

RESOLUTION FROM THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

2. Letter, dated April 11th, 1923, from the Hon. Secretary of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, enclosing the following Resolution:—

"The Professional Union of Trained Nurses, in Annual Meeting assembled, condemns most strongly the action of certain members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., who have abused their privilege as members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales by appointing personal friends (one already in receipt of a pension from public funds) to lucrative posts in the General Nursing Council Offices, when many working nurses, who have been incapacitated through war service from undertaking heavy work, but who have fitted themselves for secretarial posts, are needing employment. They recommend that all vacant appointments be advertised, as is usual with statutory bodies."

THE CHAIRMAN moved that the letter be received.

MISS SPARSHOTT informed the Council that according to information available the Professional Union of Trained Nurses had a membership of 209, and it had a deficit of £236. That showed the strength of the Society sending the Resolution.

THE CHAIRMAN said he thought they were familiar with the source of the letter, that was why he moved that it be received.

LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

3. A letter from the College of Nursing, Ltd., expressing approval of the Rule 9, 1 (g) adopted by the Council at its last meeting. (This Rule provides for placing on the General Part of the Register women without any hospital experience.)

LETTER FROM THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

4. A letter on behalf of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council enclosing the following Resolution:—

RESOLUTION.

(1) That this Meeting of Registered Nurses enters a strong protest against the method by which Miss Dora Finch has been "appointed" to the unnecessary and lucrative post of Interviewing Officer to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and calls upon the Council to instruct the Registrar to carry out its directions in this particular

As publicly announced, the Council at its Meeting held on March 16th, agreed to a recommendation to institute another highly-paid post, and directed the General Purposes Committee "to interview candidates and appoint a suitable person."

It would appear that the post has never been advertised, or in any way made known to "suitable persons." That the General Purposes Committee has never been summoned to carry out the reference of the Council, and that the application for the post by Miss Dora Finch, a close personal friend of the Registrar and of the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, was considered by some unauthorised Committee, and that she was appointed by it without competition.

The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council is of opinion that such an appointment is *ultra vires*, and

(1) Calls upon the General Nursing Council for an explanation to Registered Nurses of this disbursement of monies entrusted to the trusteeship of the Council by Parliament; and,

(2) As is customary in other Statutory Bodies, that all posts to be filled by professional persons, including that of Interviewing Officer, be advertised in the Press, and the appointment made by the Council.

(2) That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, and to the Minister of Health.

The letter was received.

The Printed Agenda.

THE CHAIRMAN then stated that the present was the first time that the Agenda had been printed and he was afraid it was not quite perfect. The recommendations in the Reports were not numbered as they should have been; he asked the Council to number them in the room, and this was done.

Another omission was that a Motion of which MISS WIESE had given notice had not been placed on the Agenda, but it had been circulated and would be considered as the last business.

Presentation of Reports.

THE CHAIRMAN said it had been suggested that when a Report was moved by a Chairman of a Standing Committee instead of being read, each item should be moved by number.

This procedure was adopted.

Reports of Committees.

1.—Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Report and moved that it be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once, on April 12th, 1923.

II. Recommendation (1).

"That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved."

III. REPORTED—That the Committee has decided to have a valuation taken of the furniture, &c., of the Council with a view to finally deciding the proper amount for insurance.

MISS BUSHBY here interpolated, "Not so fast, please."

IV. Recommendation (2).

"That for the sake of convenience and to avoid having two accounts the deposit account at Hambro's Bank, Ltd., be transferred to the London Joint City & Midland Bank and the latter Bank in future be alone used."

V. Recommendation (3).

"That the sum of £300 for stamps for general postage for the ensuing month be allowed, and £20 for Insurance stamps."

VI. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to the recommendation of the Registration Committee.

"That legal opinion should be obtained on the point as to whether a nurse whose name has been removed from the Register because she has not paid her annual subscription can call herself a registered nurse."

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