

And this question is intensified by a notice which was given at the Council on behalf of Miss Coulton, the Matron of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, that at the next meeting of the Council she would propose that a rule made by the Council, and which was only laid before Parliament last November, should be rescinded, and a new rule substituted that instead of the present committees of the Council holding office until next December, they should be dissolved at once and new committees be appointed in their place. The obvious and only possible intention and result of the new rule would be to enable Miss Coulton and her friends to turn off those committees any members of whom they disapprove, and whose opposition to any of their proposals they would thus be enabled to burke. Whether Miss Coulton is wise in attempting to make popular martyrs of the ladies against whom the new rule is designed we are inclined to doubt. The wisdom of officials of public institutions becoming prominently involved in matters which will arouse public resentment and controversy appears to us still more questionable. It must be clearly understood that in this case Miss Coulton and her friends more or less directly represent the employers of nurses. The other members, against whom the resolution is clearly designed, are openly the representatives of the working nurses and the protectors of their interests.

We shall watch with much interest the future of this resolution. Whether it be passed by the Council or not, it is certain to be debated by Parliament, and in the public Press, because it is to be deliberately proposed in a State-appointed body, that that body may enable representatives of employers to stifle and crush the criticisms and opinions of representatives of the employed. This is a principle which every trade union in the country must definitely fight and defeat.

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AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP.

The Branch offers its heartiest congratulations to Sister Mobley, of the Royal Infirmary, on her success in attaining the Scholarship of £60, awarded by the Centre.

Choice of subject is to be left with the successful candidate.

DANCE.

A very enjoyable dance for members and their friends was held on Saturday, February 25th, at the Royal Hospital, by kind permission of the Board. Good music and an excellent floor contributed largely to the evening's success. Active and passive games attracted non-dancers. Several beautiful prizes were given for success in these games, which were much appreciated by those fortunate enough to win them.

A GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

The London Gazette for February 3rd, 1922, states that by Order in Council the following law comes into operation in Northern Ireland:—

(1) The Nurses' Registration (Ireland) Act, 1919, in its application to Northern Ireland shall have effect with the following adaptations:—

(a) references to the General Nursing Council for Ireland shall be construed as references to the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland, and references to the register shall be construed as references to the Register of Nurses for the Sick in Northern Ireland;

(b) in paragraph 1 of the Schedule "five" shall be substituted for "fifteen";

(c) in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Schedule "two" shall be substituted for "six" and "three" shall be substituted for "nine";

(d) in paragraph 3 of the Schedule "first day of December, 1921," shall be substituted for "commencement of this Act";

(e) any person who immediately before the appointed day is registered under the said Act shall in Northern Ireland be deemed to have been registered under and for the purposes of the said Act in its application to Northern Ireland.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (3) of section six of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, sub-section (3) of section six of the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, and sub-section (3) of section six of the Nurses' Registration (Ireland) Act, 1919 (which relate to rules for the admission to the register in one part of the United Kingdom of persons registered as nurses in another part of the United Kingdom), Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland shall be treated as separate parts of the United Kingdom, and as respects Northern Ireland the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland shall, when established, be treated for the purposes of the sub-section first mentioned and the sub-section last mentioned, as a Nursing Council to be consulted in connection with rules proposed to be made by any other Nursing Council.

(b) This Order provides that the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland shall consist of 5 persons.

(c) That two persons, not necessarily nurses, and three nurses shall be appointed to form the Council by the Chief Secretary.

(d) Who shall hold office from December 1st, 1921, instead of from the commencement of the Act (December 23rd, 1919).

(e) Any person registered before the appointment of the Council shall be deemed to have been registered in application to Northern Ireland.

(2) For consultative purposes (sub-section 3, Section 6) Northern and Southern Ireland are to be treated as separate parts of the United Kingdom, and the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland shall, when established, be consulted in connection with rules proposed to be made by any

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