

and from "institutions" as well as "an institution," omitting the description "poor law" of those recommended by the Local Government Boards of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

Clause 12.—The same qualifications to stand after the three years' term of grace, subject, of course, to "such terms as may be fixed by the Council."

Clause 20.—It is proposed to add that nurses may, when defending themselves for "misconduct imputed," be represented before the Council "by legal representation if he or she so desires."

Clause 21.—It is proposed that any registered nurse aggrieved by a decision of the Council removing his or her name from the register may appeal therefrom "according to his or her registered place of residence."

Clause 22.—It was moved to omit this clause, which gives power to the Council within four years from the commencement of the Act to obtain an Order in Council to authorise the formation of a register of "associate nurses" having a lower standard of training than that required in the case of "registered nurses."

Clauses 23 and 24.—It was moved to omit these clauses providing that the Act shall not extend to Ireland, until authorised by an Order in Council.

AT BELFAST.

On Friday, the 9th inst., a large and influential meeting of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association voted unanimously to support the Bill as amended by the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, empowered to act on behalf of the Society, which Committee has already presented to Lord Amphill explanatory notes on certain clauses in the amended Bill.

We are glad to note in the final amendments agreed to by the Irish Nurses' Association that the qualifications for registration have been revised, and the amendments first adopted have been dropped, which made it compulsory to hold "a certificate of two years' training from a general hospital, and a certificate of twelve months' training in addition, from a hospital or hospitals whether general or special." This might have worked fairly well in Ireland, where the majority of nurses receive a co-operative training, including experience in an infectious hospital, but would have placed in a very invidious position all the nurses in the rest of the United Kingdom who hold a three

years' certificate from a general hospital, where infectious and obstetric cases are not treated. As revised, the amendment is open to no objection. Let us hope that in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom.

We heartily congratulate Irish nurses in that they have conscientiously considered the Bill and its amendments, and do not doubt that a satisfactory solution will in the end be found to all our difficulties.

The Select Committee on Registration and the Government amendments to the Nurses' Bill, have clearly laid down that the Nursing Council shall be a limited body. We all want more than we are at all likely to receive; but it is not always quantity which makes for efficiency, but quality. If, therefore, we cannot get as many representatives as we should like, it behoves the nurses' societies to choose carefully the women they wish to represent them and their professional interests on the Central Nursing Council, and to see that they do it with courage and good faith.

Tuberculosis among the Indians.*

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In the olden time, when the Indian lived the altogether wild life, out of doors, winter and summer, and fed upon flesh only, he was said to be hearty and strong; as he becomes more civilised, he gets a house, a very poor one, with few windows and probably those two, not made to open, he has a stove, and as he is not properly clothed, he keeps a hot fire, as long as the wood lasts. He understands neither the importance of ventilation nor how it should be done. Indians huddle together, ever so many in one room, diseased and well. They are superstitious and afraid of the night, so they cover up their heads to shut out the darkness. Could there be any more favourable conditions for fostering lung diseases? They are just like children, having no judgment; they buy in the stores cheap candy, stale crackers and nuts, feeding upon such things at irregular times instead of having a wholesome meal; their ignorance and immorality must tend to weaken the body, but that was the same in the olden time. No, it comes to me they had not then borrowed the

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