

REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

The President of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council reminds members that there will be a Meeting, held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday, April 14th, at 5 p.m., "To consider action in support of the Probationers' right to a 'prescribed scheme of training' in preparation for the State Examination to qualify for admission to the General Part of the State Register."

The majority of the new General Nursing Council for England and Wales, with the consent of the Ministry of Health, refuse to conform to Rule 3 (2) (A) of the Nurses' Registration Act, thus depriving Probationers in training in General Hospitals and Poor Law Infirmaries of their right to a Syllabus of general training and prescribed teaching before examination.

This policy supports the "anti"-registration hospitals and infirmaries (now a negligible quantity) in their opposition to State Control of Nursing Education, and deprives the profession of the one portal to the Register. Probationers in training, especially in Poor Law Infirmaries, would be wise to ascertain from the authorities their position in relation to "prescribed training," as after giving three years' service, should they fail in their State Examination, they will not be eligible for registration, and their professional careers will be ruined.

It will then be too late to take action. Now is the time.

Before entering a general or special hospital or infirmary for training each candidate should be provided with a printed statement that a Statutory Syllabus of Training is in force in the institution. If this is not forthcoming, let the candidate decide to train where such a Syllabus is in force. Training School Boards of Management would then soon compel the Minister of Health to enforce Rule 3 (2) (A), and the General Nursing Council to conform to the provisions of the Nurses' Registration Act.

ONLY THREE MONTHS' GRACE.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales reminds Nurses that every person who desires to be Registered as an Existing Nurse must apply before July 14th, 1923, after which date no application can be entertained.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that we received no Competition Paper for the Prize this week of sufficient length for publication. Please see Rules.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NURSING FIELD.

INTERESTING TO SISTER TUTORS.

Miss Laura B. Logan, President of the Nursing League of Nursing Education, Cincinnati, Ohio, contributes to the January issue of the *Modern Hospital* an extremely interesting review of outstanding events in the field of nursing for the year 1922, which should be specially interesting to Sister Tutors.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF NURSING EDUCATION.

First she comments on the completion and publication of the Report of the Committee for the Study of Nursing Education, financed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

"This work," Miss Logan says, "constitutes a most important event in the history of nursing. It marks an era of progress in the profession of nursing comparable with a like event in the progress of the profession of medicine, for which a similar study was made under the support of the Carnegie Foundation more than a decade ago.

"The publication of the Report of Miss Goldmark, the Secretary of the Committee, is awaited with much eagerness, since it contains the detailed studies upon which the conclusions of the Committee were based. Detailed recommendations for bettering conditions are expected in the Report. The much wider attention which has been focussed on nursing education by the Report of this authoritative Committee should stimulate and bring about a greater co-operation of all (and this co-operation is particularly desirable on the part of the public) responsible for the preparation of the nurse, who is found by this Committee so necessary a factor to the future progress of human health."

Miss Amy L. Hilliard, in a review of the Report, "reminds us that a similar diagnosis (if such the Committee's Report may be called) has been made by nursing leaders for some years back. She says: "Many of us are very much heartened to be assured that we have not been on the wrong tack these last ten years, and that the conclusions reached by this impartial high tribunal are the same as those reached by the most far-seeing members of our own profession."

Perhaps it is because of the deep-rooted notion in the medical world that no diagnosis should come from the nurse that so little attention has been paid to these voices crying in the wilderness. In 1916, in her paper "A Sounder Economic Basis for Training Schools for Nurses," Miss Adelaide Nutting showed the main source of the trouble to be in the insecure economic status of the schools of nursing in the hospitals. And Dr. Beard points out that perhaps the greatest of the constructive values of this Committee's Report is to be found in its tenth conclusion. He says: "Nursing education cannot become all that the future of the nursing profession promises, all

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