

wish that another voice than mine had more adequately echoed your thoughts and confirmed your intentions to support by every means in your power this Resolution, and those who are endeavouring to stand for the best interests of the Nursing Profession and the making good the Act of Parliament.

I have much pleasure in proposing this Resolution.

MISS E. J. HURLSTON said: I have much pleasure in Seconding the Resolution. If some Members of the General Nursing Council find they made a mistake when drafting the rules for Registration, and have now changed their minds regarding their work, I think the sooner the Minister of Health is invited to replace them with people who understand the wishes of the Nurses who have studied the question of Registration, the more satisfactory it will be. We want a Council who will be "steadfast and true" in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to them. . . . Therefore I ask you to join with me in inviting the Minister of Health to dissolve the nominated Council and to allow the Registered Nurses to elect their own Representatives.

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED FROM THE CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR KENT then put from the Chair the following Resolutions, which were carried by acclamation:—

(1) That the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council should take steps to petition the King in Council to annul the two New Rules now lying on the Table of each House of Parliament to which exception had been taken.

(2) That the Minister of Health should be invited to dissolve the nominated Council, in which independent nurses have no confidence, at an early date, so that the Registered Nurses may elect their own Representatives.

(3) That the Meeting should offer a *Voté of Confidence* to the six loyal members of the General Nursing Council who had, as far as possible, carried on its work during the indefensible abstention from duty of the majority of the Council.

(4) That copies of the Resolutions be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, the Ministers at the head of Government Departments employing nurses, and to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Concluding the CHAIRMAN said: In all I have said, I have not been actuated by any personal feelings, but I am here—you are here—to assert the supremacy of honour and justice—England has great traditions of honour and justice.

MRS. STRONG, one of our greatest pioneers in the Nursing Profession, whom so many know and honour, said, recently, while addressing a large body of nurses, "my final word to you is—keep your ideals." We mean to, moreover, we do not mean to dilute our ideals, but rather to enrich and enlarge them, simultaneously with our professional advancement, because a nurse, however well trained, is—without ideals—but a soulless machine. We mean (to quote the words of the

great American poet Whittier) "to hold high Truth's stainless Flag, walk in the light, and bow not weakly to the rule of wrong."

The Meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chair, proposed by Mr. T. W. Craig, and to the Speakers, by Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.

THE WAR CHEST.

Councillor Beatrice Kent, President of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council desires to express her sincere thanks for the generous response to her appeal for funds towards the expenses of the Protest Meeting, of the Appeal to the King in Council against the two New Rules now lying on the table of each House of Parliament, and against the Instruction of the General Nursing Council, making it possible for the Registrar to compile a Secret Register. £24 4 0 has been received, but as printing and propaganda are now so costly, further financial support will be very welcome. The work is all accomplished by voluntary personal service.

A HUMBLE ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY.

A Motion will be moved in the House of Commons this week by Major Barnett, to the effect "That a Humble Address be presented to His Majesty" praying that the two New Rules 9A, and 43 (2) framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales may be annulled. These Rules are calculated to prevent the compilation of a correct Register of Nurses, as provided for under the present Rules, for the protection of the public, and in other particulars to place Registered Nurses in a very defenceless position.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

DECAYED TEETH AND CHILDREN'S DISEASES.

That decayed teeth are very strong predisposing causes to the "catching" of measles, scarlet fever, pneumonia, mumps, or other children's diseases, is strongly urged by the U.S. Public Health Service, which cites very considerable reductions in those diseases in cities where dental clinics have been established in the schools. At Bridgeport, Conn., for instance, diphtheria has been lessened 8 per cent. At an orphanage in Boston, these diseases, which had annually afflicted about one-third of the 325 inmates, practically disappeared after eight months' dental work. The absorption of pus from rotting teeth had weakened the children and made them easy victims to communicable disease. The cleaning up of this mouth condition increased the power to resist disease.—*Health News*.

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