

22 (a) and 21 (5) (d) and additions to Rules 22 (3) and 30 (1). The Registrar was instructed to transmit copies to Parliament in terms of the Act.

A letter was submitted from Miss M. C. Herbert, London, dated 1st inst., in regard to her previous correspondence as to the Rules for admission of partially trained existing nurses. In terms of the resolution at last Meeting, the whole question was again considered, and it was unanimously resolved that the Council should adhere to their previous resolution to make no alteration on the existing Rules meantime.

We congratulate the Scottish Nursing Council that four out of the five Committees have professional Conveners. Dr. Katherine Clark is a nursing plus medical practitioner.

HOSPITAL WORLD.

The King has sent some generous donations to the Christmas Funds of the hospitals, amongst them the London Hospital and the Royal Northern Hospital have found favour.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, at which it was resolved to distribute £215,000 to hospitals and £5,000 to convalescent homes. A message from the King was read.

Princess Mary's Durham wedding gift contributions amounted to £957, and it has been decided to invest £900 towards enlarging the Children's Ward at Durham County Hospital, and to utilise the balance in the purchase of a cot to be named after Princess Mary.

The Ministry of Health is insisting on the need for vaccination, as the smallpox epidemic is of a virulent type.

Lord Richard Cavendish has been re-elected Chairman of the Central Committee of Poor Law Conferences, which will meet at the London Guildhall on February 20th and 21st, 1923.

COMING EVENTS.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.

December 29th.—St. Marylebone Hospital, St. Charles Square, W. View Day Party. 3-6 p.m.

January 10th to 24th, 1923.—Issue of and return of Ballot Papers in the Election of the Registered Nurses' Representatives, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

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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.

NO GENERAL TRAINING TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE GENERAL REGISTER.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to forward for publication the copy of a letter received at this office on December 15th. In reply I have advised the writer to communicate with the Registrar at the G.N.C. office.

Should the Minister of Health approve the new Rule recommended by Dr. Goodall, Chairman, and the Registration Committee, and approved by the General Nursing Council on December 15th, all such V.A.D. candidates will be eligible to be placed on the General Part of the Register, as it provides practically that any women trained in hospitals or institutions *not* approved by the Council, for one year, are eligible without *any general training*, so that we certificated general nurses will presumably have placed on our list all the specialists who are not eligible for the Supplementary Registers. My Committee, for the protection of our highly qualified nursing staff, have appealed to the Minister of Health to stay his hand until he has before him the opinions of some of the 15,000 general trained nurses who have registered under the present Rule which requires at least one year's *general* training for the *general* Register. We have heard with the deepest apprehension that Dr. Goodall, and his colleagues on the Council who support his disastrous policy, have been re-nominated by the Minister on to the Registered Nurses' governing body. Their policy appears to be to depreciate the status of the general trained nurse and crush out every conscientious conviction we possess in our relation to the sick public.

Yours faithfully,

SOPHIA CARTWRIGHT,

Sister Secretary,

Registered Nurses' Society.

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London, W.

[COPY OF LETTER.]

DEAR MADAM,—May I trouble you to enquire if I am eligible for registration as a Registered Nurse. I had four years V.A.D. Nursing Service in Naval and Army Hospitals, about three months in a Nursing Home for general and maternity cases; also two years chronic nursing in an Infirmary.

I should be much obliged if you would favour me with a reply.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. C.

[We agree with Sister Cartwright that the new Rule as worded—which we moved at the Council Meeting should be referred back for further con-

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