

It is submitted that the facts that the officials have gravely made such proposals and that these proposals were on November 19th accepted and agreed to by the present General Council of the Association without the least discussion, proves not only the attempt of the officials to obtain absolute and uncontrolled authority over the Association, but also, the effectual manner in which they have packed its present governing body with their friends and dependants, a proceeding against which a public protest has already been made.

3.—The Executive Committee shall meet at the Offices of the Corporation on the first Friday of each month, except in August and September. Special meetings of the Committee may be summoned by order of the President, or on the requisition of three Honorary Officers, to meet at such times and places, and to consider such matters, as may be deemed advisable.

4.—The Executive Committee shall initiate and draw up in detail, and refer to the General Council, such measures as may seem advisable from time to time, and shall carry into execution all measures of which the General Council shall approve. And, generally, it shall conduct the business and watch over the interests of the Corporation.

The omission of any Bye-Law binding the Executive to carry out the instructions of the General Council is significant, and will leave the Honorary Officers quite independent of any reference to, or any instructions from, the governing body of the Association. The fact is noteworthy, as one more proof of the intentions of the officials who have drawn up these Bye-Laws. Bye-Law XXII. proposes that vacancies in the General Council shall be filled up by that body. It has already been pointed out that the present power of *selection* of the Council is taken by these Bye-Laws from the members of the Corporation. Now it is proposed practically to make the Council self-elective. It is submitted that this, however, is distinctly contrary to the Charter, which ordains that the Annual Meeting shall elect the General Council.

2.—The regulations to be observed by Members shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the General Council.

XXI.—The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month, except in August and September. Special Meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Secretary, by order of the President, or on the requisition of three Honorary Officers. The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may appoint, and in default of appointment as the Honorary Officers may direct.

XXII.—A casual vacancy in the General Council or the Executive Committee, or a vacancy which shall not be filled up at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, shall be filled up by the General Council at their next Meeting.

XXIII.—It shall be lawful for the General Council from time to time to make and to rescind and alter Rules for regulating the Meetings, Elections, and procedure of the Corporation, and of any Home or Colonial Branch thereof, and for the government of the Members thereof, *provided* always that no such Rule shall be contrary to the provisions of the Charter or the Bye-laws. Until Rules regulating Meetings, Elections, and procedure shall have been made, the same shall be conducted in the same manner as heretofore.

XXIV.—An existing Rule shall not be rescinded or altered, and a new Rule shall not be made, except by a Resolution of the General Council, to be confirmed at the next Meeting of the General Council.

The only objection to these is their unnecessary verbosity.

XXV.—The General Council shall keep and annually revise a list of the Hospitals, Infirmarys, and other Institutions, which in the opinion of the General Council are for the time being of sufficient importance to entitle the Matron or Superintendent of the Nurses thereof for the time being to be an Ex-officio Member of the Council.

The first List shall include those Hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland to which recognized Medical Schools are attached, and which maintain the three years' system of training, and such other Hospitals, Infirmarys, and Institutions, containing two hundred or more beds, and maintaining the three years' system of training, as may be selected by the General Council.

This is an entirely new departure. It gives the officials the power to say which Hospitals may be represented by their Matrons on the General Council, and which Hospitals may be removed from that List. There is no restriction in either case. The largest Hospital may be eliminated from the List, or

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