

powered to interview candidates for the post of Registration Clerk, and select the most competent.

The meeting then terminated.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES, GLASGOW.

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At a meeting of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, Glasgow, held on Monday last, the following Resolutions were passed unanimously, and the Hon. Secretary, Miss Christina H. McAra, was directed to forward a copy of No. 1 to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and No. 2 to the Scottish Board of Health.

RESOLUTION I.

OPPOSITION TO THE REGISTRATION OF COTTAGE NURSES.

The Scottish members of the P.U.T.N. are strongly opposed to the formation of a Supplementary Register for Cottage Nurses. They consider such a Register would:—

- Lower the nursing standard.
- Lower the status of the Registered Nurse.
- Perpetuate the present iniquitous system of providing inefficiently-trained nurses for the poor.
- There should be one standard of training only, recognised for the sick of the nation irrespective of class or circumstances.

The inclusion of semi-trained nurses even on a Supplementary Register would constitute a danger to the community.

RESOLUTION II.

The Scottish members of the P.U.T.N. are opposed to the proposal of the Scottish Board of Health to accept the Certificate of Fever Nursing issued by them as a qualification for admission to the General Register.

They uphold the decision of the Nursing members of the General Nursing Council and urge that their views on this matter be accepted.

NO TIME TO LOSE.

We are pleased to note that the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, Glasgow, are moving concerning their Registration Rules. To bestow the title of "Registered" upon Cottage Nurses deprives Trained Nurses of their well-earned status and reduces the system of registration to a farce. The Act becomes a danger and not a protection to both trained nurses and the sick. In England the Nursing Council has decided not to establish such a Supplementary Register, as it realises what the Scottish Council apparently does not—that if this grave injustice is done, certificated, highly-trained nurses will refuse to register. It will not be worth their while to do so.

Also as there is to be a Supplementary Register of Fever Nurses, it is not just that these specialists should be placed in the General Nurses' Register.

Now is the time for Scottish nurses to unite and act promptly and firmly, for the benefit of their own professional status and the protection of the public.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES.

The Public Health Nurses belonging to the Royal British Nurses' Association will be "At Home" on Saturday, 20th inst. at 10, Orchard Street at 3 p.m., to meet the Lady Hermione Blackwood, who has been working with the Rheims Unit of the Comité Britannique C.R.F., and Mrs. Breckinridge. The latter is co-Director with Mrs. Evelyn T. Walker of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing of the American Committee for the Devastated Regions in France, and we are informed that she has many original and very valuable schemes in connection with the organisation of Child Welfare Work. Mrs. Breckinridge is anxious to exchange views with some of our Public Health Nurses in England and we very particularly ask them to make every effort to be present. On behalf of the R.B.N.A. Nurses in Public Health work we extend to those who may not be members of the Association a warm invitation to be present.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND SALE OF WORK.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian has graciously consented to open the Sale of Work for the above Fund at noon on Wednesday, December 15th. We ask the nurses to note the date and to make a point of attending the Sale, which will continue until 7 p.m. We have received some very beautiful work and many dainty Christmas presents will be procurable at very reasonable cost indeed. Amongst the gifts received are dainty pieces of lingerie, some beautiful embroidery from a convent in South India, and beautiful hand-made lace from Armenia.

We hope that those nurses who have not yet contributed to the Sale will let us have some work before the middle of December. The T.N.A.F. is the oldest benevolent fund for nurses and it has a long list of annuitants at the present time, but there are still many sad cases waiting for help and it is "up to" the nurses to take a real interest in the benevolent work of their own profession. They can, with perfect confidence, feel that to the utmost extent possible, the money they give will go directly to benefit those for whom it is contributed, for there are no salaried officials and, with the exception of expenditure for postage, printing and auditors' fees, the whole of the income of this Benevolent Fund goes to sick and aged nurses.

All gifts for the Sale should be forwarded to Miss Macdonald, Hon. Secretary T.N.A.F., 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, London, W. 1.

ISABEL MACDONALD, Secretary.

NIGHTINGALE MEDALS.

The Nightingale Medals for 1919 were presented at the Nightingale Home, St. Thomas Hospital, by Lady Makins, R.R.C., on Wednesday 17th inst. Lady Makins was formerly a Sister at the Hospital.

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