

Letters from Nurses.

From the Council of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Letter enclosing a Resolution protesting most emphatically against the proposal of certain members of the General Nursing Council to deprive nurses of their rights with regard to their certificates.

From the National Union of Trained Nurses.
November 16th, 1921.

To the Chairman of the General Nursing Council,
12, York Gate, N.W.1.

DEAR SIR,—We understand that a resolution was brought forward at your last meeting by which the certificated qualifications of the registered nurse would not be entered against her name on the Register. We beg to protest strongly against any such limitation of information. We feel that our members who have been recommended to register without delay would look upon this as a serious breach of faith. The public are bound to rely upon the Register for all information with regard to the nurses' qualifications. This right is always accorded to members on their professional register and we consider there should be no question of the same privilege being accorded to nurses. A large number of nurses have already sent in their original certificates; why was this trouble and expense incurred if no use was to be made of them?

We beg to remain, on behalf of the National Union of Trained Nurses,

Yours faithfully,

H. L. PEARSE, *President.*

GEORGINA LORD, *Chairman of Executive.*

From Miss M. A. Gray, stating that she understood it was proposed not to record the certificates of nurses on the State Register. She had applied for registration, but if this was the case she desired to have her name removed.

From Mrs. Talbot Harvey, saying she had heard with great concern that it was proposed not to record the certificates of nurses on the Register. She had personally persuaded many nurses to register, and she knew of two English nurses practising in Paris who had been asked to send their certificates. Nurses were emphatic that the qualification to which they are entitled should be registered.

From Miss E. T. Bickerton, Matron, Prince of Wales' Hospital, Tottenham, stating she had observed with concern that it was proposed to suggest that nurses' certificates should not be recorded on the Register.

From four Sisters in the same institution, Misses D. Moase, E. Jenkins, E. Kinlon, E. Garrad.

From Miss J. G. Powell, who said she was anxious to know whether her certificate of three years' training would be mentioned.

From Miss A. Johnson, pleading that certificates should be entered.

From the Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association:—

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 12, YORK GATE.

SIR,—At a recent meeting it was brought to the notice of the Executive Committee of this Corporation that a proposal had been put forward in the General Nursing Council to omit, in the State Register, shortly to be issued for the information of the public, any entry to indicate that a nurse holds a certificate of training.

Such an omission, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, would result in grave injustice to many members of the Association now practising as nurses, and the Committee therefore urge that as the great majority of nurses likely to seek admission to the Register do hold certificates of training, and prize them as the most valuable evidence of proficiency, notification of the possession of a certificate should not be omitted in the published Register.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

C. E. THOMSON,

Nurse Hon. Secretary.

From Miss F. M. Embry, Hon. Secretary, Royal Infirmary, Leicester Nurses' League, enclosing a Resolution passed at a Meeting of Nurses convened by the League and held in the Nurses' Home of the Leicester Royal Infirmary on the previous day, which was representative not only of League Members but of the Nursing Profession in Leicester generally, some 130 nurses being present. The Resolution expressed the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the word "certificated" should stand in the Register against the names of those nurses who possess certificates.

From Miss M. F. Rimmer, who said she wrote as an old hospital Matron, whose certificate would be of little value to her, expressing the hope that the General Nursing Council would prevent such an injustice to nurses as the omission of the record of their certificates on the State Register.

From Miss G. Lord, hoping that the Council would see that certificates were entered on the State Register. She did not think it could be the wish of the Council to penalise the whole profession for the sake of those who did not hold certificates.

From Miss Maisey, who said that nurses were much alarmed at the proposal that their certificates should not be registered.

From Miss E. B. Kingsford, who said she was dismayed to read the proposal that nurses' certificates should not be recorded in the State Register. She drew attention to the detrimental position in which Intermediate nurses would be placed, who would have to compete with the holders of the State Certificate.

From Miss Helen Todd, who wrote that she saw in the Nursing Press the proposal that nurses' certificates should not be entered on the State Register, and she wished to protest most emphatically. She was anxiously waiting to hear the decision of the Council.

From Miss Stewart Bryson, Matron of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, saying that she could not express her astonishment at the proposal.

From Miss Margaret King, saying that she was just sending off her application when she heard it was proposed that certificates should not appear in the Register. She would wait now to hear what was decided.

From Miss M. M. Curtiss, stating that she would like to know what was going to be done.

From Miss M. G. Sullivan, stating that unless she could register as a certificated nurse she did not intend to register at all. There was also a letter from Mrs. Eeles.

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