

Nurses going to do about it? Rule 9 (1) (g) makes registration permissible for totally untrained women—who have never spent an hour in a hospital in their lives—and all those who have battered on a defenceless public, posing as trained nurses without any theoretical instruction of any kind, are now eligible to rank, with the title of "Registered Nurse," side by side with the most highly qualified three-years' trained certificated nurses who have conscientiously qualified to care for the sick. This abominable Rule, calculated to ruin the status of Existing Nurses, now lies on the table of the Houses of Parliament, and will there repose for the term of twenty-one sitting days before it becomes law, nevertheless the Council has already sent out a "whip" to intimate to the untrained that they may apply for registration.

Are the Registered Nurses going to submit to this outrage like dumb, driven cattle, or are they going to appeal to the King in Council and seek redress?

Let the nurses registered on the Supplementary Registers realise that it is not only the status of general trained nurses which is at stake.

Certificated Sick Children's Nurses and Certificated Fever Nurses are to be placed in the most invidious position. Thus, if they have been soundly trained and certificated for three years in their own speciality they are still not eligible for Registration on the General Part of the Register; *but if they have never been trained at all* they are eligible to rank as general nurses, and can claim the title of "Registered Nurse" with those trained in a complete School. The situation would be absurd if it was not such a cruel injustice to every conscientious woman, who during the past thirty years has qualified herself for her responsible professional duties. It just proves once more the contempt in which women's professional work and status is held by men. Men control the College Council, the General Nursing Council, and Parliament. From the two former bodies nothing but suppression is to be expected by the submerged Nurse. Let us see what Parliament has to say to the situation—and that at once.

### A NURSES' "CAMP."

The annual holiday "Camp" (not under canvas) arranged by the Nurses' Missionary League, is to be held this year from June 9th to 23rd, at Sandsend, Yorkshire, and any Nurses will be welcome for the whole or part of the time. The house where "campers" stay is near the sea. Full particulars from Miss J. Macfee, 21, Froggnallane, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

We turn from the unworthy jealousies and intrigues of the G.N.C. towards the hopeful atmosphere of the National and International Councils of Nurses with a sigh of relief, and breathe again. We are going to have a very happy and instructive day on Thursday, June 14th, when, for the first time since the war, an Annual Meeting of our National Council of Nurses is to be held, at the Headquarters of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Many old and new friends have intimated that they will be with us for this Reunion, and we shall welcome Scottish delegates for the first time, and are specially glad to know that Ireland will continue to be associated with the National Council, as in past times Irish Nurses were always to the fore internationally, and we cannot afford to lose their bright and stimulating influence on Nursing progress. The Free State Nursing Council has, we hear, adopted the whole progressive Syllabus of Training, and we must hear of their registration methods on the 14th.

Luncheon will be served at 2s. 6d. a head at 1 o'clock, and we all know what wonders the presiding culinary genius at the Club can do for the price, so doubtless there will be no vacant seats. All the Presidents and Delegates of the affiliated Societies will, we hope, make an effort to be present, together with many members, so that an early intimation to this effect to Miss Macdonald will facilitate arrangements. The table reserved for Guests of Honour, of whom we hope to have quite a number, will be decorated with roses, heather, and shamrock, and the national flags of hostess and guests. Doesn't that begin to feel quite like old happy times?

The health and happiness of the Nurses of all Nations affiliated in the International Council will be proposed by the President of the Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and messages of goodwill will be sent to the President of the International Council of Nurses and to the respective Presidents of all the National Councils of Nurses, now fourteen in number, hoping for a very merry Meeting at Helsingfors in 1925.

The Business Meeting will open at 2.30 p.m. So much has been done in the Nursing World since the last Meeting of the Council that it should be both interesting and encouraging to recall what has been accomplished at home and abroad. We have as a profession made im-

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