

Hospital, N.W.1. It was also agreed that the Mansfield County Institution and County Emergency Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of two years.

#### Disciplinary Cases.

The case of Dora Emily Turner, S.R.N. 55,818, R.F.N. 6,952, was considered. She had been bound over on probation for 12 months for stealing two sums of £1 and the sum of 7s. 6d. from a friend and a colleague, while suffering from ill-health.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and agreed to postpone their judgment on the facts proved against Dorothy Emily Turner for a period of one year.

The case concerning Joanna Hurst Jones Archer, S.R.N., 26804, was before the Council. She was convicted at the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey, City of London, on a charge of using an instrument upon a female with intent to procure her miscarriage. The Registrar was directed to remove the name of Joanna Hurst Jones Archer from the Register of Nurses.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for December 21st.

### THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Notice is hereby given that at the election of members to serve on the General Nursing Council for Scotland set up under the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, the following candidates have been elected:—

	<i>Votes</i>
Margaret Colville Marshall, The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lady Superintendent of Nurses...	3,705
Ida Barbara Helen Renton, The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow. Matron ... ..	3,475
Isa Hamilton, Scottish Branch, Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 26 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. Superintendent ... ..	3,034
Annie Tulloch, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow. Matron ... ..	3,007
Agnes Fraser Crane Jack, Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Sister Tutor ... ..	2,846
Florence Elizabeth Kaye, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. Matron ... ..	2,727
Annie Ogilvie Dey, Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Matron ... ..	2,701
Mary Bell, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Sciennes Road, Edinburgh. Matron ... ..	2,684
Jean Donald Jolly, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Matron ... ..	2,621

The following candidates were unsuccessful:—

Jane Page Ferlie, Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Matron-in-Charge ... ..	2,549
Marget Husband, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Matron ... ..	2,492
Margaret Carmichael Cameron, Royal Infirmary, Perth. Matron ... ..	2,445
Isabella Gordon McInroy, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Sister Tutor ... ..	2,442
Jean Armstrong, 19 Gladsmuir Road, Hillington, Glasgow. Health Visitor (Tutor) ... ..	2,309
Jean Ritchie, The Royal Infirmary, Stirling. Matron ... ..	1,814

Margaret Ann Clark, Ashbank, 36 Maberley St., Aberdeen. Retired Matron ... .. 1,435  
Jane Mackie, Fife District Asylum, Cupar, Fife. Matron ... .. 1,345

RUTH H. PECKER,

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December 4th, 1945.

### NURSING POLITICS.

#### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

November 14th, 1945.

DEAR MADAM,—In your last issue you report a decision by the Minister of Labour and National Service by which newly qualified State Registered Nurses are to be directed for a year after qualification to certain fields of nursing.

In his presentation of the White Paper proposals upon health services to the House of Commons on March 16th, 1944, Mr. Willink had approved a similar proposal, by which the newly qualified doctor could be directed to the Public Service for a certain unspecified time.

Challenged by me whether his proposal meant that every new entrant into the profession would be required to serve an apprenticeship in the Public Service as a condition of being taken into this new universal service, Mr. Willink replied "with exceptions," and, of course, exceptions prove the rule.

This proposal was met at once with so much hostility that strenuous efforts were made by the Ministry of Health to soft-pedal this requirement.

It is interesting to know that the same tactics are being pursued with the nursing profession. I would suggest that that profession should make as determined a resistance to this proposal as did the medical profession.

Yours faithfully,

E. GRAHAM-LITTLE.

[We thank Sir Ernest Graham-Little, M.P., for his instructive letter. We learn from several sources that the question of length of training for nurses is being seriously considered, as young women wishing to become Registered Nurses consider a three-years' term in general nursing, such as is practically possible in the general hospitals, should be reverted to by hospital committees, and that a fourth year exacted in recent years is unjustifiable, as many special branches, such as infectious work, is not included in the four years' curriculum. Moreover, the demands of the Ministries of Labour and of Health to compel a fifth year's work when Registered will not be agreed to by many applicants for training. Suitable young women will simply turn down any such demand, as the medical profession has done so far.—ED.]

#### THE EXPLOITATION OF REGISTERED NURSES.

Registered Nurses have to thank the Editor of *The Medical Press and Circular* for his continued interest in nursing affairs to which he has allotted valuable space. His criticism on November 21st on the training of Fever Nurses deserves consideration, as it is in this branch of nursing the present Minister of Health proposes that Registered Nurses shall be compelled to serve the State for a fifth year after a four years' term of general training in general hospitals—in our opinion a most tyrannical demand—and one which will be evaded by every means in their power by Registered Nurses.

It is to be hoped that Members of Parliament will prevent this suggested exploitation of women engaged in the most exhausting physical employment.

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