

1. These regulations may be cited as the Nurses' Regulations, 1945, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1945. We prospective serfs may therefore breathe again as a new Parliament will then be in operation, and we must make ourselves vocal before that date.

Let us hope a younger generation of Members of Parliament, who have not "enjoyed" a spell of tyrannical rule for ten years, will realise that we intend to enjoy the liberty we have fought and many nurses died for.

We are of opinion that avarice and gross materialism has caused this terrible and barbarous war, and that humanity must attain a higher spiritual plane of life; but to deny the wonderful advance of medicine and surgery in the saving of suffering and the restoration of health and happiness by definite discoveries, application of medicine and surgery is the result of ignorance and fanaticism. The legal recognition by the State of Christian Science Nurses and their association with trained Registered Nurses is a very reactionary and irresponsible action upon the part of Parliament. And the question is, What is the medical profession going to do about it, to protect the public from such a serious danger to national health?

Lord Horder, whose Committee, in connection with the Royal College of Nursing, is primarily responsible for supporting legal status for unqualified nurses, should be interrogated in the House of Lords on this serious deprivation of medical authority in relation to nursing.

We should advise nurses to read "The Church's Responsibility with regard to Christian Science": Notes of an Address by the Rev. D. A. G. Muir.

"The State is You and Me."

Registered Nurses who appreciate the expert support given to their professional status in the House of Commons by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., wish to congratulate him on the great success of the Fighting Fund for Freedom which he has founded.

Speaking recently in Glasgow, he said, "The State is you and me, not a fairy godmother with a bottomless purse."

Since last year, he continued, when the *Daily Sketch*, "with courage and conviction," printed an appeal by him, the movement had grown from a small group of friends meeting in a borrowed room to an organisation with its own suite of offices, a staff of 12, a mailing list of 50,000 to 60,000, and subscriptions coming in from all over the country. "The instinctive love of the British for liberty only needed a lead to be brought out."

Registered Nurses who appreciate freedom of conscience and action may help their profession to enjoy these blessings by joining "The Fighting Fund for Freedom," 1, Dover Street, London, W.1.

Sir Waldron Smithers is standing for Orpington.

Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., is the prospective candidate for Orpington in Kent; in the coming Election let us make every effort to secure his invaluable services in Parliament.

"Human nature is not a machine to be built a model set to do exactly the work prescribed for it, but a tree, which requires to grow and develop itself on all sides, according to the tendency of the inward forces which make it a living thing."

J. S. Mill.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on May 25th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman, presided.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the Minister of Health sanctioning the appointment of two Inspectors of Training Schools at a salary of £425, together with subsistence allowances and travelling expenses, as awarded to the Inspectors for Assistant Nurse Training Schools.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,200 for weekly salaries, £250 for postage, £100 for Insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed. Estimates for stationery to the value of £672 6s. were agreed.

Registration.

Applications for registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by reciprocity, 3; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 6, by reciprocity, 1. Total, 17.

It was agreed that the names of 275 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

It was agreed that 54 General Nurses, 2 Male Nurses, four Nurses for Mental Diseases, and 8 Fever Nurses be admitted to the list of nurses.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the draft revised Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Final Certificate of General Nursing for Male Nurses be approved.

It was agreed that the restriction on the training of Male Nurses at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, which is at present limited to Registered Mental Nurses, be removed, and that the Hospital be approved as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses.

Continuation of approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses was approved. Pre-Nursing Courses, as recommended by the Ministry of Education, were considered and approved.

General Purposes.

It was agreed that a visiting technical adviser be appointed as a temporary measure for a period of one year and that the position be then reviewed; further that this temporary appointment be offered to Mr. Montagu F. Rice, P.A.S.I., on the terms approved.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 960 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for enrolment, and the Registrar was instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that Boundary House Public Assistance Institution, Derby, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Assistant Nurses for a period of two years.

It was reported that the Assistant Nurses Committee had considered the case of Lilian Marjorie Norris, enrolled Assistant Nurse, 1,875, who was found guilty at Lambeth Magistrates' Court of feloniously receiving seven blankets, two sheets, and two curtains, knowing the same to have been unlawfully obtained, and bound over under the

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