

Under present rules, though Hospitals must be able to offer these facilities, Nurses are frequently sent up for the Final Examination having had little or no surgical or theatre experience, and in large Municipal Hospitals such as those under the London County Council periods spent in the Chronic wards are entered on the Nurses' "Schedule of Duties performed" as Medical experience.

We feel that, whilst present rules continue, becoming a State Registered Nurse is no guarantee of having received an adequate training.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) B. M. DRAPPER,  
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The Registrar,  
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23, Portland Place, W.1.

N. DUNKLEY,  
*Chairman.*

23, Portland Place,  
London, W.1.

April 20th, 1940.

DEAR MADAM,

I am directed by the Education and Examination Committee to inform you that they have given consideration to your letter of April 9th, and to state that the Committee do not feel that the present time is opportune for bringing into force the suggestions made.

In any case in which it is apparent at the State Examinations that a candidate lacks experience in, or knowledge of, any of the subjects covered by the Syllabus, the matter is reported to the Council and full investigation is made.

Yours faithfully,

The Chairman,  
Guild of Nurses.

(Sgd.) E. DAVIES,  
*Registrar.*

The claim of the Guild of Nurses to a specified schedule of practical instruction during training is a just one, and must in the future be guaranteed to student nurses, but with the Nursing Schools struggling with war conditions a new comprehensive scheme is difficult to organise and enforce. In the meantime Registered Nurses must realise their professional responsibilities as Registered Medical Practitioners do, and be prepared to support and pay for the protection without which they will surely go to the wall. Unselfish public spirit is what the majority of Registered Nurses must cultivate if they hope for public respect.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**The Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Road, London, S.E.**—Miss Ruth Clarkson, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science; at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, where she was later Ward and Night Sister, and at the Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital, London. Miss Clarkson has been Ward Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

**Whitehaven and West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven.**—Miss M. Eadie, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, where she has held the post of Assistant Matron.

**Adelaide Hospital, Dublin.**—Miss S. F. MacQuillan, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham; in Midwifery at the Queen's Institute, Gloucester; and in Housekeeping at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich. Miss MacQuillan has been Staff Nurse at the General Hospital, Birmingham; Staff Midwife at Gloucester; Assistant Night Sister, Ward Night Sister, and Sister-in-Charge of the Maternity Wing at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; and Assistant Matron and Home Sister at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.**—Miss Kathleen L. Thomas, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, where she was later Staff Nurse, Private and Administrative Sister; and at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. Miss Thomas has also been Ward Sister at the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby; Night Sister at the Kent and Sussex

Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; and Sister Housekeeper at the South London Hospital for Women, Clapham Common, London. She received her Housekeeping Training at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

### SISTER-TUTOR—HOME SISTER.

**Prestwood Sanatorium, near Stourbridge, Worcs.**—Miss Elizabeth Lund, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor—Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Prestwood Sanatorium, and Charge Sister at the Wolstenholme Pulmonary Hospital, Rochdale, Lancs.

### NEW EMERGENCY RATION.

Nowadays, when so many of our men are on active service and vast numbers of people at home are working at unaccustomed hours and under difficult conditions, there is a growing demand for some convenient form of nourishment which requires no preparation, is easily carried and, at the same time, is a *real* food.

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Mr. J. H. Bounds, of Stethos House, 68, Sackville Street, Manchester, has studied the manifold problems of the superintendents, matrons and medical staffs of hospitals and institutions for many years. He has organised a service which, for intimate knowledge of hospital needs, can hardly be rivalled.

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