

enough to forward a copy of General Orders issued from the War Department, Washington, enumerating the "Rights and Privileges" determined by the Secretary of War, as conferred by the Army Reorganization Act of June 4th, 1920, which gives Rank to members of the Army Nurse Corps. These Orders were published in the current issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Mrs. Fenwick alluded to the fine work accomplished by the National Committee for Rank in the States and by its Counsel, Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley. This Committee included Miss Parsons and other Superintendents, who had found the need of Rank in the late war, when with the American Army in Europe. The work of Miss Anna Maxwell, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, had been invaluable, and the members of the American Army Nurse Corps owed their new status and privileges to the initiative and untiring work of members of their own profession, with practical experience of active Service and the disorganization which resulted from attempting to make bricks without straw.

Mrs. Fenwick said: As neither the Naval nor the Military Nursing authorities in this country had taken the initiative since the Armistice on the question of relative Rank for Service Nurses, it remained for this

Council to appeal for reform. The *Times* and other newspapers had given publicity to a letter from her on the matter in July, and she noted that with that flair for utilising the creative faculties of others for which it had become famous,

the question of Rank for Naval and Military Nurses was to be discussed at the Brighton and Leeds centres of the College of Nursing, Ltd.—publicity for their movement which she felt sure would be welcomed by the Parliamentary Council—as their policy was to arouse interest in the question, and obtain sympathetic support for assured status and better remuneration for Naval

and Military Nurses, whose services were so invaluable to the country.

Miss Bushby said that those independent of the War Office would have to promote this question—as Service Nurses could not do so for themselves. Many Army Sisters had spoken to her on the need of reform and had hoped the Council would act on their behalf.

After discussion, it was proposed from the Chair and agreed that a Resolution embodying the need of Rank for Service Nurses in the Navy, the Army, and the Indian Army Services should be considered, and, as agreed, forwarded to the Secretary of State for War, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and the Secretary of State for India and President of the Council.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following Resolution, proposed from the Chair, was then passed unanimously:—

The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council begs respectfully to draw the attention of the Secretary of State for War and Air to the fact that the members of the Canadian Army Nursing Service, and of the American Army Nurse Corps, have been granted relative Rank, and, while not commissioned officers, their relative standing in the Canadian and



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