

the Examinations in October were approved and the names of three further applicants were placed on the Council's Panel of Examiners.

The names of the Nurses who had passed the Council's Examinations in May and had attained the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the Register.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE TRAINING AND SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

In the House of Commons on June 26th Mrs. H. B. Shaw, M.B.E. (Unionist, Bothwell), asked the Secretary of State for Scotland (Sir Godfrey Collins, K.B.E., C.M.G.) whether in view of the need for improvement in the system of training and registration of nurses in Scotland, he proposes to institute an enquiry into the subject.

Mr. A. N. Skelton (Unionist), Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland, replied (as printed in the Official Report): "Yes, Sir, my right hon. friend has appointed a Departmental Committee on this subject. With my hon. Friend's permission I will print the terms of reference in the Official Report. The members of the committee are as follow:

Sheriff A. Campbell Black, O.B.E., K.C. (Chairman).
William Leslie Burgess, Esq., M.D., D.Ph., R.S.P.S.E. and G. (Medical Officer of Health, Dundee).

Lady Susan Gilmour (Queen's Institute of District Nursing).

Miss Mary Reid Knight, M.A., M.B., Ch.B. (Medical Superintendent, Paisley District Asylum).

Thomas Bell Maxwell Lamb, Esq., M.A. (Scottish Education Department).

Sir Henry Mehan, D.L., LL.D. (Western Infirmary, Glasgow).

John Reid, Esq., M.D., D.Ph., F.R.F.P.S. (Medical Superintendent, County Hospital, Motherwell).

Miss Elizabeth Dunlop Smail, R.R.C. (Matron, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary).

Miss Christina Whyte (Matron, Robroyston Hospital, Glasgow).

John Young, Esq., M.B., C.M. (Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary).

Mr. W. T. Mercer, of the Department of Health for Scotland, has been appointed Secretary to the Committee.

Mr. Buchanan: While appreciating the fact that this is a large Committee, will the hon. Gentleman not consider putting on it some of the ordinary everyday working nurses rather than those who are heads of institutions?

Mr. Skelton: I think their case is rather a matter for evidence.

Mr. Maclean: Would not the same consideration apply to the large number of matrons of hospitals?

Following are the terms of reference of the Committee:

"To inquire into the training and system of registration of nurses in Scotland and to recommend what Amendments, if any, should be made in the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, or the rules made thereunder, and what other steps, if any, should be taken to improve the existing system of training and registration."

The *Glasgow Herald*, commenting on the appointment of the Committee, says that it "provides an excellent opportunity for constructive critics of existing conditions to come forward with testimony. . . . The first good result of the investigation will be the publicity given to actual conditions in an arduous calling which ought to clear up current misconceptions."

We are not surprised that the Secretary of State for Scotland has been petitioned to appoint this Committee.

In our opinion the General Nursing Council for Scotland in adopting a rule in which it takes power to "approve" educational institutions, other than nurse training schools, for the purposes of training possible entrants to the nursing profession exceeds the powers conferred upon it by the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act. In which case any expenses incurred by it in this connection would be *ultra vires*, therefore the Council no doubt will welcome an opportunity to propose amendments to the Act and the Rules made thereunder, in order to regularise any action it may have already taken.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Springfield House, Bedford.—Miss Janet Wilson Kerr, R.G.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, and at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, where she was later Assistant Matron and Deputy Matron. Miss Kerr is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent.—Miss J. Burton, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, where she was later Ward Sister, Home Sister, and Second Assistant Matron. Miss Burton received her midwifery training at the Maternity Hospital, Causeway Lane, Leicester; and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Royal Infirmary, Chester.—Miss E. Crawley, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds; the Maternity Hospital, Leeds; and the Moss Side Hospital, Lytham; and has been Theatre Sister at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Ward Sister at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester; and Sister Tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

Groby Road Isolation Hospital, Leicester.—Miss D. Lee, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, where she was later Staff Nurse; and has also been Ward Sister at the General Infirmary, Salisbury; relief Theatre Sister at the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary; Night Sister at the South London Hospital for Women, Clapham Common; and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol. Miss Lee is a Certified Midwife and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of University College Hospital, London.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Mental Hospital, Gosforth.—Miss E. J. S. Doull, R.M.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose, N.B.

SISTER TUTOR AND THEATRE SISTER.

Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.—Miss J. M. Reeve, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and at the City Isolation Hospital, Leicester, where she was later Ward Sister and Night Sister. Miss Reeve is a Certified Midwife and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Nottingham.

SISTER TUTOR.

County Hospital, Hertford.—Miss A. L. Ling, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the General Hospital, Northampton, and at the Maternity Hospital, Reading, and has been Ward Sister at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa; Ward Sister at the New Sussex Hospital for Women, Brighton; Night Sister and Sister Tutor at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood; and Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Gravesend.

THE PASSING BELL.

As the result of a sad accident Miss Jessie Bowles, a young nurse employed at the Ewell Colony Mental Hospital, Epsom, was killed when a car, in which she was a passenger, overturned on Handcross Hill, on the Brighton Road.

The driver of the car, Mr. Kenneth Hugh Thurgood, of Clarence Road, Teddington, and Miss Marie Poulton, another nurse from the same hospital, who was in the car, were taken to Haywards Heath Hospital, suffering from shock and injuries.

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