

A STATE REGISTERED NURSE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

It is with very sincere pleasure that we offer our congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Brodie, M.B.E., R.G.N., R.M.N., upon her election as the first Nurse-Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, a position we feel sure she will hold with great dignity and ability.

Miss Brodie is known, respected and loved in England as well as in her native heath, and has always generously supported any movement which aims to raise the status of the Nursing Profession she has adorned for so many years.

Trained at the Royal Mental Hospital, Aberdeen, and at the Royal Infirmary, in Edinburgh, she chose Mental Nursing as her career, and has been Assistant Matron at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow; Matron at the City Mental Hospital, Leicester; Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.); and Lady Superintendent of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow.

Miss Brodie is an honoured Fellow of the British College of Nurses, having associated herself with its work since its inception, and has served upon its Council.

She has always inspired her staff to uphold the ideals of the Nursing Profession, and never hesitates to take the long journey to London if she considers her presence at Meetings can in any way benefit the status of nurses so near to her heart.

Scottish nurses are to be congratulated upon their choice of leader of their profession, and we are quite sure that their affairs will be well guided by her capable hands. We wish her a successful term of office.

Miss A. Tulloch, O.B.E., R.G.N., was elected Vice-Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland for the ensuing year. Trained at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, Miss Tulloch has been Assistant Matron at Stobhill General Hospital, Springburn, Glasgow; Matron at Oakbank Hospital, Glasgow; and now holds the post of Matron at Stobhill Hospital.

REFLECTIONS FROM LAVINIA L. DOCK PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

"It is sad to see that English nurses, in time of peace, must make war to defend themselves politically.

Certainly the world needs socialism, which is only a 'Bill of Rights' for the workers of the world; but socialists need *intelligence*, and this they often lack.

Nursing may confidently be called a profession, and a most peculiar one—almost a sacred profession. Its necessary preliminary studies, its periods of preparation, its constant need of keeping pace with medical science and knowledge, and above all its intimate relation with bodies and souls of the sick, set it apart. It must have its own *self-governed* and *self-organised* professional aims and purposes of continual progress.

Zealous socialist organisers who lack intelligence might reflect that such a profession, forcibly joined to "One Big Union," would be a continuous and vexing source of organisational trouble to the 'O.B.U.'

It would be impossible to bring aims and purposes into one pattern. All the problems of industrial, institutional and household workers are simple and easy to solve, in comparison, if taken by themselves.

And as for the ancient division between the Royal College of Nursing and the British College of Nurses—all our sympathies are with the latter."



MISS ELIZABETH BRODIE, M.B.E., R.G.N., R.M.N.
Chairman, General Nursing Council for Scotland.

It is a great satisfaction to us to know that Miss Lavinia Dock, our revered colleague residing on the other side of the Atlantic, is still interested in the problems that beset the Profession of Nursing in this island.

Her words of wisdom and clear vision never fail to inspire the friends she made in this country so many years ago, when the International Council of Nurses was in its infancy.

She was elected as the first Honorary Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, a post she filled with great ability for many years.

We salute and greet her!

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