

PROTEST FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The following Resolution sent up by the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and which appeared to afford considerable amusement to lay members and others, was then read by the Chairman:—

"That the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association have learnt with deep concern of the decision of the General Nursing Council to delegate to other bodies what is manifestly its own duty and responsibility—that of examining the Certificates of Training used to support the claims of candidates for Registration. Such Certificates form the most important evidence a nurse can produce of having received training in hospital and therefore the decision of the Council is calculated to detract from the quality and prestige of the Register. The Committee are of opinion that the decision forms a dangerous and unwarranted precedent on the part of a Council charged by Parliament with the duty of compiling, for the State, an Official Register of Trained Nurses.

"Further the Committee consider that professional members of the Council have not shown a due appreciation of the rights and status of trained nurses in deciding that the salaried official in their Registration Office is to divide them into two classes and that she is, apparently, to be the sole judge as to whether those she has placed in one category shall be admitted to the privileges of registration. The Council's 'instruction' is calculated to lead to misunderstandings and difficulties and to place the Registrar in an unfair position when those arise."

It was agreed that the Resolution be received.

PROTEST FROM THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAM-
ENTARY COUNCIL.

The Chairman then read the following letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council:—

*To the Chairman General Nursing Council for
England and Wales.*

"SIR,—In accordance with the direction of a Public Meeting, convened by the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, held at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, on March 10th, and composed largely of nurses, I beg to enclose to you a copy of Resolutions carried at that meeting, and further, to ask you to be good enough to present them to the meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to be held on March 17th.

"I am, Sir,

"Yours faithfully,

"MARGARET BREAY,

"Registered Nurse,

"Hon. Secretary."

The Resolutions enclosed, namely, those carried at the Public Meeting convened by the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, which we inserted last week, were also read by the Chairman.

LADY HOBHOUSE asked how many members the Society comprised.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said the question appeared out of order; it implied authority over the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.

The CHAIRMAN said it was his duty to say what was out of order.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK replied that the Council had no control over the free nurses' organisations.

MISS COX-DAVIES inquired who the officials were, and the CHAIRMAN asked whether the Council would like the letter referred for further information. The name of the President was printed at the head of the paper, Councillor Beatrice Kent, and the letter was signed by the Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Breay.

MISS COX DAVIES said that was all the information she required.

It was agreed that the letter be received.

LETTER FROM THE Q.V.J.I.

The next letter considered was one on behalf of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute saying that in many districts of Scotland, notably in the Highlands and Islands, it would be impossible for nurses to get their certificates verified by the authorities mentioned in the English Rule, and expressing the opinion that if they were verified by the Matron of their training school it would be amply sufficient. It was desired to add that the desirability of keeping in line the Rules governing admissions to the Register in the two countries was quite appreciated, and indeed the matter was dealt with in the Act.

THE CHAIRMAN read the Rule governing the requirements for verification of certificates in Scotland. He thought the Council should be very careful in dealing with this matter. It would be unpleasant to have a dispute with Scotland. He thought they should say that it was a matter for the decision of the Scottish Council.

DR. GOODALL moved and Miss Cox DAVIES seconded that the letter should be referred to the Registration Committee for consideration and report. This was agreed.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND
OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED NEW RULE (9A) OF
THE ENGLISH COUNCIL.

THE CHAIRMAN then read the following letter received by him from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland on its behalf:—

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

13, Melville Street,
Edinburgh.

4th March, 1922.

The Chairman,

General Nursing Council
for England and Wales.

12, York Gate,

Regent's Park, London, N.W. 1.

DEAR SIR,

RECIPROCITY RULE.

Referring to my letter of 21st ult., I submitted the correspondence between us to a meeting of my Council yesterday.

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