

a hall-mark of training, and the public should now realise that the letters S.R.N. (State Registered Nurse) for some years to come, at any rate, will imply no guarantee of that nature."

The *Daily Mail*, which has for years maintained a very ignorant and prejudiced attitude towards Nursing organisation, published a very inaccurate and misleading par on the Nurses' Register on Tuesday.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

JULY 25TH.

NURSES' REGISTRATION.

DR. CHAPPLE asked the Minister of Health whether he has taken the advice of the Law Officers of the Crown upon the power of the General Nursing Council to exclude from the register existing nurses who, being otherwise qualified, make application for admission within two years from the date on which the rule made on July 7th came into operation?

MR. CHAMBERLAIN: No, Sir.

JULY 30TH.

NURSES' REGISTRATION.

DR. CHAPPLE asked the Minister of Health whether he is aware that, under Section 3 (2) (c) of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, rules are to be made enabling persons who have been *bona fide* engaged in practice as nurses under certain conditions to be admitted to the register, providing application is made within a period of two years after the date on which a rule first comes into operation, and that a rule first came into operation on July 7th, 1923; can he now say whether persons to whom this rule applies may, if otherwise qualified, be admitted to the register; and whether he has satisfied himself that the General Nursing Council is correctly interpreting the Act and the new rule?

MR. CHAMBERLAIN: The hon. Member has not quoted the Act correctly. The wording of the Section in question is "the date on which the rules to be made under the provisions of this paragraph first come into operation," and I am advised that the effect of the provision is to allow a period of two years from the date when the first body of rules came into operation. This date was July 14th, 1921, and the two years period having now expired, the General Nursing Council have no power to admit further applications for registration as existing nurses.

MAJOR BARNETT: Hear, hear!

REMARKS.

This reply will, in some measure, relieve trained nurses already registered. Dr. Chapple's tricky attempt to permit untrained nurses to be placed on the General Part of the Register for another two years has happily failed—thanks largely to the activity of Major Barnett in instructing the ignorant on Nursing Legislation, including quite a number of medical M.P.s!

"ALL AND SUNDRY!"

(With Consternation.)

*Walk up! Walk up! the levelled path;
No hindrance blocks the way,
The road is watered, smooth and clear,
For all to come to-day!*

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Which Solomon of current date
Caused Rule 9 (a) to be?
She's qualified for honours' list—
Give her the C.B.E.!

Thus we have seasoned veterans,
Who fought and won the war,
And anything in raw recruits
Exactly on a par!

Tis said, so stands the law to-day
That Ministers *pro tem.*,
Must wait till wild menageries
Dictate their terms to them!

Wherefore we find the Nation's Health,
Despite an urgent "S.O.S.,"
Providing its custodian
A game of pitch and toss!

Not so his wise Progenitor
Aforetime played the game,
And made the screws of Brummagem,
The nucleus of fame.

One never saw *his* clever schemes
Of commonsense bereft,
(Nor found his priceless orchid gems
To unskilled fingers left).

Oh! William Schwenck, the pity is
You're missing from the race,
Nought but the quill Gilbertian
Is equal to the case. C. B. M.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council was held on the 19th inst. at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. This was the first meeting of the Council held since the issue of the General Nursing Council Order, 1923:—

There were present: Sir Edward Coey Bigger, M.D. (in the chair); Sir Arthur Chance, F.R.C.S.I.; Sir William Taylor, C.B., F.R.C.S.I.; Dr. P. T. O'Sullivan; Miss O'Flynn, R.G.N.; Miss Reeves, R.G.N.; Miss Michie, R.G.N.; Miss Walsh, R.G.N.; and Mrs. Blunden, R.G.N. Mr. W. O'B. Reidy (Registrar) was in attendance.

The Chairman made a statement in which he referred to the Order under which the meeting was held, and spoke generally of the work done by the Council. He had pleasure in stating that, up to date, 2,289 nurses of all classes had been registered.

The Council have already made rules:—

(a) for regulating the formation, maintenance and publication of the Register.

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