

"Any person who within three years from the commencement of this Act claims to be registered thereunder shall be so registered provided such person . . . (1) holds a certificate of training for such period as may be prescribed by the rules framed under the provisions of the Act from a hospital or hospitals approved by the Council.

In moving this amendment, Lord Salisbury said that Parliament ought to be very careful about fixing the exact number of years in an Act. Moreover, he was informed that the Army and the Navy could train male nurses in two years, and, if this were the case, though he was not aware of any other training schools for male nurses, other institutions might be able to do the same, and, indeed, one very large hospital (the London Hospital) did certificate its nurses at the end of two years.

The amendment was accepted by Lord Amptill on the understanding that it did not pledge him in regard to subsequent amendments to be moved by Lord Salisbury in relation to the same Clause.

The Lord President said that the Government would accept the amendment.

Another amendment by Lord Salisbury that the words "approved by the Council" should be omitted and the words "named in such rules" inserted, was not accepted by Lord Amptill.

A further amendment by Lord Salisbury was accepted by the Government, by which Section 4 of this Clause now runs "produces evidence satisfactory to the Council of training prescribed by the rules framed under the provisions of this Act."

#### Clause 12.

The Lord President then moved that Clause 12 should be left out, and the following new Clause inserted:—

"At the expiration of the said term of three years any person who claims to be registered under this Act shall be entitled to be so registered, provided that such person produces evidence satisfactory to the Council that he or she has been trained in the wards of a hospital or of hospitals approved of by the Council, or in an institution or institutions which the Local Government Board recommend and certify to be wholly or partly maintained out of the rates, or has been trained as a nurse under regulations authorised by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the sick berth staff of the Royal Navy, or as a nurse authorised by the Army Council for soldiers of the Royal Army Medical Corps for such term as may be fixed by the Council, and has passed such examination as the Council may pre-

scribe, or produces a certificate of having passed an examination which the Council accepts in lieu therefore."

The Marquess of Salisbury had put down an amendment to this clause, but withdrew it as Viscount Hutchinson (Earl of Donoughmore) had put down for consideration a new Clause dealing with the same point.

#### New Clause.

Viscount Hutchinson then moved a new Clause, to be Clause 13, as follows:—

If the Council refuse to recognise any hospital or institution as an approved training school for nurses under this Act, the governing body of such hospital or institution, or any person aggrieved by such refusal, may make a representation to the Privy Council, and the decision of the Privy Council shall be binding on the Council.

This was accepted by the Government.

#### Clause 14.

In Section 2 of this Clause, which deals with the supplementary register of Asylum Trained Nurses, the Lord President moved the addition of the words "or who have qualified as mental attendants in the Royal Army Medical Corps." This Clause, therefore, now runs:

"There shall be a Nurses' Register comprising . . . (2) A supplementary register of asylum trained nurses, to be called the Mental Nurses' Register, containing the names of nurses who hold the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association, or its equivalent, granted under conditions approved of by the Council, or who have qualified as mental attendants in the Royal Army Medical Corps."

Lord Salisbury's amendments in relation to Clause 11 need cause nurses no anxiety. They are designed to give greater elasticity to the Clause, always a most desirable thing in an Act of Parliament.

The new Clause inserted on the motion of Viscount Hutchinson is, we understand, designed to provide against the possibility of the Council declining to recognise Training Schools connected with homœopathic hospitals, but such an apprehension need not be entertained, because nurses are not concerned with systems of medicine; their duty is to carry out the treatment prescribed. Good nursing is very highly valued by many homœopathic physicians and surgeons, and the training given to nurses in some homœopathic hospitals is very thorough.

The Bill, which has passed through all the stages, so far without a Division, has been put down by Lord Amptill for the Debate on the Third Reading for Tuesday, November 10th.

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