

## WEDDING BELLS.

In the midst of the wreckage and misery of war, surely we ought to have a deep sense of thankfulness that such things as hope and love assert themselves like roses blooming among the ruins.

In reporting the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Lediard, S.R.N., Matron of Middlesex Colony, and the Rev. T. V. H. Barber, vicar of London Colney, in the presence of a large number of friends, the atmosphere was suffused with harmonious affection.

The Bishop of St. Albans officiated to the strains of "O Father all Creating." The choir entered the beautifully decorated church, followed by the Bishop in crimson cope and mitre. Then came the bridal procession. Mrs. Lediard wore a turquoise-blue gown and black hat, and carried a bouquet of crimson roses. She was given away by a very old friend, Mr. Hedges. The bridesmaid Miss Phyllis Barber, the daughter of the bridegroom, wore floral pink, and pink carnations composed her bouquet. The Rev. V. E. Meredith, C.F., was best man.

After an address by the Bishop, "O! Perfect Love" was sung, and the Episcopal Blessing given. During the signing of the register, an anthem was sung most beautifully by Mrs. Hollins.

The bride and bridegroom left the church to the joyful chorus of a wedding march; Mr. S. G. Eveait was at the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedges gave a reception at "Spinneys," their charming home at Radlett. The toast to the bride and bridegroom was given by the Bishop in a very humorous vein, including a description of similar ceremonies in India; the bride and bridegroom responded.

The best man proposed "The bridesmaid," which was responded to by Mr. Hedges, who afterwards proposed the health of our absent friend, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; this toast was very warmly received by everyone present. Later the Rev. and Mrs. Barber left for London, where the honeymoon is being spent.

A number of beautiful wedding presents were received by the bride and bridegroom.

The Council of the British College of Nurses Ltd., of which Mrs. Barber is Vice-President, is presenting a beautiful piece of antique silver "to be used, please, every day."

We are all weary of death and disaster; let us gather all the roses we may.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Notice has been given by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, that an Election is to be held for the purpose of electing nine persons to serve on the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Each candidate for election must be a person registered as a nurse under the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, and must be proposed by one person so registered and seconded by another person so registered. No nomination paper shall be valid unless signed by the proposer and seconder and by the nominated candidate, and received by the Registrar, not later than 10 a.m. on October 15th, 1945.

Forms of nomination may be obtained on application to the undersigned: Ruth H. Pecker (*Registrar*), General Nursing Council for Scotland.

We hope the Nurse voters will remind candidates for election, that the system of de-grading the standard of nursing in Scotland, by compiling a Roll of persons as Assistant Nurses, with little or no training, may be terminated in three years' time, and secure their promise that they will work faithfully to terminate the enrolment of Assistant Nurses, and quacks, who are eligible at the present time to victimise the sick public.

## NURSING POLITICS.

### THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

We learn that it is not improbable that the activities of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, which did such effective work in Parliament under the devoted administration of the late Miss Margaret Breay, S.R.N., may be revived, as it is evident that the Registered Nurses who are interested in maintaining their professional status, will need direct communication with members of Parliament, the majority of whom know little or nothing of nursing as a profession. That fact was realised when the de-grading of nursing status was before Parliament in Mr. Ernest Brown's Nurses' Bill when rushed through the House in 1943. The present House is, we fear, equally ignorant, and must be instructed. This matter will be considered by the next meeting of the Council of the British Collège of Nurses, Ltd., on September 27th.

Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., and Sir Ernest Graham Little, M.D., M.P., thoroughly understand the Registered Nurses' position, and will, we feel sure, help them to instruct the new Members of Parliament.

Our present position is thoroughly anomalous. Before being superseded by Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the new Minister of Health, Mr. Willink the late Minister, tackled the use of the title "Nurse," and with autocratic power defined them as follows:

#### Use of Title "Nurse."

By sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Nurses Act, 1943, from the date directed by the Minister (*i.e.*, October 15, 1945, as directed by the Order referred to above), persons other than registered nurses and enrolled assistant nurses who use the title "nurse" either alone or in combination with other words or letters will be guilty of an offence. Proviso (a) to the sub-section, however, permits children's nurses (as defined in section 20 of the Act) to use the title "nurse" except in circumstances or in a context which suggest that they are something other than children's nurses.

Proviso (b) enables the Minister to make certain Regulations, and the Nurses Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945, No. 638), have now been made in pursuance of this power. The effect of these Regulations is to permit certain classes of persons, notwithstanding the provisions of the sub-section, for the time being to use the title "nurse" in conjunction with other words. The following classes of persons are covered by the Regulations:—

(a) and (b) persons under the age of 21 who have passed the final examination for admission to the State Register but cannot because of their age be admitted to the State Register;

(c) and (d) persons on the list kept under section 18 of the Act;

(e) midwives and certain persons to whom sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Midwives Act, 1936, does not apply;

(f) persons undergoing training for admission to the State Register;

(g) persons undergoing training for admission to the Assistant Nurses Roll;

(h) persons employed in nursing patients suffering from mental disabilities in certain institutions, and persons holding or in training for certificates granted by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association;

(j) persons holding or in training for the tuberculosis nursing certificate of the Tuberculosis Association;

(k) persons holding or in training for the orthopaedic

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