

## THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

A Meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses was held in the Council Chamber of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. T. W. H. Garstang, M.R.C.S., was in the Chair.

Reports were received from the Hon. Secretaries and the Executive Committee.

### NEW DELEGATES.

Upon the nomination of the Royal British Nurses' Association, Mrs. Shuter and Miss Isabel Macdonald were elected in the place of Mr. Comyns Berkeley and Miss Grace Gordon.

Upon the nomination of the National Union of Trained Nurses, Miss Farrant was elected in the place of Miss Carruthers.

### REPRESENTATION OF THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the request for representation of the Irish Nursing Board, approved by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, was agreed to.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

The following Amendments to the Bill were agreed to:—

1. To insert the word "Nursing," to read "General Nursing Council" throughout the Bill.

2. To substitute two for one representatives for Male Nurses and Mental Nurses on the General Nursing Council.

### DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNCIL

#### TO PROVIDE FOR RECIPROCAL CURRICULA.

The following new Clause was agreed to:—  
"Prescribing the conditions necessary to be fulfilled by any hospital desirous of having any portion of its training recognised *pro tanto* towards the three years' training required under the Act."

### NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The following new Clause was agreed to:—  
"The registered nurses entitled to be elected on the General Nursing Council must be duly nominated on a Form prescribed for the purpose. Each nomination paper must be signed by at least twelve registered nurses. Form of Nomination Paper:—We, the undersigned, being registered nurses resident in (England and Wales or Scotland or Ireland), hereby

nominate (name in full), of (address and qualification), a registered nurse, as a proper person to be elected to the General Nursing Council by the registered nurses resident in (England and Wales or Scotland or Ireland)."

### RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were approved:—

#### AN INDEPENDENT COUNCIL.

1. "That in the opinion of this Committee the Registration of Trained Nurses should be carried out by an independent Nursing Council, constituted by Act of Parliament, entirely dissociated from any one Organization of Nurses, such as the College of Nursing, Ltd."

#### THE REGISTRATION OF SPECIALISTS.

2. "That this Committee desires to protest against the Clause recently inserted in the Nurses' Registration Bill drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which provides for the Registration of Specialists, other than male and mental nurses.

"In the opinion of this Committee the compiling of such Supplementary Registers is injurious to the best interests of the nursing profession, and the public, and is calculated to undermine the value of a Three Years' General Training, a One Portal Examination for the Nursing Profession, and the efficient standard of a General Register of Trained Nurses."

#### LETTER FROM MAJOR CHAPPLE, M.P.

A letter from Major Chapple, M.P., concerning the re-drafted Bill of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was read, and it was agreed to refer it to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, *Hon. Nurse Sec.*

E. W. GOODALL, *Hon. Medical Sec.*

## THE CONSECRATION OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

The Address of the President, Miss Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., to the American Nurses' Association, delivered recently at Cleveland, Ohio, might well be reprinted in leaflet form and scattered broadcast throughout the nursing world. The theme is the consecration of the nursing profession, in the most momentous period in the history of the world, to the service of humanity. It is an inspiring trumpet call.

"Never," says Miss Goodrich, "in our history have we been so under fire, never perhaps again will there be such a period of testing. With all the strength we have, with all the undreamed-of strength we can summon, through every avenue of service we can find, we should seek to raise the standard of nursing immeasurably above the service rendered in all previous wars, that, after this ghastly struggle is over, freed, through a record of high service, our profession may contribute in fullest measure to the restoration of this crippled, scarred humanity."

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