

endorses the action of the Executive Committee in supporting the following Resolution:—

"The Advisory Committee having at the request of the third Assembly of the League (of Nations) examined the question of the employment of foreign women in licensed houses, recommends that pending the abolition of the system of State Regulation, no foreign woman should be employed or carry on her profession as a prostitute in any licensed house (*maison de tolerance*)."

The vote was taken on this action of the Executive and for the original resolution, the result being that 206 voted for the Resolution and 112 against. The required two-thirds majority not being reached the Resolution was lost by 9 votes.

A Resolution, proposed by Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, was subsequently carried "urging on the Advisory Committee further study with a view to the complete abolition of the system of State regulation of prostitution."

In response to a letter from the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship the Council decided to support the demand for the extension of the franchise to women on the same terms as to men.

Miss Ramsden dissented, as she thought that just after the war, when the male electorate had been so much reduced it was not quite fair to swamp the male with the female vote.

THANKS TO GLAXO.

Miss Marsters said that the Council could not separate without offering a very hearty vote of thanks to the proprietors of Glaxo for their hospitality, and for the interesting afternoon it had spent at Glaxo House. She was particularly glad to have the opportunity of learning more about Glaxo as the Infant Welfare and Maternity and Child Welfare Centre with which she was connected spent £1,500 a year upon it. She thought it was money well spent. The meeting then terminated.

FROM A QUEEN'S NURSE.

Last week a little boy was born who had one sister four years old. She said she would not have a boy in the house as they were nasty, spiteful things. I said, "But Mummy wanted a boy," and she said, "Oh, that is only because they are cheap"!

She wanted to see him being bathed, but was rather noisy, and her mother said she must go downstairs. She refused and her mother said, "But, Eileen, I'll make you." She promptly replied, "You cannot; only God can work miracles!"—From *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"ROBIN REDBREAST."

The Nightingale sings till his mating's done,

And then he flies away;

The Skylark sings to the summer sun,

The Thrush to the dawn of day,

The Blackcap sings in the leafy lane,

But Robin Redbreast sings in the rain.

"*Nature Verses*," by F. Carruthers Gould.

STATE REGISTERED BADGE.

We are officially informed that:—

"There will be considerable delay in issuing the State Registered Badge to those who have made application, owing to the fact that a large number have omitted to give the particulars asked for. Every application has to be carefully verified, and in many instances only the initials and name have been given by applicants. As there are many nurses with the same initials on the Register, it is absolutely necessary that the full name of the nurse should be given, *together with her registration number* and the part of the Register on which she is registered, and postal order for 5s. 6d. in payment. There is a General Register and five Supplementary Parts, and unless full particulars are given the badge cannot be issued.

"In view of the difficulties which have arisen in this respect, a form has been prepared, and will shortly be available, on which application must be made by those desirous of obtaining the registered badge. Application for the form (marked 'Badge' on outside of envelope), should be made to the Registrar, enclosing stamped-addressed envelope.

"From this date no badge will be issued except under these conditions.

"Application for the badge should not be made until the Certificate of Registration has been received. The number on the receipt sent for fee is *not* the registered number.

"Nurses registered in Scotland and Ireland should *not* apply unless on the English Register.

"A form will be sent in due course to those who have already applied and have given inadequate information."

We hope "due course" does not mean that Registered Nurses are to be kept waiting for six months before receiving a "form" for their badges, as they are for Registration and their Certificates.

DEGRADING THE STATE REGISTER, UNIFORM AND BADGE.

Miss M. S. Rundle, Secretary, College of Nursing, Ltd., has a letter in last week's *Lancet* in which she is directed "to make it clear that the College is entirely opposed to Dr. Chapple's suggestions"—*re* new Rule—to admit to the Register *bona fide* nurses without hospital training up to July 14th, and states "that the College approached the General Nursing Council asking that the door of admission should be opened wider to the *bona fide* practising nurses." What the College almost demanded (its communication was very peremptory) was that "the door (to the Register) should not be closed to any 'Existing Nurses' who can show that they were in *bona fide* practice as nurses of the sick for three years before November, 1919." This demand differs very little from Dr. Chapple's disastrous modification of Rule 9 (1) (g), supported by the College after 15,000 of its nurse members objected to its policy of flooding the State Register with totally untrained persons, and thus once more breaking faith with them.

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