

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

SIR W. HERRINGHAM.

In the House of Commons on July 27th,

MR. MILLS asked the Minister of Health whether Sir Wilmot Herringham, who was appointed a member of the General Nursing Council, is a registered medical practitioner; if so, whether he is aware that the vacancy which this gentleman was appointed to fill was caused by the resignation of a nominee of the Privy Council; that in the provisions of the Schedule to the Nurses' Registration Act the nominee of the Privy Council may not be a registered medical practitioner; and in view of the infringement of the Act, what action he proposes to take?

SIR ALFRED MOND stated (in a written reply): The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part, Sir Wilmot Herringham was appointed by the Board of Education, and the last part of the question, therefore, does not arise.

REGISTRATION IN THE IRISH FREE STATE.

The following notice appears in the Members' Circular of the *Irish Nurses and Midwives Union*, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin:—

REGISTRATION OF GENERAL TRAINED NURSES.

GENERAL TRAINED MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.

We are assured by Dr. Kelly, of the Medical Section of the Local Government Department of the Dail, that it is the desire of the Government that all *general trained nurses* should register *at once* under the General Nursing Council, 33, St. Stephen's Green. Full directions as to registration were given in our MEMBERS' CIRCULAR of July, 1921, and forms may still be had from this office, or direct from 33, St. Stephen's Green. Dr. Kelly is most anxious to get the nursing profession regularised in this country, and the first step is for the nurses to register, so that they will be able to control their own Nursing Council, which next year will be mainly elected on the votes of the nurses on the register. This Council will eventually control the training schools, and insist on every future nurse being given a full training which will fit her for the State examination in the future.

Existing nurses should register now, and may rest assured that they will not have to pay any further fee to any future Government beyond the small annual sum (we understand 2s. 6d.) for retention of name on the register from year to year.

The Queen has consented to become patroness of the Heritage Bazaar to be held in London in the autumn, in behalf of the Four Women's Colleges in Oxford Appeal Fund. Her Majesty has also promised some gifts.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre at the Hospital on July 8th, the President, Miss Helen Todd, being in the chair.

The Minutes of the Winter General Meeting on December 17th, 1921 were read and confirmed, and arising out of them the President said that the unanimous resolution recorded as passed at that meeting had been sent to the Minister of Health, the Treasurer and Almoners of the Hospital, and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, expressing the conviction that certificates whenever held should be recorded upon the State Register of Nurses if the Register was to be of public utility, and of any value to the nursing and medical professions, and no doubt had influence in securing the sanction of the Minister to the necessary steps being taken to ensure the record of certificates. The opinion of a meeting of a League comprising over 1,000 certificated nurses, and most kindly supported by a letter to the General Nursing Council from the Treasurer and Almoners, could not be overlooked.

An acknowledgment of the letter of congratulation sent by the League to Princess Mary on her approaching marriage had been received stating that Her Royal Highness greatly appreciated the kind message from the League.

Amongst the letters of regret at inability to attend was one from the Lady Mayoress, Lady Baddeley, and the President proposed that the meeting should send its united thanks to her for her kind hospitality to the League at the Mansion House in April, a proposal carried by acclamation.

REPORTS.

THE TREASURER, Miss Mabel Sleight, said that the state of the Exchequer was as satisfactory as could be expected, the bank balance at the end of the financial year being £109 13s. 5d. There was also a Reserve Fund of £150 0s. 9d. from £100 War Loan Stock, deposit at Bankers, and interest on Investment and Deposit. On the suggestion of the auditor she had applied for returned income tax on these War Bonds, for the past three years, amounting to £4 10s. She had great difficulty in securing this, and at last went to Mr. Hayes for advice, who expressed the opinion that she might as well try to "get butter out of a dog's mouth." However, a final letter secured the £4 10s. Since that time she had received another £1 10s., and there would be no difficulty in the future in securing this each year.

The Nurses' Home Fund now amounted to £817 14s. 5d.

THE SECRETARY, Miss H. T. Baines, presented a report showing that the membership of the League is now 1,072. An interesting course of three lantern lectures had been arranged for the autumn, two by Lt.-Com. Collingwood Hughes, on October 3rd (Zeebrugge) and October 10th (The

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