

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND THE RECOGNITION OF ITS REGISTER.

### ONE REGISTER FOR NURSES.

We quote the following paragraph from the local Press:—

A meeting of the Irish Board, College of Nursing, which meets alternately in Dublin and Belfast, was held in the Board Room of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, on Saturday, Sir Andrew Horne presiding. Amongst other members present were Professor Sir James Craig, Sir John Moore, Sir E. Coey Bigger, Dr. A. Trimble, Dr. Mann, Miss Michie, and Miss Musson, Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Amongst other matters of outstanding importance to the nursing profession was the report of the representative who attended the Council meeting of the College in London, and the following notice of motion, submitted by Dr. Trimble, was discussed:—"To raise the question of the best means of joining several nurses' registers into the one nursing register for Great Britain and Ireland, with a Central Advisory Council." It was unanimously agreed that, in the interests of nurses qualifying in the various hospitals throughout the kingdom, the present system of having five registers for the different Governmental areas, with five separate fees on each registration, was a distinct hardship to nurses passing from one area to another, and, as a first step in the removal of this hardship, it was unanimously resolved that an effort should be made to amalgamate the nursing registers of Northern and Southern Ireland. To accomplish this purpose it was agreed to approach the Ministers concerned in the Northern and Southern areas respectively.

In our opinion the degradation of the State Register in England and Wales, is the sinister attempt upon the part of the nurses' employers grouped in the College of Nursing, Ltd., to have its rival Register recognised, when this voluntary publication should have ceased at once when Parliament passed the Nurses' Registration Acts in 1919, providing for Statutory Nursing Councils to compile the State Registers of Nurses. We presume the College Register is the fifth referred to—there are four State Registers—since which time Southern Ireland has been constituted a Free State, and the College of Nursing Company has no more right to interfere with its political autonomy in connection with its nursing legislation than it has to attempt to include the British Dominions Overseas under a Central Advisory Council composed, of course, of College autocrats.

We advise Irish Nurses to keep an eye on the influential hospital governors and titled medical men in this connection. The degradation of the English Register through the initiative of the College of Nursing, Ltd., should be a lesson of

how "trained" nurses will be treated by Jekyll and Hyde control, which, apparently, is out to secure recognition of untrained Red Cross V.A.D.s on an equality with highly trained certificated women. Anyway, for the past month their applications have been pouring in through the Office in London, and our futile General Nursing Council have no option as to placing them on the General Part of our Register, and according to them all the privileges we trained nurses have earned by strenuous training, and skilled service to the sick, by work for the uplift of nursing, and by having paid for the whole registration reform.

### BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Lord Latymer, a partner in Coutts & Co., has left an annuity of £1,000 per annum to Nurse Mary Granger, to whom he expressed himself as "under a deep debt of gratitude," with the use of his town flat and effects for life. In the event of her surviving the period of the lease, then the annuity is to be increased to £1,500.

### SALE OF WORK AT ST. JAMES' HOSPITAL.

On Wednesday, August 1st, the Nursing Staff of St. James' Hospital, Balham, are having a Garden Fête and Sale of Work in aid of the Memorial Window in the Hospital Chapel. The Sale will be opened at 2 p.m. by Sir Norton Griffiths, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.P. There will be tea, ices, competitions and concerts. The Matron and Nurses hope that all former members of the nursing staff will come.

### THE VIROL MODEL FACTORY.

A charming party was given to Trained Nurses and Health Visitors by Virol, Ltd., at the Virol Model Factory, Hanger Lane, Ealing, on Friday, 20th inst., when they were conducted over the wonderful factory and saw the organisation by which Virol is prepared for public use in the most ideal surroundings by remarkably healthy-looking workers.

In the bottling room were stacked together 29,000 bottles, which were tested, and any with the slightest flaw thrown out. In the filling room just the right number came gliding along at the right intervals to be filled from automatic taps which stopped at the right instant to allow their lids to drop on before there is the slightest chance of a germ effecting an entrance, after which they are packed in boxes.

The delightful music of the band of the Royal Air Force added to the pleasure of the occasion, and the lovely decorations of the tea-tables, at which the daintiest of teas was served, with wonderful masses of pink carnations were a thing of beauty to be remembered.

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