

be necessary. She shall preserve all papers, letters and unpublished transactions of this Association. She may appoint an assistant secretary.

Sec. 5.—The treasurer shall collect, receive and have charge of all funds of this Association. She shall deposit such funds in a bank of good credit; shall make all her payments by cheque; and shall pay such bills only as shall have been approved by the president or the chairman of the Executive Committee. She shall submit her reports and accounts every year to the auditor, and shall report to the Executive Committee, whenever requested to do so, the financial standing of the Association.

III.—THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

Sec. 1.—The Judicial Council shall elect their own chairman. Three members of this Council shall retire annually in rotation. They shall investigate and determine all such questions of violation of the Code of Ethics, the Rules of this Association, or matters of dispute between members, as may be brought before them. They shall require all charges and complaints to be preferred formally in writing, and shall make such other rules for procedure as they shall deem expedient. Five shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2.—The Council shall make written report upon all matters received for adjudication at the next ensuing session of the Association. A two-thirds vote of those present at the Council shall be final.

IV.—STATE AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS.

There shall be one director in each State or Provincial Association, who shall preside over the work in her State or Province, and shall be a member of the Board of Control. She shall be a resident of the State or Province she represents.

V.—THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Sec. 1.—The Board of Control shall be composed of the president, the vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, and the State and Provincial directors, and shall manage the affairs of this Association.

Sec. 2.—The Board of Control shall choose from its own members an Executive Committee of at least five (5) members, who shall meet as often as shall be necessary, and shall transact all such business as may come before them. They shall report at the annual meetings.

Sec. 3.—The Executive Committee shall have the treasurer's accounts audited yearly by a professional auditor.

(To be continued.)

A Suggested Nursing Act.

WE have, for several months past, collected and published in these columns the various Bills suggested, or actually brought before Parliament, for Midwives or Obstetric Nurses. We are therefore pleased to publish the following draft Bill which has been drawn up by persons interested in the subject of legislation for nurses and desirous of affording a basis for future discussion of this subject. With all respect to the draughtsmen, the following Bill appears to us to require considerable improvement. But, in many ways, it is valuable, especially as the first concrete attempt to solve a difficult problem.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF TRAINED NURSES.

Whereas it is expedient that persons requiring Nursing aid should be able to distinguish qualified from unqualified Nurses; be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

I.—This Act may for all purposes be cited as "The Nursing Act."

II.—This Act shall commence and take effect from the first day of October, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

III.—A Council, which shall be styled "the General Council of Nursing Education and Registration of the United Kingdom," hereinafter referred to as the Nursing Council, shall be established.

IV.—The Nursing Council shall consist of the following members, that is to say:—

Two members nominated from time to time by Her Majesty with the advice of Her Privy Council. One person chosen from time to time by the General Medical Council. Two persons chosen from time to time by each of the following bodies: The British Medical Association; the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association; the Royal British Nurses' Association. One person chosen by the committee of management of each Hospital in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which

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