

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The official staff of the General Nursing Council have settled into their convenient quarters at 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W., and are looking forward to a very busy time when the Register is opened. The names of nurses trained in general hospitals and infirmaries will be placed in the General Part of the Register, and Male, Mental, Sick Children's and Fever Nurses in the Four Supplementary Parts of the Register. Application Forms will, it is hoped, soon be procurable from the Registrar—who will, no doubt, as they say in America, have "some" mail bag!

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

COPY OF DRAFT RULES AVAILABLE.

In terms of Section 3 (5) of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, notice is hereby given that the General Nursing Council for Scotland proposes to make Rules for the purpose set forth in Section 3 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d), namely:— For regulating the formation, maintenance and publication of the Register; for regulating the issue of Certificates and the conditions of admission to the Register; for regulating the conduct of any examinations which may be prescribed as a condition of admission to the Register, and any matters ancillary to or connected with any such examinations, and for prescribing the causes for which, the conditions under which, and the manner in which, nurses may be removed from the Register, the cancellation of certificates of nurses removed from the Register, the procedure for the restoration to the Register of Nurses who have been removed therefrom, and the fee to be payable on such restoration.

Copies of the Draft Rules for the above purposes may be obtained from W. S. Farmer, Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS FOR NURSES.

Unlike last year, the Annual Festival did not take place on the day of the patron Saint—namely, June 11th—but on the 14th. The usual generous feast of tea was provided in the Hall of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell, between the hours of 4.30-6.30. Service in the church followed at 7, conducted by the Chaplain-General, the Rev. E. F. Russell. The very large audience of Guild members listened with rapt attention to the sermon preached by the Vicar of St. Alban's, Holborn, Rev. H. Ross.

"A nurse *must* have refinement of character, a nurse *must* be one of God's gentlewomen. The Guild of St. Barnabas stands for all that is best and highest in the glorious profession of nursing. . . . Whoever is called to the profession of a nurse is called to the inner sanctuary of God's economy of life." These and many other words pregnant with meaning must have stirred the hearts of those who had ears to hear. "Is the influence of a nurse as great to-day as it was in the past?" he added. Is it, we wonder? The Bishop of Brisbane, vested in cope and mitre, gave the Blessing. The congregation then dispersed to reassemble in the Finsbury Town Hall for the business of the annual meeting, at eight o'clock. The great audience gave free vent to its sense of rejoicing over the recovery of the Chaplain-General from a second serious illness by *very* loud and *very* prolonged applause. There could be no doubt whatever of the heartiness of the welcome, as he took his usual place—in the chair. Others who supported him on the dais were the Venerable Archdeacon of London, the Bishop of Brisbane, Rev. H. Ross, Mrs. Gardner (the Guild Mother), and Miss Greenstreet (Hon. Treasurer). The business part of the meeting is never of a ponderous nature and occupied very little time; on the financial side, the suggestion foreshadowed last year was now laid down as a definite rule, namely, that the subscription was to be raised from 2s. 6d. to 5s., with the proviso that leniency was to be shown to those to whom it would be a matter of serious inconvenience or burden.

The Right Rev. Bishop le Fanu (co-adjutor Bishop to the Archbishop of Brisbane), in a humorous speech, told of the founding of the Guild in Brisbane four years ago. He explained that the problem of distance made it difficult for the Guild to extend, or even to hold itself together; nevertheless it did so. Some members were three and four hundred miles from the centre, and one of them as much as nine hundred miles away! The Archdeacon—who is well known to the members as an expert in humour on these occasions—surpassed himself this time. Extracting a parable from the window of an old clothes' shop, where he had read the words, "*Quality, Fit and Style*," he emphasised the necessity for these things in the Guild in the spiritual sense. The Archdeacon is an adept in combining happily the sublime with the ridiculous. Pointing out that every member of a profession should aim at improving his or her quality, he told how a burglar, desiring the same thing, asked the magistrate before whom he was brought, if, instead of calling him a burglar, he would be kind enough to call him a "*midnight mechanic*"!

"Nurses, be good style," he said, in conclusion; and gently and kindly hinted at rather queer styles in dress he had observed in some of them!

The Bishop's blessing brought a very pleasant evening to a close. All present regretted that, owing to an accident, Miss Wood (the Hon. Secretary) was unable to be present.

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