

Registered Nurse, and five persons appointed by the Minister.

#### Second Schedule.

##### List of Nurses Not Registered or Enrolled.

It was agreed that this Schedule be referred to a small Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Miss Helen Dey, Miss E. C. Pearce and Miss D. A. Lane.

#### STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION IN PRESS, REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING IN SANATORIA SANCTIONED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

In view of the existing shortage of Nursing staff in Sanatoria, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales wish to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the following arrangements which are in existence for the recognition of training in such institutions.

The Council regard the experience to be gained in Sanatoria as of great value to a nurse, and are of opinion that if these schemes were made more widely known to nurses, and were acted upon more freely by the authorities, the Sanatoria would benefit by an increase in staff and nurses in training would gain experience which would be to their great advantage.

##### (1) GENERAL TRAINING.

(a) The General Nursing Council permit nurses in training in Complete General Hospitals to be seconded to Sanatoria for a period not exceeding three months.

(b) Schemes of affiliation may be arranged between General Hospitals and Special Hospitals including Sanatoria. Under these schemes a period of two years is spent at the Special Hospital in training for the Preliminary State Examination which is passed before entry to the General Hospital where a further two years' training is undergone for admission to the Final Examination for the General Part of the Register.

(c) The Council are prepared to consider any schemes submitted which afford comprehensive training provided that they include not less than two years in a Complete General training school.

##### (2) FEVER TRAINING.

The Council permit nurses in training for admission to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses to spend a portion of the time (usually three/six months) in a Sanatorium or in the Tuberculosis wards attached to the Fever Hospital.

The Council are prepared to consider any proposals for combined training.

#### THE NURSES' PILL.

The only gleam of humour which has appeared throughout the discussion ending in the tragic *débâcle*, in which the Registered Nurses have lost their educational status and economic stability, is the acute criticism of the whole matter issued by Mr. L. G. O'Neill, of Southampton. It would be well for those nurses who realise the inevitable result of the "Nurses Bill" to obtain a copy and enjoy it.

Mr. O'Neill, in addressing M.P.s, states: "Whatever we do or do not have, we must have physical health. A country without doctors is a ship with its lifeboats smashed; but a country without nurses is a ship that's sunk." . . . He continues: "Never since the 1677 Statute of Frauds has there been a Bill whose enactment would more extend the very abuses it was designed to abolish. It is in a sense the Nurses' Bill, for the nurses will pay a pretty stiff price for it. I would prefer to call it the Nurses' Pill, for it will, indeed, be a bitter pill to many of them to swallow. All except the Assistant Nurse—for her the pill will be coated with sugar from the other nurses' rations. A Beecham's has more hope of curing appendicitis than the Nurses' Pill of curing nursing." More anon.

## OBITUARY.

### MISS CICELY LUCY MAY WEST.

Sister (Acting Matron) Miss Cicely Lucy May West, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, reported missing, must now be presumed to have been killed in action at sea following the evacuation of Singapore.

Born at Langport, Somerset, Miss West received her nursing training at the County Hospital, Taunton, and first joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve on February 26th, 1918. From the Reserve Service she transferred into Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service as a Staff Nurse in August, 1923, was promoted Sister in 1926, and at the time of her death was holding the rank of Acting Matron.

During this long period, Miss West served in military hospitals in the United Kingdom, with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, in Gibraltar, Hong Kong and Malaya, and wherever she went her happy nature and kindly disposition brought her many friends.

At the outbreak of war, Miss West was in China, but in August, 1940, she joined the Alexandra Hospital, Singapore, as Assistant Matron. As the war in the Far East developed she was sent as Matron to open up a new military hospital nearer the front line. Here, and later when the hospital had to close down and re-open nearer the base and was frequently subjected to bombing and shelling, Miss West showed most conspicuous courage and powers of leadership. Her calmness, cheerfulness and initiative were an inspiration to all around her.

Throughout her service Miss West has exemplified the finest qualities of her profession, and her loss will be mourned by all members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service who knew her as a loyal colleague and good companion and by countless other friends.

#### THE QUEST.

The certainty of life and death,  
Time's unrelenting flow;  
Inheritor of things divine,  
The birth of morn, the day's decline  
Is all that I can know.

But when the moon climbs up on high,  
My spirit breaks her bond,  
To seek that strange immortal stair,  
While angels pass me unaware  
Into the world beyond.

They know the road, they steer their course  
Through heaven's surprising blue,  
They sweep the drifting clouds apart,  
And step within that golden heart  
Whose rays make all things new.

No priest, no king, no sons of men,  
May mark their footsteps light,  
No star defiant blocks their way,  
No twilight dims their endless day  
With whispers of the night.

Lord Jesus, Keeper of my soul,  
Show me the path they trod,  
That I may fold my threadbare tent,  
And kneel in a divine content  
Before the Throne of God.

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