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LE ROY LE VEULT.

The King wills it. "Le Roy le Veult." So runs the quaint old Norman French, in which the King's Assent is given to Acts of Parliament before they become law.

The King wills that the Nurses for the Sick in the United Kingdom shall be raised to the dignity of a Profession having legal status. That was the proud privilege conferred by the Royal Assent to the Nurses Registration Bills in the House of Lords on Tuesday, December 23rd. The trained nurses whose high privilege it was to be present on this historic occasion, when with dignified ceremonial the King's Will was proclaimed, were filled with unutterable thankfulness that the goal towards which they had striven for so many years was attained at last, and that power was conferred on the Profession of Nursing to fit itself to worthily fulfil its responsibilities to the community, which should be the aspiration of every Registered Nurse.

It was a day surcharged with emotions, a day which we thank God we have lived to see.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION OF NURSING.

Immediately following the declaration of the Royal Assent to the Nurses Registration Bills in the House of Lords, we received the following telegram from Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, which we publish with sincere pleasure, and, in the name of the Nursing Profession, we offer to Her Royal Highness an expression of its loyal duty, and sincere appreciation of the interest she has always taken in its welfare and aspirations.

To the Editor of the British Journal of Nursing. 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London.

Please convey through the medium of the "British Journal of Nursing." my sincere congratulations to all Members of the Profession of Nursing on the passage of the Bills for the State Registration of Nurses.

HELENA,

President of the Royal British Nurses' Association.



