

to Her Highness Princess Helena Victoria, and to Her Highness Princess Marie Louise.

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

An extremely interesting Meeting then took place which we hope to report in full next week.

Owing to action taken in the House of Commons on the previous day—through a motion proposed by Dr. Chapple, seconded by Dr. Salter—which threw the General Part of the Register open to persons acting as nurses with no hospital training—leave was given to forward emergency resolutions on the subject as follows:—

##### RESOLUTION I.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, in general meeting assembled, desires to protest emphatically against the action of certain members of the Parliamentary Medical Committee of the House of Commons, in persuading Parliament to break its contract with the 25,000 nurses who have applied, and paid, for Registration under the present Statutory Rules of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, which cannot fail to create a deep sense of indignation in the minds of the nurses thus betrayed.

The National Council of Trained Nurses protests against the General Part of the Register being thrown open (four weeks before the expiration of the term of grace) to women who, without any hospital training, have ventured to assume the responsibility of attending the sick for gain in a professional capacity, and strongly deprecates the conduct of the Medical Group in the House of Commons in ignoring the conscientious convictions of Trained Nurses concerning their own professional affairs, and in depriving the Public of the protection provided for it in the Nurses Registration Act.

The National Council of Trained Nurses most emphatically protests against a policy promoted by Medical Members of Parliament which permits totally untrained persons to assume the title of Registered Nurse, and to wear the protected uniform and Badge of Registered Nurses, which will undoubtedly deter highly qualified nurses from utilising these privileges.

The National Council of Trained Nurses desires to put on record its sense of indignation that nursing standards and the safety of the sick, should have been treated as a Party question by Liberal and Labour Members in the House of Commons.

##### RESOLUTION II.

In the opinion of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, in general meeting assembled, the best interests of the Nursing Profession, and the Public, were sacrificed by the support given by the Labour Party in the House of Commons, on June 13th, to the Motion of Medical Members to throw open the General Part of the State Register of Nurses to women without any hospital training, which constituted a grave breach of contract with the 25,000 nurses who have paid for State Registration under the present Statutory Rules.

The National Council regrets this united action of the Labour Party the more, as, in the past, it has owed sincere gratitude to many Members of that Party in the House, for the sympathetic assistance they have rendered the Profession of Nursing.

##### RESOLUTION III.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland desires to offer to Major Barnett, M.P., its most heartfelt gratitude for the statesmanlike

manner in which he attempted to protect the interests of Registered Nurses, and the Public, in the House of Commons on June 13th, when he placed on the Order Paper a notice to move that an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the dangerous new Rule (g (1) (g)), drafted by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and approved by the Minister of Health, may be annulled, which Rule made it possible for women without any hospital training to be placed on the General Part of the Register, to use the title of Registered Nurse, and to assume the protected uniform and Badge of that class.

It was agreed that copies of these Resolutions should be sent to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Health.

Copies of the Resolutions—all of which were carried unanimously—have also been forwarded officially to Members of the House of Commons, as directed, and the Council is taking prompt action in other directions.

#### LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE SUPPORTS THE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

The twentieth Annual Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Nurses' Home at Leicester Royal Infirmary on June 14th. Miss Vincent, R.R.C., presided, and most interesting discussions took place on the Nursing questions of the day, the members being unanimously of the opinion that a recognised Syllabus should be in use in all Nurse Training Schools, and that no further widening of the portal of State Registration to admit untrained women should be authorised. "State Registered" Nurses should be "Trained" Nurses. The Secretary was directed to forward copies of the following resolutions to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, the Minister of Health, and the local Members of Parliament:—

"This Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League is strongly of the opinion that a Syllabus of Training, on the lines of the 'Syllabus of Subjects for Examination' set out by the General Nursing Council, is essential; and that only those Hospitals and Infirmarys which use this Syllabus in preparing their Nurses for the State Examination should be approved as Training Schools by the General Nursing Council."

"Nurses' Registration Bill: Draft of Rule 9, 1.—This Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League protests against any further widening of the portal of State Registration for the purpose of admitting untrained Nurses to the General Part of the Register."

Much regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Miss Rogers, Hon. President, and Miss J. W. Davies, Vice-President, and messages of sympathy were sent to them.

At the conclusion of a very successful meeting tea was served in the sitting-room; old friends were welcomed, reminiscences exchanged. Later the visitors visited the wards and inspected the new Block of 100 beds shortly to be opened.

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