

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland at its meeting held at 13 Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 4th, dealt with a large number of applications for registration which had already been considered by the Registration Committee. On the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was resolved that in the case of existing nurses, and nurses in training before the issue of the Rules, the Register should contain under the heading "Qualification" the words, "E.N." (Existing Nurse) or "N.T." (Nurse in Training) only, and further that in the case of such nurses with a complete three years' training, the columns "Date of obtaining qualification," and "Hospitals in which qualifying training received" should be filled up, while in the case of such nurses not having a complete three years' training in a recognised hospital, the columns should be left blank.

We do not gather whether Certificates of Training are to appear in the Qualification column or not. Scottish nurses have a right to know exactly what will appear in this column in the published Register before applying for registration.

The Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland in regard to the admission of existing nurses, &c., to the Register having now lain on the table of both Houses of Parliament for 21 days on which the House has sat, and no Address having been presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament, the Rules stand as framed. The vexed question of the admission of the Scottish Board of Health's Fever Nurses to the General part of the Register is, therefore, now settled. Such nurses will not be admitted to the General Part of the Register unless they also have the ordinary qualifications for such Register. The standard for admission to the Registers will, therefore, be the same in Scotland and England, and nothing should now stand in the way of arranging reciprocity between the three parts of the Kingdom.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

At a recent meeting of the General Nursing Council for Ireland the question of appointing a permanent Registrar was discussed, and it was decided to make the appointment early in the New Year. In making their selection the Council will give preference to a fully trained nurse with secretarial and office experience.

We learn on reliable authority that "most certainly the possession of a Certificate of Training will in every case be recorded in the Register." We congratulate the General Nursing Council for Ireland, and Irish nurses on this decision.

## THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

The Sisters have had a strenuous time, both in Asia Minor and Athens, but the work is quieting down. Sister Bellamy has been doing Matron's duty, owing to the illness of their Matron, and finds such duty in a Greek hospital is "no joke"; but apparently she has been able to cope with the difficulties. She knows, as an R.N.S. Sister, difficulties are just there to be overcome.

Sister Nunn writes quite pleased to see the group of her patients in the *B.J.N.*, and says the doctor who was in the group was charmed to find himself in the English nurses' paper! Now that Mrs. Endall, who speaks modern Greek fluently, is Matron at the 1st Military Hospital in Athens, the Sisters are very happy to have her. Sister reports she is getting on well with her Greek and has had no interpreter for some time. "The weather is divine," now that the intense heat has passed away.

The Sisters in Asia Minor have had a varied experience, and we are glad to learn very serious medical cases recovered health with skilled nursing—typhoid, scarlet, malaria—all respond, as we know, to nursing, even when of the worst type. Sister Baxter writes: "We have been very comfortably housed and have the upper flat of a clean harem; outside our window we have the Union Jack flying; and of the patience, endurance and gratitude of the Greek soldiers we cannot speak too highly—their powers of recuperation are wonderful."

On their return journey to Smyrna, the Sisters had permission to spend a few days in Constantinople. That, of course, was an immense treat, which apparently they enjoyed to the full. The lovely scenery—the mysticism of the East—Mosques—to say nothing of the Opera! A change, indeed, from Eshi Chehir!

We are always glad to hear of nurses seeing a bit of this magnificent world, because nothing is such a fine antidote to British insularity as travel, and coming into touch with peoples so different from ourselves.

## THE TIGER OF ASIA.

Mr. Pember Reeves, Chairman of the Anglo-Hellenic League, has an admirable *résumé* of the rival claims in Anatolia in *The Times*. His last words give the gist of the matter. "Surely," he writes, "the Christians of the Near East are human beings, worthy of a better fate than to be used by politicians as cheap meat for the tiger of Asia! I venture to hope that England will not condemn them to despair."

We are informed that the old-established businesses of Messrs. John Bell & Croyden, Ltd., of Wigmore Street, London, W., and Messrs. Arnold & Sons, of Giltspur Street, London, E.C., have been amalgamated under one directorate.

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