

nounces that after consultation with the organisations concerned, he has appointed the following two additional representatives to the "National Council for the Recruitment and Distribution of Nurses and Midwives":—

"Dr. Greenwood Wilson, Medical Officer of Health, Cardiff; and Mrs. E. Owen, Superintendent of the Merionethshire County of Nurses' Association and Supervisor of Midwives."

How about it?

#### Government Without Representation.

As at present organised the representation of Registered Nurses and their employers on the so-called "National Advisory Council for the Recruitment and Distribution of Nurses and Midwives" is as follows:—

#### NURSES.

The Royal College of Nursing, 4.

Association of Hospital Matrons, 2.

(Thus at least 80,000 Registered Nurses are to be dragooned without representation or power of expression.)

Mental Nurses.—Representative of the Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union, 1.

Midwives.—College of Midwives, 2.

#### EMPLOYERS OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

Twelve organisations of Employers have been allotted 13 representatives between them.

Registered Nurses must realise from now on, that they need expect neither justice nor accuracy in their relations with Mr. Bevin. It remains to be seen if his bureaucratic policy can be enforced.

If government without representation is to be the Labour ticket for professional people, it is high time they organised to protect human liberty. A fair fight without favour is quite to our taste, but we are "resolved to die in the last dyke" before submitting to political prevarication and tyranny.

Do not forget that the "Brown and Bevin" Nurses Act has commandeered the Registered Nurses' Headquarters in Portland Place, W.1, without proposing to refund one penny of their expenditure of thousands of pounds (which ground and building cost), and this to flood the nursing market with half-trained competitors, and presumably we may be called upon to pay any deficit for the privilege. We are of opinion that Registered Nurses should never rest until this grossly unfair Act has been repealed.

We intend to do all in our power to help justice triumph in this struggle.

"The philosophy of human history in its ultimate analysis is God working out human freedom. As liberty is the source of all progress, it is in the greatest human need."

#### UNITED STATES OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

Whole-hearted support for the student nurse recruitment programme is given by the U.S. Office of Education. It has sent its newly published pamphlet, "Professional Nurses are Needed," to counsellors of every school in the country, and, in addition, has ready for distribution to counsellors and libraries, loan packets on nursing as a career.

## THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on May 13th, at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas Wilson from the Ministry of Information, addressed the meeting on "Our Empire and What it Means."

The League of Fever Nurses is fully alive to the dangers to professional standards incorporated in the "Nurses Bill," promoted by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, and recently communicated to him their considered opinion in the following letter:—

#### THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

April 7th, 1943.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ERNEST BROWN, M.P., M.C.,  
MINISTER OF HEALTH, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SIR,—At a meeting of the League of Fever Nurses, held on April 3rd, the "Nurses Bill," sponsored by the Minister of Health, and now before Parliament, was discussed.

My Committee was unanimous in its opinion that the Bill, by granting State recognition and enrolment to semi-trained Assistant Nurses, will operate to the detriment of bona-fide Nurses registered under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, and will cause them to suffer unfair economic competition. The distinction between the enrolled Assistant Nurse (with her lower scale of training and remuneration) and the fully qualified State Registered Nurse, will not be easily distinguishable by the public, who will tend to employ the former under the impression that they are obtaining the same degree of professional skill and experience that they would from the latter.

Further, my Committee desire to draw your attention to the inadequacy of the enrolment fee (one guinea) proposed for the Assistant Nurse. Since the funds of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have been subscribed by the fully qualified Nurses registered under the Act of 1919, my Committee protest most strongly against any proposal to use these funds for financing a scheme detrimental to the subscribers.

My Committee most earnestly begs that you will give these matters your serious attention.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HELENA McLOUGHLIN,

Hon. Secretary.

Needless to say, this group of highly efficient Fever Nurses were never consulted by the Minister of Health whilst drafting his Bill so detrimental to their interests and to those of their patients.

## APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRON.

**Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.**—Miss L. E. Burn, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London. She has done Private Nursing at the London Clinic, and has been Ward Sister, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Matron and Sister Housekeeper at Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Preston.**—Miss A. Hague, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Helen's Hospital, Lancashire; at City Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds, and at Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool. Miss Hague has been Night Sister and Assistant Matron, Sister Tutor at Aikins Street Hospital, Warrington.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Northampton County Mental Hospital, Berrywood, Northampton.**—Miss Rosemary A. Payne, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Junior Assistant Matron. She was trained at Brentwood Mental Hospital, Essex, and at the Royal Free Hospital, London, W.C., where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Payne has also been Administrative Sister at Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester. She has taken Part I of the Examination of the Central Midwives Board.

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