

- (d) Two Matrons of General Hospitals in London with Medical Schools attached, who shall be elected by the Matrons of General and Special Metropolitan Hospitals containing not less than 100 beds.
- (e) Two Matrons of Provincial or Welsh General Hospitals, who shall be elected by the Matrons of the County Hospitals or General and Special Hospitals containing not less than 100 beds, in the Provinces and in Wales.
- (f) One Matron of a Scotch General Hospital, who shall be elected by the Matrons of the County Hospitals or General and Special Hospitals containing not less than 100 beds, in Scotland.
- (g) One Matron of an Irish General Hospital who shall be elected by the Matrons of the County Hospitals or General and Special Hospitals containing not less than 100 beds, in Ireland.
- (h) Two Matrons of Poor Law Infirmaries, containing not less than 200 beds, one for the Metropolitan Infirmaries, and one for the Provincial Infirmaries, who shall be elected by the Matrons of such Infirmaries respectively.
- (i) Six Nurses who shall be elected by the Registered Nurses resident in England and Wales.
- (j) Two Nurses who shall be elected by the Registered Nurses resident in Scotland, and
- (k) Two Nurses who shall be elected by the Registered Nurses resident in Ireland.
- (l) One Nurse to represent Naval and Military Nurses, and who shall be appointed in turn, each five years, by the First Lord of the Admiralty or by the Secretary of State for War.
- (m) One Nurse to be appointed by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.
- (n) One Nurse to be appointed by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.
- (o) One Nurse to be appointed by the Royal British Nurses' Association.
- (p) One person, who must be either a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Nurse, to be appointed by the Asylum Workers' Association.
- (q) A President, to be elected by the General Nursing Council, when completely constituted under this Section, and who shall be an appointed or elected member of the Council.

Every Nurse appointed or elected as aforesaid shall be eligible to be, and shall in due course be, registered under the provisions of this Act.

#### ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HOSPITAL AND INFIRMARY MATRONS.

6. The representatives of Hospital and Infirmary Matrons shall be elected in such manner as the Council at its first meeting shall determine.

#### ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES.

7. The "Direct Representatives" shall be elected in the first instance by the votes of such nurses as have been registered under the provisions of this Act before the first day of March, 1905, and thereafter by the whole body of registered nurses in such manner as the Council, with the approval of His Majesty's Privy Council, shall from time to time determine.

8. The members of the Council shall each be elected or appointed for a term of five years, and shall be capable of re-election or reappointment, and any member may at any time resign his or her office by letter addressed to the President of the Council, and upon the death or resignation of any member of the Council, some other person shall be constituted a member of the Council in his or her place in manner hereinbefore provided; but shall vacate office at the time the member whose place he or she has taken would have vacated office; but it shall be lawful for the Council during such vacancy to exercise the powers by this Act conferred upon the Council.

9. Within one month from the commencement of this Act the Lord President of the Privy Council shall take such steps as he may deem advisable to obtain the appointment of members of the Council as specified in Section 5, Sub-section (a), (b), (c), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p).

10. The appointed members of the Council shall hold their first meeting within two months from the commencement of this Act, in such place and at such time as the Lord President of the Privy Council shall appoint, and shall make such arrangements as to Section 6 as to them shall seem expedient.

11. In the absence of any rule or regulation as to the summoning of a meeting of the Council, or in any case of urgency, it shall be lawful for the President to summon a meeting at such time and place as shall seem expedient by letter addressed to each member; and at every meeting, in the absence of the President, some other member to be chosen from the members present shall act as President; and all acts of the Council shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present at any meeting, the whole number present not being less than 15; and at all such meetings the President for the time being shall, in addition to one vote as a member of the Council, have a casting vote, in case of an equality of votes. The Council may appoint an Executive Committee of their own body, of which the quorum shall not be less than six, and may delegate to such Committee any of the powers and duties vested in the Council.

#### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS.

12. The Council shall appoint one of their number as Treasurer, and shall also appoint a Registrar, who shall act as Secretary of the Council; and shall also appoint such clerks and servants as may be necessary; and every person so appointed shall be removable at the pleasure of the Council and shall be paid such salary as the Council shall from time to time determine.

13. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to keep a correct Register of Trained Nurses, to be called "The Nursing Register," in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the Orders and Regulations of the Council, and to erase the names of all registered persons who shall have died, and from time to time to make the necessary alterations in the addresses or qualifications of the persons registered under this Act.

#### DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

14. The duties and powers of the Council shall be as follows:—

1. To frame rules—(a) regulating their own proceedings; (b) regulating the issue of certificates and the conditions of admission to the Register of Trained Nurses; (c) regulating the course of training and the conduct of examinations, and the remuneration of the examiners; (d) regulating the admission to the Register of persons already in practice as trained nurses at the commencement of this Act; (e) regulating, supervising, and restricting within due limits the practice of registered nurses; (f) defining the particulars required to be given in any notice under this Act.

2. To appoint examiners.

3. To decide upon the places where, and the times when, examinations shall be held.

4. To issue and cancel certificates.

5. To publish annually a Register of Trained Nurses containing the names, addresses, and qualifications of nurses who have been duly certified under this Act.

6. To decide upon the suspension or removal from the Register of the name of any trained nurse for any breach of the rules and regulations from time to time laid down under this Act by the Council, or for conduct disgraceful in a professional respect, and also to decide upon the restoration to the Register of the name of any trained nurse so suspended or removed.

And generally to do any other act necessary for the due and proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

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