

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, ON 24th MARCH, 1933.

"That the name of Miss Evelina Rosa Maria Pellatt, S.R.N. 51269, be removed from the Register without further enquiry under Section 17 (4) of the Council's Rules, and further that notification of such removal be sent to the Press, and that she be requested to surrender her Certificate of Registration to the Council."

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The results of the State Examinations are as under:—

Preliminary State Examination, February, 1933.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination..	2,300	237	2,063	1,218	845	40.9%
Re-entries for Part Examination ..	375	36	339	153	186	54.8%

Final State Examinations, February, 1933.

	Supplementary Parts of the Register.						
	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Nurses for Defectives.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.	
Entered—							
Whole Examination	1,530	1,894	9	10	37	42	2
Part Examination	364	1	5	3	2	2	81
							84
							240
							265
Absent—							
Whole Examination	85	105	1	1	5	8	1
Part Examination	20	1	3	3	1	1	9
							29
							31
Present—							
Whole Examination	1,445	1,789	8	9	32	34	1
Part Examination	344	1	9	2	2	1	72
							13
							85
							211
							234
Passed—							
Whole Examination	1,014	1,233	5	6	30	31	1
Part Examination	219	1	6	1	1	1	58
							11
							69
							140
							159
Failed—							
Whole Examination	481	556	3	3	2	3	—
Part Examination	125	3	3	1	1	—	14
							2
							16
							71
							75
Percentage of Failures—							
Whole Examination	29.3%	37.5%	6.3%	—	19.4%	—	33.6%
Part Examination	36.3%	—	50%	—	15.4%	—	17.4%

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE.

It was unanimously decided at a meeting of London consultants held on Tuesday, March 28th, at the Headquarters of the British Medical Association, that applications for posts in the London County Council part-time consultant service should be withdrawn unless certain conditions were fulfilled. The following resolutions were passed:—

1. That this general meeting of consultants and specialists deprecates the action of the London County Council in formulating a scheme of consultant service without affording the consultants and specialists an opportunity of discussing the proposals before adoption, despite a cordial offer of help and co-operation from a representative Consultants' Committee. To initiate such a scheme for this important hospital service without seeking the co-operation of those men and women who, as consultants and teachers, are intimately affected by the proposals is an act unreasonable, arbitrary, and unworthy of the traditions of the London County Council.

2. That the consultants and specialists of London be advised not to make application for such posts, or, if application has been made or is contemplated, to place notices of withdrawal in the hands of the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, to be used at the appropriate time, unless and until the Central Public Health Committee of the London County Council agrees to meet representatives of the consultants and specialists with a view to considering the following points on which consultants and specialists desire to make representation—namely: (a) The

selection of a suitable Advisory Board to which applications for appointments to the medical service of the London County Council shall be referred for report; (b) the remuneration to be paid for consultant and specialist services and provision for holiday and sick leave; (c) the status and remuneration of anaesthetists in the London County Council medical service.

3. That the above resolutions be sent to the Minister of Health, the President of the Royal College of Physicians, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the President of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Honorary Secretaries of the London Hospitals Staffs' Committees, the Deans of the London Medical Schools, the Medical Officer of Health to the London County Council, and the Chairman of the Central Public Health Committee of the London County Council.

"THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."

Commenting editorially on the matter the *British Medical Journal* says:—

"It must be emphasized, at the risk of repetition, that while there is considerable disagreement with details in the L.C.C.'s scheme, the main objection is levelled at its method of approach to the problem. The consultants' chief concern is to maintain the high level of their professional technique. This cannot be done unless the L.C.C. confers with the consultants, who alone can offer the Council that expert advice which it is unable to obtain elsewhere.

"The fight, if one must call it so, is not on matters of petty detail or of petty cash. A question of principle is at stake. If the consultants of London allow themselves to be coerced into accepting terms and conditions of service which offend their professional sense of what is right, then a dangerous precedent will have been created which will be difficult to live down. This is a matter that concerns not only the interests of the medical profession, but also those of the sick public."

LET THE NURSING PROFESSION TAKE NOTE.

We are not surprised that the medical profession is taking this action.

The autocratic decisions of the Central Public Health Committee of the L.C.C., in relation to medical and nursing organization during recent years have produced a strong sense of injury in many hospitals under its jurisdiction.

We hope the new Chairman, Mr. E. M. Dence, will inspire it with a more intelligent policy.

PRINCIPAL MATRON, LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Gordon Milne, S.R.N., has been appointed Principal Matron to the London County Council, one of the most important posts in its service.

Miss Milne is at present Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where she is held in the highest estimation as an administrator. She was trained and certificated at St. Thomas's Hospital, 1915-1918, and has worked at home and abroad. The position of Principal Matron to the London County Council is pregnant with possibilities, and can only be adequately filled by a woman of great good feeling and tact; given these qualities her influence is second only to that of Matron-in-Chief.

One regret we must express, and that is that owing to her new and important duties Miss Milne will not be at liberty to attend and take part in the forthcoming meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Congress; she was to have presided on July 11th at the Session to discuss "The Preliminary Course." This she will not now be able to do.

The representation of this country will be the poorer for her absence.

"Keep your friendships in good repair" might well be the motto of our International Association for the difference between active and passive friendship is as the difference between dark and daylight, says the *American Journal of Nursing*.

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