

Several very important Resolutions were agreed. It was resolved to urge the Government, "as a proof of good faith," to amend the Sex Disqualification Removal Act so as to permit of peeresses in their own right sitting and voting in the House of Lords. The resolution asked for an amending Bill to be carried this Session.

The following resolution was moved by the Secretary of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses and seconded by Mrs. Archdale, of the 6 Point Group:—

"In consideration of the fact that the shortage of nurses constitutes a grave danger to the community, the Constituent Societies of the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations respectfully urge the Prime Minister to appoint a Select Parliamentary Committee to enquire into all the conditions of the Profession. They also call upon the Minister of Health to consider impartially the point of view of the employees as well as that of those who represent the employers' interests."

One small voice alone was raised, which, when challenged by the Chairman, confessed to be that of a representative of the College of Nursing, Ltd., but announced that it was neither speaking for nor against the resolution, but wanted to know, first, what were the numbers of the Societies which brought forward this motion, and secondly, what proof there was that a shortage of nurses existed. The Chairman called upon Miss MacCallum to answer. She informed the lady that the numbers of the Societies were not germane to the subject matter of the resolution. She also offered to give the College of Nursing, if they desired it, sufficient proof that a shortage of nurses *did* exist, as she had the matter tabulated in her office. She, however, expressed surprise that the College had not this information in their own office.

With the exception of this slight interlude, the resolution was passed unanimously, and a great many delegates appended their signatures to the paper which had been drawn up ready for this purpose.

Other resolutions were passed on the Russian famine, housing, and unqualified teachers in infant schools.

The annual meeting of the committee takes place on Tuesday, July 11th, and it was agreed to convene a conference on the problem of the cinema and its effect on children and young people towards the end of July.

This Consultative Committee promises to be a live organisation, and a means whereby the Nursing Profession can both learn and teach.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple—nobler than the last—
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting
sea.
Oliver Wendell Holmes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in any way hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE STATUS OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Hundreds of nurses must feel as I do, so deeply grateful for all you have done to raise the status of professional nursing; but lately, after reading reports of G.N.C. meetings, one feels just thinking thoughts of gratitude and admiration for all you have done is not enough—one longs to tell you so.

May I tell you so now, and thank you very very much.

Believe me, Yours faithfully,

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KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A DUTY TO THE PUBLIC.

Catherine Turner.—"Can you advise? The Nurses' Registration Act was passed for our benefit, and to save the public from incompetent and inefficient attendants. In spite of hating to place ourselves under the present General Nursing Council, isn't it our public and [professional] duty to register?"

[We think it is the duty of trained nurses to register, if at the same time they are prepared to claim the dignity of professional self-government. —ED.]

PAINTED WINDOWS.

Miss Mary C. Davies.—"I make a point when reading books and papers to copy in a notebook ideas and opinions which appeal to me. 'Painted Windows,' by a Gentleman with a Duster, is cram-full of tit-bits which the G.N.C. might well take to heart.

"There is not the slightest probability that the largest crowd will ever be gathered in front of the narrow gate."—(*Dean Inge.*)

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