

which proposed to admit only *bona fide* nurses who were engaged in nursing prior to January 1st, 1900.

The true inwardness of the *volte face* of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was doubtless revealed in the statement of Miss Seymour Yapp at the General Nursing Council Meeting on June 15th, that 15,000 members of the College had petitioned the Council against the condition which Dr. Chapple's motion would bring about, so, of course, they had not supported it.

The fact remains that to the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., must be attributed the inauguration of the attempt to depreciate the General Part of the Register, evidence whereof is to be found not only in the letter of the Secretary of the College to the General Nursing Council, but also in the letter addressed by its Registrar, Miss F. A. Sheldon, to *Time and Tide* in January last, in which she advocated the depreciation of the Register by the admission of *bona fide* nurses.

Let Registered Nurses realise that none of the five Hon. Officers of the College of Nursing, Ltd., are Registered Nurses, or eligible to be registered. They will then perhaps understand why this lay-controlled society is a menace to the free nurses through its members on the General Nursing Council.

HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen has sent £100 to Queen Mary's Hospital for the East-End, at Stratford, towards furnishing the new Nurse's Home.

The Marquess of Cambridge, in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, opened at St. Thomas's Hospital the new bio-chemical laboratory presented to the institution by the trustees of the late Sir William Dunn, a wealthy South African merchant.

Sir Jeremiah Colman, the chairman of the donors, in handing over the laboratory to the Hospital, announced an additional gift of £5,000 for further equipment and general purposes.

Westminster Hospital will be closed for in-patients for about six months from July 2nd, in order that repairs and alterations may be made.

The Duke of Bedford last week opened a fete at Bedford County Hospital to raise £8,000 towards building a new Nurses' Home. Bedford County Hospital is a self-supporting voluntary Hospital. The Duchess of Bedford and Lady Amptill were also present.

By 93 votes to 80 a special meeting of governors of the Nottingham General Hospital decided to admit women to sit on the Monthly Board of the Institution.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health on Friday, June 15th, at 2.30 p.m. SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were, with four corrections, notified by the Chairman as necessary, confirmed.

Correspondence.

The CHAIRMAN reported letters of regret at inability to attend from REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, the HONBLE. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS, and SIR T. JENNER VERRALL.

MISS DU SAUTOY pointed out that only the names of absent members were entered on the minutes. She considered it would be convenient for reference purposes if the names of those present were notified.

The CHAIRMAN said the practice was begun when one of the clerks at the Ministry was acting as Secretary. Miss du Sautoy's proposal should be carried out in the future.

He then notified that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health which was not in the room at present and which he would read when it arrived.

Also a letter from Mr. Sydney Pitt thanking the Council for the honour it had done him in appointing him its solicitor, and saying that his best services would be at its disposal.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

June 12th, 1923.

SIR,—The Minister has had under consideration your letter of the 19th March, forwarding copies of the Syllabus of Training and Examination for the Supplementary Parts of the Register. The Minister notes that it is stated in the Preface that the Syllabus of Training is issued "in the hope that it may aid the training schools in arriving at a general standard of nursing education," and it appears to him that there has been some misapprehension as to the division of responsibility between the Council and himself in this matter. Broadly speaking, the legal position is that anything which the Council proposes to make absolutely binding on all persons concerned must be made the subject of a Rule, and, as such, must receive his sanction before it can become operative.

But he is advised that the provisions of Section 3 (2) (a) with regard to "prescribing training" will be fully complied with if the Examination Syllabus is made compulsory by scheduling it to the rules, and if a rule is added requiring that candidates presenting themselves for examination shall satisfy the Council that they have undergone systematic instruction in the subjects set out in the Examination

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