

Forms were drafted, and agreed to by the Council in ten weeks and sent to the Minister for his approval by the end of July, 1920, most of which Rules were returned approved by September, 1920.

TRUE REASON FOR DELAY.

That these Rules were held up for twelve months and not signed until July, 1921, was not, as stated by Sir Alfred Mond, because of any "feud" in the Council, but, as everyone knows, because, in conforming to Section 6 (3), of the long-drawn-out negotiations between the English and the Scottish Councils on a reciprocity Rule for registration, and because the English Council could not concede the claim of the Scottish Board of Health to place Fever Nurses on the General Register.

In the Reciprocal Rule agreed between the three Councils, the Statutory Application Forms for nurses desirous of being placed on the Registers formed a part, and it is this Form which has now been scrapped by the English Council in connection with the new Rule 9 (a) which, we contend, is a grave breach of agreement and faith with the Scottish and Irish Councils, and to which Scotland takes strong exception, stating what is quite true, that "it is obvious that to do so (that is, agree to the second-hand entrant scheme) would be equivalent in the present state of your Rules to allowing Scottish Nurses to register in England and transfer their Registration here without ever producing the original training Certificate, or even a duly certified copy thereof."

Moreover, when it is realised that the claim of the Registrar of the English Nursing Council for absolute power (now accorded to her by an Instruction of the Council) to place applicants on the State Register whose credentials and references she alone inspects, and that she has authority to withhold such documents from the inspection of the Registration Committee, and the irregularities and mistakes which may result from such unrestricted power, the attitude of the Scottish Council must be conceded as eminently reasonable, and that of the Minister of Health and his advisers sincerely to be deprecated and resented.

(To be continued.)

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

C'EST LA GUERRE.

One Member to another in the House :—" Well, you got hold of Addison and we've got hold of Mond."

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Chapel of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Speaker, Miss Macguire of Calabar.

Any nurses from Glasgow or the neighbourhood who are interested are invited.

Tea and coffee after the meeting.

PROGRESS IN OUR TRAINING SCHOOLS.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAM.

MATRON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31ST, 1921.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

During the year 286 applications from Candidates for training as Nurses were received, of whom 41 were admitted to the School. Of these 30 were admitted to the Hospital and the remainder either failed in the necessary examination, or were found to be unsuitable for the work.

Since the commencement of the School in November, 1918, 106 Pupils have been admitted, of whom 62 have been drafted to the Hospital for training.

PERSONNEL OF STAFF.

The Staff now numbers 103, consisting of 1 Matron, 1 Assistant Matron, 1 Home Sister, 1 Tutor Sister, 1 Night Sister, 1 Housekeeping Sister, 14 Ward Sisters, 11 Staff Nurses, and 72 Probationers in training. In addition 6 Masseuses are at work on Pensioners and 5 on the Civil Patients.

TRAINING OF NURSES.

In addition to the Lectures given by the Tutor Sister, courses of Lectures were kindly given during the year by Dr. Wallace on Medical work, and Mr. Neil and Mr. Webber on Surgical Work.

The results of the Examinations of Nurses held in the year were 31 passed and 2 failed.

The Senior Nurses' Examination resulted in Nurses Coope and McDonald heading the list with an equal number of marks, and both were awarded prizes of equal value.

The Junior Nurses' Examinations resulted in Nurses Guyler, Hallam and Parsons gaining the largest number of marks.

Two courses of Lectures on Sick Room Cookery was given by Miss I. Liddle, the Assistant Matron, in the Spring and Autumn, and 12 first class Certificates were granted to the successful candidates in the examinations held by Miss H. Hannath, R.R.C., Matron of the General Hospital, Wolverhampton.

The Syllabus of Training for Nurses, as laid down by the Nurses' Registration Act, and prepared by the General Nursing Council of England and Wales, under the direction of the Ministry of Health, was adopted by the Monthly Board and is being carried out.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

On the recommendation of the Nursing Committee the following Appointments were made :—

- Miss Mary Dickens, Sister of the Pensioners Huts.
- Miss Hackney, Sister of Division 1.
- Miss Alice Love, as Home Sister.
- Miss Nancy Robinson, Sister of Division 7.
- Miss May Stevens, Night Sister.
- Miss Mary A. Thornborrow, Sister of Division 4.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations were received with regret :—

- Miss Muriel Duesbury, Sister of Division 7.

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