

Nursing Council for Scotland wrote to the Council for England and Wales strongly opposing Rule 9A, which they pointed out would allow Scottish nurses to register in England, and transfer their Registration to Scotland without ever producing the original training certificate, or even a duly certified copy thereof.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland declined to pass any rule similar to 9A, which they considered "forms a delegation of the statutory duties of the Council likely to lead to many unnecessary difficulties."

The intention of Mrs. Fenwick's resolution was (1) to get Rule 9A recorded correctly in accordance with the decision of the Council on February 17th; and (2) in accordance with her usual statesmanlike outlook to secure equal treatment for all members of the nursing profession, not as Dr. Goodall stated inaccurately on September 22nd, to exclude College of Nursing members as such.

The intention of Rule 9A is, however, plain to the meanest intelligence, *i.e.*, to give preferential treatment to members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., both as to obtaining admission to the Register and with regard to the forthcoming election of direct representatives of the Nursing Profession on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

There is no demand for it on the part of other organised bodies of nurses, for the single other application, that of the little League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses, can be discounted as camouflage, and as negligible considering that so many of its members are eligible for preferential treatment as members of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Rule 9A is, in fact, frankly and simply regarded as an electioneering dodge. Those who are acquainted with politics, and especially with nursing politics, as conducted in the past by the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., have no illusions on this score.

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Registered Nurse.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

Councillor Beatrice Kent, President, was in the chair on Saturday, September 30th, at the meeting of the R.N.P.C., at 431, Oxford Street, W. There was a full attendance and an earnest discussion on professional questions lasting for close on three hours proved the deep sense of professional responsibility of real registrationists—an interest which should, in the future as in the past, have a very wholesome influence in professional affairs. The Council unanimously agreed to urge the Minister of Health to sign the Syllabus of Training in General Nursing, unanimously approved by the General Nursing Council, and decided that a considered Statement should be sent to Sir Alfred Mond without delay. It was agreed to forward to the General Nursing Council an expression of opinion on the Prescribed Scheme for the Election of Registered Nurses on the Council. Other important business was transacted which we hope to find space to report next week.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Mr. William Roper, of Ambleside, West Hartlepool, has sent a cheque for £10,000 to *The Times* to be handed over to the Treasurer of the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal. £180,000 still needs gathering in to complete the £500,000 required by the end of the year. The Prince's Flag Day (Friday this week) should bring in a clear £50,000 to the good cause.

The Emergency Cases Hospital, which did such excellent work during the war at Bar le Duc and Revigny, will hold the Fourth Annual Dinner on October 21st, at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets and all information can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. H. Lloyd, The Hut, Lye Green, Chesham, Bucks.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford (Mr. Thomas Blythe) has received a handsome contribution towards his appeal on behalf of local hospitals for £33,000 to wipe off the deficits on these undertakings. A cheque for £5,000 was handed to him by Lord Barnby, of Blyth Hall, Notts., head of Messrs. Francis Willey & Co., Ltd., wool merchants, Bradford, as a thank offering for his recovery from a recent operation.

The following letter, which accompanied the cheque, adequately indicates Lord Barnby's feelings:—

I have just returned to Bradford after an enforced absence of four months from the effects of an operation. During this absence it was brought home to me what the effects of good nursing meant—which contributed so largely to my return in good health—and in a spirit of thankfulness feel that I should like to extend a helping hand to those who are not so well placed to help themselves. As you are, in virtue of your office, President of the three principal hospitals in the city, I am writing to ask if you would do me the favour to accept the enclosed cheque for £5,000, for division as follows:—Bradford Royal Infirmary, £3,000; Bradford Eye and Ear Hospital, £1,000; Bradford Children's Hospital, £1,000.—With all good wishes, believe me to remain, yours truly,

BARNBY.

The Lord Mayor, in his letter of thanks for the magnificent gift, said he very highly appreciated it, and he was sure the citizens would be delighted by such generosity.

The Nursing Profession also appreciates the "good nursing" of their colleagues and the kind acknowledgment of it by Lord Barnby.

The late Mrs. Hannah Tiffany, of Roundhay, Leeds, has bequeathed £30,000 to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

The amount raised for the funds of the Oldham Royal Infirmary by the recent jubilee effort of the citizens of Oldham and district was £7,820, after meeting all expenses.

Hospital Week at Devizes has brought in nearly £1,500, the Wheel of Fortune realising over £515, and great fun.

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