

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

We have received for publication from the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., the following letter addressed by her to the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association :—

THE SECRETARY,

The Royal British Nurses' Association,
10, Orchard Street, W.

DEAR MADAM,—Referring to a letter addressed to the Nursing Press, dated October 16th, 1917, and signed by the Hon. Secretaries and Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, I would like to say that I regret that anything I have said concerning the amalgamation of the College of Nursing, Ltd., with the Royal British Nurses' Association should have been regarded as "misleading and inaccurate."

The suggestion of amalgamation came about as the result of pourparlers between members of the two bodies, and I am not prepared to admit that it was first mentioned by the promoters of the College, but I fully admit that the first official advance came from the College, as the younger association. This is but another proof of the policy of the College, which has always been to endeavour to effect unity in the profession, for, as the Hon. Secretary of your association has himself said :—

"Two bodies united and working for a common object are of greater driving force than half-a-dozen separate bodies with the same aims, but working independently on different lines. Union is strength."

The position of the two associations in relation to the actual amalgamation, viz :—That the College was to amalgamate with the Royal British Nurses' Association, and not the Association with the College, has been made common knowledge from the first and is indisputable, and if reference is made to the report of my address it will be seen that I used the word "amalgamation" as synonymous with "affiliation," an inappropriate word which was a verbal slip on the part of the speaker, and certainly was never meant to have the misleading significance attached to it in the letter.

I remain, yours faithfully,

M. S. RUNDLE, *Secretary.*

The College of Nursing, Ltd.,
6, Vere Street, Cavendish Square.

We have received for publication a letter from the Irish Board of the College of Nursing, Ltd., through the Secretary, Miss Vera Matheson. We propose to deal with it in our next issue.

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

APPROVED BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

The Executive Committee has held several meetings, and has transacted a large amount of preliminary business. It has nominated the following three members as trustees of the funds of the Board :—1, Miss Huxley; 2, Miss O'Flynn; 3, Miss Reeves. All have accepted this trust.

A large number of applications for registration have been considered and passed. Every part of Ireland is represented, and every Dublin hospital; the list is too long for publication in this Journal.

The Irish Nursing Board will hold a meeting next month to receive the Report of work done by the Executive Committee, and to consider other business.

The Board has issued the following reasons why nurses should affiliate with it :—

EIGHT REASONS WHY TRAINED NURSES SHOULD AFFILIATE IMMEDIATELY WITH THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

1. Because this is an Irish Board, controlled and conceived in Ireland for the help of Irish Nurses and patients.
2. Because the Irish Nursing Board is controlled by Nurses in the interest of the Nursing Profession and of the Public.
3. Because the Board is an elected one, the Members of it being chosen by the general body of Nurses affiliated.
4. Because it is important for every Nurse now, and will be far more so in the future, to be a Member of an organized body, with power to make itself felt on Nursing as well as on Social questions.
5. Because Amateurs are out to capture the control of our Profession, and subject the Professional woman to the ignorant rule of the aristocrat and the plutocrat.
6. Because the Irish Nursing Board ensures to every Nurse registered in the future a minimum of solid Nursing education, and to the Patient a minimum of sound knowledge in nursing, in return for his money.
7. Because United we stand, Divided we fall.
8. Because by registering before July, 1918, we register under a nominal fee of £1 1s.

There is nothing amateur about the Irish Nursing Board. It is elected by Nurses; governed by Nurses; controlled by the popular vote of Nurses; worked in the interests of the Nursing Profession, and of Humanity, which our Profession is proud to serve.

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