Council has proved its advantages when compared with lay or medical control.

The Standing Committees have all their spheres of usefulness, but in our opinion the Education Committee and the Disciplinary Committee should be mainly composed of Registered Nurses, and should be controlled by them.

We have never understood or sympathised with the claim of the laity, especially of non-wage earning women of leisure, to control the educational and economic conditions of professional women. They make no such claim where men's professions are concerned, and any such assumption of authority would not be tolerated for a moment.

We are pleased, therefore, to note that the composition of the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council is almost entirely expert, and feel sure should occasion arise its members will firmly uphold the privileges already secured.

### THE GOVERNMENT NOMINEES. WHO'S WHO ON THE G.N.C.

The following ladies and gentlemen have up to date, been nominated by the Government Departments authorised to appoint representatives on to the Council.

#### Appointed by the Privy Council.

The Countess of Limerick, wife of the fifth Earl of Limerick. She is a daughter of the late Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Trotter, K.C.M.G. We believe Lady Limerick is fully alive to the responsibility of maintaining the status and high standards of education for the Registered Nurse.

The Viscountess Erleigh is the wife of Viscount Erleigh, K.C., the son and heir of the Marquis of Reading (the celebrated Rufus Isaacs, K.C., one time Attorney-General, and Viceroy of India). Lady Erleigh is the granddaughter of the eminent German chemist, the late Dr. Ludwig Mond, F.R.S., who established chemical works and companies in this country in the last century, and attained great wealth; she is a daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Moritz Mond, later the first Lord Melchett, who was Minister of Health in

1921-22, during the existence of the first General Nursing Council, when owing to the temerity of a spirited minority in objecting to statutory Rules of which they disapproved, threatened in the House of Commons to have the Nurses Registration Act rescinded, an Act which had taken British Nurses thirty years to have placed on the Statute Book!

Let us hope Lady Erleigh will study the psychology of the Registered Nurse, as well as that of the Child, which is, we believe, a subject in which she is specially interested.

#### Appointed by the Board of Education.

Mrs. J. S. Courtauld is the wife of Major John Sewell Courtauld, M.C., M.P. for Chichester, and is a daughter of the late Sir Arthur Holland.

Miss E. R. Gwatkin, M.A., is Head Mistress of Streatham Hill High School for Girls. She has taken a leading part in conferences advocating the splitting of the Preliminary Examination of the General Nursing Council, as advocated by *The Lancet* Commission, and is in favour of Government grants to enable parents to keep daughters at school between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, in view of becoming nurse probationers.

Mr. W. H. Harper is the House Governor and Secretary of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital, and he is a member of the Incorporated Association of Hospitals Officers.

Mr. Harper has already served as a nominated member on the General Nursing Council, and his re-appointment will be welcomed, as during his term of office he has shown sympathetic understanding of nursing affairs.

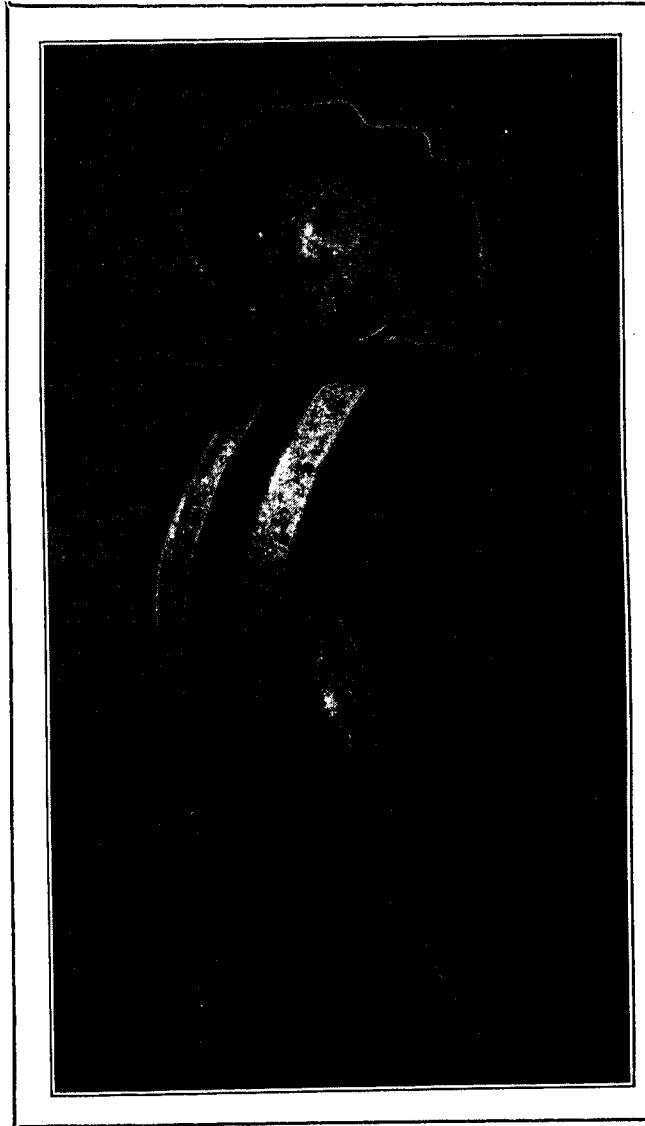
Dr. Michael Abdy Collins, O.B.E., is the Medical Superintendent of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham. He holds high medical qualifications, and was late Lt.-Col., R.A.M.C., during the War.

Dr. Collins is the author of several well-known works on Epilepsy. He formerly

served as a nominated member on the General Nursing Council.

Dr. Marguerite Henrietta Kettle is the second Assistant Editor of *The Lancet*, and was the Hon. Secretary of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, 1930-1932, and helped to compile the Report. We may presume, therefore, that she is in sympathy with the splitting of the Preliminary Examination recommended by that Commission.

The Ministry of Health has yet two appointments to make.



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