

Registration Act, so that the Managers of Nurse Training Schools should know where they are. As Mr. Beckett very pertinently remarked "Why should they care twopence about the Council? It was only so much talk"—and he might have added that the Advisory Syllabus issued "under the authority of the Council"—is so much waste paper!

We quote the *Hastings Observer* :—

#### STATUS OF NURSES.

The East Sussex Hospital wrote in reference to the arrangements for examinations for probationary nurses in the employ of the Board, suggesting that Dr. Stannard was one of the best resident doctors for the purpose as he had wide experience of Red Cross examinations.

Captain White asked if the nurses would receive certificates from the Nursing Council.

The Clerk said no one could answer that, as the Nursing Council had not completed its scheme.

Captain White said a large number of hospitals and institutions had been recognised.

The Clerk: It is not fair to say a large number. There are a few which have received the full certificate and a few the minor certificate. There are a large number under consideration, of which the Hastings Infirmary is one.

Captain White: I have the list in my pocket. There are a large number of institutions of larger population than Hastings registered as complete training centres. If the girls only receive a certificate from outside, in years to come they will be unable to compete with those nurses from the General Nursing Council.

In reply to Miss Kenyon, the Clerk said application had been made to the Nursing Council for the Hastings Infirmary to be recognised.

Mr. Beckett asked what the Nursing Council was.

The Chairman: A union of nurses.

Miss Kenyon: That's just what it is not. It is under State control, including the Ministry, doctors, and nurses, who have been trying to get something done in the past years. All the Government do is to turn down one Council and elect another.

Mr. Groome asked if it was any use for the nurses to obtain the certificates.

Miss Kenyon said so far the only trained nurses were those who had received a certificate in the same way as their own nurses. Obviously when the Council got out its scheme it would have some regard for those who had been trained in such a manner as in the past.

Mr. Beckett said the Nursing Council scheme had been turned down by Parliament. Why should they care twopence about the Council. It was only so much talk.

Captain White said it was distinctly stated in Parliament by Viscount Woolcoombe that the examination which would be held for registered nurses would in future be held by the General Nursing Council.

The Clerk: Your girls will go in for that examination.

Captain White: Yes, if the institution is recognised by the General Nursing Council.

The matter then dropped.

Miss M. C. Herbert, of the College of Nursing, Ltd., is attempting to rouse public opinion in support of admitting persons with no hospital experience whatever—who have been exploiting the sick public up to date—to the General Part of the Nurses' Register. Why, may be very pertinently asked, has Miss Herbert remained quiescent for eight years, whilst these totally unqualified women have been excluded from the College of Nursing Register? The Nurses' Acts were passed to protect the public as well as competent nurses, and quite sufficient injury has already been done to the interests of both by the new Rule admitting *bona fides* practising as nurses without instruction before 1900. Anyway, let Miss Herbert play the game, and admit all and sundry to her College Register; she would then be consistent in her present demand.

Miss Jane C. Cowie, Matron of the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, makes known that Badges are now obtainable for nurses holding the certificate of the Hospital, and can be obtained by applying to her. Price, 4s. 6d.

Even when the long delayed Registered Nurses' Badges are available—Nurses will always greatly value their own Training School "pin."

The Nursing Staff of the General Infirmary at Leeds would like to remind old Leeds nurses that the Bazaar in aid of the Nurses' Home extension will take place on May 10th, 11th, and 12th, in the out-patients' department. Any past nurses or friends of the Infirmary who wish to send gifts for the stalls are asked to do so by May 5th. Their gifts will be very gratefully accepted.

We have to acknowledge with much pleasure a copy of the Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the National League of Nursing Education, held at Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., June 26th to July 1st, 1922. A perfect mine of wealth, into which we have only had time to take a peep. Whenever we get sad over the lack of interest in Nursing Education in England—not to say antagonism to just facilities for teaching recently exhibited by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, at the dictation of ignorant Training School managers—we bury ourselves for a few hours in these Transactions, and feel re-inspired.

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