

National Council of Nurses, Second Floor, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., so that they may be considered at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council on Monday, February 6th.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held on Monday, February 6th, in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 4 p.m., the agenda of which meeting will be sent out at an early date.

ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

The following correspondence has taken place between

up to judge such questions, and by its composition is peculiarly fitted for this purpose.

My Committee are convinced that this decision will inevitably set up a most unfortunate precedent, and that moreover it will hamper all attempts to maintain a high standard, not only in the training of Fever Nurses, but also in all other branches of Nursing.

They feel sure that you do not realise how strongly these views are held in the world of Nursing, and therefore, as a body representative of many branches of Nursing and of many parts of the country, my Committee thought it their duty to lay before you, with all possible respect, their opinion on this matter.

For your information, I herewith submit a copy of the Resolution as passed at the Committee and entered in the Minutes of the Meeting, November 24th, 1927 :—

Resolution.

"That this Meeting greatly regrets that the Minister of Health should have directed the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to recognise as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses, a Hospital where the average daily occupation during a period of 5 years is only 15, and where the clinical material is restricted.

"The Members of the Association not only regard the work in the Hospital concerned as inadequate to give a satisfactory training in Fever Nursing, but they consider that this decision of the Minister will undoubtedly tend to prevent the maintenance of a satisfactory standard in this and other branches of Nursing."

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed)
R. COX-DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
2nd December, 1927.
Ref. 195004/12D/25.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th November, regarding the decision of the

Minister upon the appeal of the Town Council of Hastings respecting the recognition of the Borough Sanatorium as a complete training school for fever nurses.

In reply, I am to state that the Minister cannot enter into any discussion upon the decision given by him in his judicial capacity under Section 7 of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. N. Cross,
Assistant Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary,
Association of Hospital Matrons,
2, Grenville Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1.

Association of Hospital Matrons,
2, Grenville Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1.
5th December, 1927-

SIR,—I am duly in receipt of your letter dated December 2nd (Ref. 195004/12D/25), for which I thank you.



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the Association of Hospital Matrons and the Ministry of Health.

Association of Hospital Matrons,
2, Grenville Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1.
November 25th, 1927.

To The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P.
Minister of Health,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

SIR,—I am instructed by my Committee to convey to you with all possible respect, their great regret at your recent decision to allow the Hastings Fever Hospital to rank as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

They are themselves convinced that no Hospital of not more than 15 daily occupied beds and of such restricted clinical material can give an adequate Nurse training; also, that the longer period of such training in that Hospital, which you require to be enforced, will be valueless under these circumstances.

They greatly regret that the considered opinion of the General Nursing Council in this connection should have been disregarded by yourself in giving this decision, as it is a body expressly set

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