

July 14th, 1923. I decided to visit the G.N.C. to verify or disprove this statement.

I saw Miss Davies, and asked to see the College of Nursing File. Miss Davies then took me up to see Miss Riddell, who asked me what I wanted the File for, and at once accused me of trying to make trouble and of being secretive. She also stated that it was quite impossible to show me the College File, as sometimes 200 letters were written in one day. I replied that it was impossible to write 200 letters to the College in one day, and anyhow I had the whole day at my disposal, and could search for those I wanted to see, which were sent about May 29th.

Eventually I was given a small file of letters containing about one dozen, but not those I was seeking.

I explained that the letters referred to existing nurses and the latest date on which applications could be received.

The Registrar then stated that it must be the draft from the Registration Committee *re* existing nurses overseas for which she had asked a ruling.

During the whole of the interview the Registrar was most incoherent and emotional. She stated that she did not intend to be made ill again, even though she was only the Council's paid official.

She also warned me that anything I said would probably be used in evidence against me, and I would ask whether this is a part of the Registrar's duties.

My object in writing to you is this. It seems extraordinary that important decisions are made in Committees, that members of the Council who are not members of these Committees never hear of, and I feel that such a state of affairs should not exist.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
MAUD WIESE.

To Sir Wilmot Herringham.

From the Registrar to Miss Wiese.
General Nursing Council for England and Wales,
12, York Gate, Regent's Park,
London, N.W. 1,
June 18th, 1923.

DEAR MISS WIESE,—Since seeing you this morning I have communicated with the Chairman of the Registration Committee in regard to the matter about which you came to the office to inquire.

The Chairman of the Registration Committee himself would like to see you in regard to it. He will be at the Council Offices to-morrow (Tuesday) after 3 p.m., or on Friday after 2.30 p.m. Will you kindly let me know if it will be convenient for you to come to see him on either of those days?

Yours faithfully,
M. S. RIDDELL,
Registrar.

Miss Wiese,
Claybury Mental Hospital,
Woodford Bridge, Essex.

From Miss Wiese to the Registrar.

June 19th.

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to your letter I have no desire whatever to interview the Chairman of the Registration Committee. I should be glad if you would forward me a copy of the Minutes of the Registration Committee referred to during our interview yesterday.

Yours faithfully,
M. WIESE.

From the Registrar to Miss M. Wiese.

June 22nd, 1923.

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed by the Chairman of the Registration Committee, who at the request of the Chairman of the Council is opening Sir Wilmot's letters during his absence, to acknowledge your letter of June 19th, addressed to him.

Sir Wilmot Herringham is abroad. The letter will be dealt with on his return.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. RIDDELL,
Registrar.

From Sir W. P. Herringham to Miss Wiese.

General Nursing Council for England and Wales,
12, York Gate,
Regent's Park, London, N.2,
July 5th, 1923.

DEAR MADAM,—I gather that your inquiry referred to a letter which was drafted as an answer to an official inquiry relative to the last date at which applications from Existing Nurses could be received.

I have seen the draft, which correctly states the interpretation put upon the Rule by the Registration Committee. Your account of it is incorrect, as it does not contain the statement which you appear to quote.

As the draft in question was not approved or sent it was not on the file of the official letters, and there was in consequence a natural difficulty in understanding to what you referred.

Yours faithfully,
W. P. HERRINGHAM,
Chairman.

Miss M. E. Wiese,
Claybury Mental Hospital,
Woodford Bridge, Essex.

It will be observed that in his ambiguous reply, the Chairman of the G.N.C. does not deal with Miss Wiese's letter in a satisfactory manner. The one thing which is apparent throughout this correspondence is the medical control of the Registered Nurses' Governing Body, and the extreme licence permitted to the Registrar in her behaviour to the Nurse Members of the Council if they dare to exercise their statutory rights in opposition to her autocratic control.

Miss Wiese, as a member of the G.N.C., has a right to inspect the Minutes of the

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