

maintained, as this vital principle affects the status and self-determination of every National Council of Nurses.

It was resolved to refer the correspondence to the Executive Committee to draft a considered reply to be sent to Miss Reimann for presentation to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council on July 30th prox. It was also agreed to send a representative of the National Council to attend the meeting.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting terminated, and many members enjoyed an excellent tea, and agreed that the re-union had been most enjoyable and instructive.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, June 22nd, when it was decided (1) to send a statement to the Privy Council in opposition to the motion of Dr. Chapple in the House of Commons, on Wednesday, June 13th, to present an Address to the King in Council, the effect of which would be to admit untrained women on to the General Part of the State Register of Nurses; (2) to consider the reply to be sent to a letter from Miss Reimann, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, the terms of which were approved.

REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on June 23rd. Councillor Beatrice Kent presided.

The meeting was summoned to receive a report on the proceedings which took place in the House of Commons on June 13th, known as the Great Betrayal of the contract between Parliament embodied in the Statutory Rules for Registration, approved in July, 1921, and the 25,000 nurses who have paid for registration under such Rules, and to consider the situation created by the Appeal to the King in Council agreed to in the House of Commons on June 13th, and to take such action as was desirable.

RESOLUTION 1.

Those present agreed to Memorialise the King in Council against Dr. Chapple's modification of Rule 9 (1) (g), throwing open the General Part of the Register at the last moment to women without any hospital training, and thus granting to inefficient nurses the privileges of the title of Registered Nurse, and the right to use the protected uniform and badge—a most serious danger to the sick public—also against Rule 9 (1) (g) framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, introducing a date which makes an artificial and arbitrary distinction between *bona fide* nurses during the period of grace.

RESOLUTION 2.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the action of the General Nursing Council in lowering the standard of admittance to the General Part of the Register, at the dictation of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and in depriving probationers of their right to "prescribed training" as defined in the Act, at the instigation of Poor Law Guardians.

RESOLUTION 3.

A resolution was agreed condemning the conduct of women members of Parliament in absenting themselves when Nursing Questions were debated in Parliament. As trained nurses are compelled to contribute to their salaries, the Council calls upon them to perform their duties in this connection in the future.

AGITATION OF COLLEGE COUNCIL TO ADMIT BONA FIDES.

The Council learned with relief that 15,000 nurse members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., disapproved of the action of its Council in agitating for the admission of untrained women to the State Register, as set forth in the letter of the Secretary—Miss Rundle—to the General Nursing Council, dated December 29th, 1922, and withheld from the G.N.C. until March 16th, after the election, when it was presented in the Report approved by the Registration Committee, when Miss Bushby expressed the opinion that this letter from the College of Nursing should have been made public *before the election of the General Nursing Council!* As no member of the College of Nursing present disapproved of Miss Rundle's letter, it was approved by the Council, and was no doubt the basis of Dr. Chapple's disastrous action in the House of Commons on June 13th, which the College authorities are now attempting to repudiate.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MAJOR BARNETT.

The Council instructed the Secretary to express to Major Barnett, M.P., its sincere appreciation of his action in giving notice to annul Rule 9 (1) (g) in the House of Commons on June 13th, for the protection of the public from inefficient nurses.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO LEICESTER LEAGUE.

It was resolved to send a vote of appreciation to the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League for their action in forwarding resolutions to the Minister of Health, the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, and the local members of Parliament in support of a compulsory Syllabus of Training, and against widening the portal of State Registration for the purpose of admitting untrained nurses to the General Part of the Register.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were received, and all the candidates—who must be State Registered Nurses—were elected.

MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Secretary.

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