

MISS WIESE protested. She said she knew that it was she herself who was going to be bullied, and she protested against being bullied *in camera*. She hoped that the Resolution would be discussed in the presence of the Press.

DR. GOODALL said his proposal to go into Committee was, in the first place to spare people's feelings, and, secondly, it was not a matter for the Press.

On Dr. Goodall's motion being put to the vote, Miss Bushby and Miss du Santoy voted against the motion, being in favour of a public discussion. The remainder of the Council voted for the motion to go into Committee.

MISS WIESE stated that she reserved to herself the right to make public what took place.

A Statement by Miss Wiese.

In accordance with this notice, Miss Wiese sends us a statement of what took place.

DR. GOODALL moved the following Resolution, which had been privately circulated:—

"That this Council views with grave displeasure the action of one of its members in divulging to the Press certain information of a private and confidential nature which was in the possession of the Council."

In moving the Resolution he stated that he wished to spare Miss Wiese's feelings, and therefore had asked to have it discussed *in camera*. It was an unpleasant office to undertake, but members of the Council would have to realise how serious the matter was, and if it continued the work of the Council could not go on. He had hoped Miss WIESE would have come to the meeting with an apology, in which case he would have withdrawn his Resolution.

After a long pause MISS SPARSHOTT seconded the Motion. MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said she quite understood how MISS WIESE felt about the letters from hospital Matrons in regard to General Training for Mental Nurses. She herself had almost bubbled over when the letters were read, and she was much less impulsive than MISS WIESE.

She stated further that the article written by herself, referred to by MISS WIESE, dealt with the Report approved by the Council, and contained nothing personal. Other members of the Council had done what MISS WIESE had done, but had not added their names. She had taken Mental Nurses for training, and she was sure that if other Matrons would help in the same way they would never regret it.

MISS COX-DAVIES emphasised the fact that MISS WIESE had signed the letter, and this was in her favour.

SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM was here asked by Sir Jenner Verrall to say a few words, and stated that in his opinion the fact that MISS WIESE signed the letter made the matter worse still. If this sort of thing went on the work of the Council would have to close. If they all did the same, havoc would be created. MISS WIESE had done Mental Nurses considerable harm by her action. When General Hospital Matrons knowing MISS WIESE, realised the kind of representative Mental Nurses had on the Council they would refuse applicants who desired General Training.

MR. DONALDSON regretted that MISS WIESE refused to apologise. He had asked her to do so, privately, but she still refused.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said he would feel compelled to support the Resolution if it were put to the vote, but hoped that some means would be found whereby this could be avoided. The whole thing was very painful.

DR. GOODALL said that as this appeared to be the feeling of the Council, he begged leave to withdraw his Motion.

The Motion was accordingly withdrawn.

Remarks.

What a pitiful scene! Half-a-dozen men attempting to hound into submission one unfortunate woman—and mercifully failing to do so. Dr. Goodall's humiliation was complete in not daring to put his resolution to the meeting.

We commend to the attention of the Nursing Profession the insulting manner in which the Chairman of the Council spoke of one of their elected nurse members. It is high time the Minister of Health was made acquainted with the outrageous attitude of Sir Wilmot Herringham and Dr. Goodall in their relation to their nurse colleagues on the Council, and put an end to this scandal. The fact is that discipline has been a dead letter in the conduct of its business since Sir Alfred Mond condoned the mendacious attack at the Ministry, made *in camera*, on Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and sent back the irresponsible strikers to govern the Nursing Profession.

Every member of the Council who took part in this cowardly policy should have been cashiered, instead of having been given a free hand by Sir Alfred Mond to bully into silence any nurse who dares to oppose their autocracy.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING HELD AT 13, MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1924.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was elected Chairman, and Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Registration Committee.—Miss Gill (Convener), Miss Burleigh, Miss Davidson, Miss Donald, Miss Edmondson, Miss Fraser, Miss Merchant, Miss Thomas, Miss White.

Education and Examination Committee.—Colonel Mackintosh (Convener), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Miss Milnes, Miss Burleigh, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Miss Fraser, Miss Gill, Miss Merchant, Dr. Rogers, Miss Thomas, Miss White.

Finance Committee.—Dr. Clark (Convener), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Miss Milnes, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Miss Gill, Dr. Rogers, Miss Thomas.

Uniform Committee.—Miss White (Convener), Miss Burleigh, Miss Donald, Miss Merchant, Miss Thomas.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.—Miss White (Convener), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Dr. Clark, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Colonel Mackintosh, Dr. Rogers, Miss Thomas.

Colonel Mackintosh submitted the report of the Education and Examination Committee, dealing principally with the detail arrangements in regard to the Council's Preliminary Examination to be held in April, 1924, and the conditions of payment to Examiners.

A PANEL OF EXAMINERS.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland are about to form a Panel from which Examiners will be appointed to act at the State Examinations conducted by the Council for the admission of nurses to the Register kept by the Council under the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

The Council have decided that Examiners should be appointed only from among those who are or have been engaged in teaching nurses, being of opinion that it is only in this way that the Examinations can be kept in line with the training given.

In order to maintain a uniform standard for the Examinations, the Examiner, when selected, should be able to serve for six months if desired—that is, for two consecutive quarterly Examinations.

Those wishing to apply for an Examinership should obtain in the first instance an application form from W. S. Farmer, Esq., Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

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