

mittee investigating the nursing problem there were no women representative of the nursing organisations. There were four women on the Committee, and he agreed that two of them were very distinguished ladies, the Chairman of the General Nursing Council and the Matron of the Middlesex Hospital, but there was not one woman on the Committee who was directly representative of the various nursing organisations, and he thought they should be considered. He asked the Parliamentary Secretary to make a note of this suggestion and ask the Minister whether such representation could not still be incorporated on the Committee.

Mr. R. Acland, Member for Barnstaple, wished to deal seriously with the question whether the hon. Member for St. Albans (Sir F. Fremantle) ought not to resign from the Committee. The usefulness of the Report of the Committee would depend upon the Committee receiving the confidence of the public which read the Report. He felt sure that after the speech the hon. Member for St. Albans had made there could be no public confidence in the Report of the Committee of which he was, no doubt, a very active member.

Commander Sir Archibald Southby, Bt., Member for Epsom, regretted the fact that there were not more members of the great nursing profession itself on the Committee.

Mr. S. Storey, Member for Sunderland, said that the College of Nursing looked upon such legislation as this as harmful to the profession.

Mr. McEntee, Member for Walthamstow, W., asked Mr. Storey who it was who passed the Resolution to which Mr. Storey had made reference.

Mr. Storey read the following extract from a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the College of Nursing:

"Whilst appreciating the good intentions of the sponsors of the Bill which seeks to attain such ends through legislation, the Council of the College considered it neither in the interests of the Nursing Profession nor of the British public to compel a standard of hours of duty by rigid legislation."

Mr. McEntee: The Council of the College. He thought so. He ventured to say that the Members of the College would not agree to that.

It had been suggested, Mr. McEntee said, that the Departmental Committee which was to make the enquiry should have more working nurses upon it. In view of the very prejudiced statements made by the hon. Member for St. Albans, he would be doing a service to the Committee and to the nurses if he were to resign his position upon it, so as to enable at least one more working nurse to serve.

Mr. David Adams, Member for Consett, Durham, criticised the circular sent to Members of Parliament by the Council of the College of Nursing in opposition to legislation on the question and said that "anybody or Council which made a statement of that character ought to be removed in the general interests of the College and of nurses." He characterised a further statement by the College as "arrant nonsense."

Mr. Robert Bernays, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Health, presented the Government view on the Bill and asked the House to reject it.

On the question being put "that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill,"

The House divided. "AYES 111. NOES 122."

The Tellers for the Noes were Mr. Erskine Hill, K.C. (Edinburgh, N.), and Major B. H. H. Neven Spence (Orkney and Shetland). As the Bill provides that the Act shall not apply to Scotland and Northern Ireland, the active interest of the Tellers, who also moved and seconded the motion that the House declined to give the Bill a second reading, is somewhat amazing.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

Miss Gladys Verena Louisa Hillyers, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and Lady Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School for Nurses. She was trained in the Nightingale Training School of that Hospital and holds the Sister Tutor's certificate of King's College of Household and Social Science and the Diploma in Nursing of London University. She has had a Rockefeller Travelling Scholarship, and holds a Dispenser's certificate. She has been Acting Ward Sister, Assistant Night Sister, Sister-in-Charge of the Preliminary Training School, Office Sister and Assistant Matron, from which it will be realised that Miss Hillyers has had a varied experience and has practical knowledge of the work of the various departments of the hospital of which she is now appointed Matron.

Hollymoor Mental Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss E. A. Davies, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester, and at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Assistant Matron at Gloucester Second County Mental Hospital, and at Rubery Hill Mental Hospital, Birmingham; and deputy Matron at Hollymoor Mental Hospital, Birmingham.

FIRST ASSISTANT MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds.—Miss Florence Bower, S.R.N., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and at the North Western Fever Hospital Hampstead. Miss Bower has been Staff Nurse at the Nab Top Sanatorium, Marple, Cheshire; Ward Sister at the All-tyr-yn Hospital, Newport; Ward Sister, Night Sister, Home Sister, and Sister Tutor, and Assistant Matron at the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley.

SISTER TUTOR AND THEATRE SISTER.

General Hospital, Saffron Walden.—Miss M. E. Gratwick, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Croydon, where she was Theatre Staff Nurse and temporary Night Sister, and at Princess Mary's Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Miss Gratwick has also been Staff Nurse at the Heritage Craft School, Chailey; Theatre Sister at Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; and Ward Sister at Lloyd Hospital, Bridlington.

SISTER TUTOR.

Surrey County Hospital, Redhill.—Miss Gwladys Roberts, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, where she was later Staff Nurse, Sister and Night Superintendent. Miss Roberts has also been Night Sister and Assistant Sister Tutor at the Mayday Hospital, Croydon; and Assistant Sister Tutor at the Central Middlesex Hospital.

PRINCIPAL CLERK—OFFICE OF REGISTRAR.

General Nursing Council for England and Wales, London, W.—Miss E. M. Piller, S.R.N., has been appointed Principal Clerk in the Registrar's Office. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, and in secretarial work at Miss Kerr Saunders' Secretarial College, Piccadilly, London, where she was later on the Teaching Staff. Miss Piller has also been Night Sister at the Children's Hospital, Hampstead, has done private nursing, and held private secretarial posts.

SUPERVISOR OF MIDWIVES.

Preston Borough Council.—Miss F. L. Holmes, S.R.N., has been appointed Supervisor of Midwives. She was trained at the North Cams. Hospital, Wisbeck, and at the General Lying-in Hospital, London, and has been senior Sister at Tiverton and District Hospital; Maternity Ward Sister at North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton; Night Sister at the London Jewish Hospital; and Sister-in-Charge and Approved Teacher of District Midwifery Centre at the Royal Women's Hospital, Wolverhampton. Miss Holmes took the Housekeeping Course of the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Plymouth.

We regret that in our last issue the name of Miss Marjorie Stepnall appeared as Miss Marjorie Shepnall as having been appointed the Matron of the Royal Eye Hospital, London, S.E.1

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