

has 100 beds or more. One person, chosen by the committee of management of each Lying-in Hospital in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, containing 25 beds or more. Ten Nurses elected from time to time by the registered Nurses resident in England; two Nurses elected from time to time by the registered Nurses resident in Scotland; two Nurses elected from time to time by the registered Nurses resident in Ireland.

V.—The members of the Nursing Council must be registered under this Act, or must be registered medical practitioners.

VI.—The members of the Nursing Council representing the Registered Nurses resident in the several parts of the United Kingdom shall be known as the "Direct Representatives."

VII.—The members of the Nursing Council shall be chosen and nominated for a term not exceeding five years, and shall be capable of re-appointment; and any member may at any time resign his or her appointment by letter addressed to the President of the said Council, and upon the death or resignation of any member of the said Council some other persons shall be constituted a member in the said Council in his or her place in manner hereinafter provided; but it shall be lawful for the Council, during such vacancy, to exercise the powers hereinafter mentioned.

VIII.—The President of the Nursing Council, or any other person whom the Council may from time to time appoint, shall be the returning officer for the purpose of election of the members of the said Council. And on the occurrence of any vacancy on the Council as before mentioned, it shall be his duty to take the necessary steps for the vacancy to be filled. The mode of election of the Direct Representatives shall be the same as that provided in the Medical Act, 1886, for the election of the Direct Medical Representatives.

IX.—The Nursing Council from time to time, on the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President of the said Council, shall elect one of their number to be President for a term not exceeding five years, and not extending beyond the expiration of the term for which he has been made a member of the said Council.

X.—The Nursing Council shall hold their first meeting within three months from the commencement of this Act, at such place and at such time as one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State shall appoint, and shall make such rules and regulations as to the times and places of the meetings of the said Council, and the mode of summoning the same, as to them shall seem expedient; which rules and regulations shall remain in force until altered at any subsequent meeting. And, in the

absence of any rule or regulation as to the summoning a meeting of the said Council, it shall be lawful for the President to summon a meeting at such time and place as to him 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 said Council shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present at any meeting, the whole number present being not less than twenty, and at all such meetings the President for the time being shall, in addition to his vote as a member of the Council, have a casting vote in case of equality of votes.

XI.—It shall be the duty of the Nursing Council to consider and decide upon the regulations under which applicants for registration should be registered, and to decide the curriculum of education through which every Nurse must pass before she can be eligible for registration. The Council shall meet once in each year, at least, in order to receive from the Executive Committee a report of the proceedings of the preceding twelve months, together with a properly audited statement of accounts, and to do such other business as from time to time may be necessary or advisable.

XII.—The Nursing Council shall, at its first meeting and each five years thereafter, appoint an Executive Committee out of its own body, which shall be composed as follows:—The President; the two members nominated by Her Majesty's Privy Council; the seven members chosen by the Medical and Nursing bodies; the fourteen members chosen as Direct Representatives; the members nominated by the Committees of Management of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Guy's Hospital, St. Thomas' Hospital, and the London Hospital, all being in London; the Royal Infirmarys of Liverpool and of Manchester; the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh; the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow; and the Richmond Government Hospital of Dublin; and seven members, chosen by ballot, by the remaining representatives of Hospitals upon the Nursing Council, of whom two shall be representatives of the Lying-in Hospitals.

XIII.—The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may from time to time seem advisable, shall, subject to the powers herein vested in the Nursing Council, have the sole and entire management of the details of Registration and of the income and property of the Council, and shall administer the same for the uses, purposes, and benefits thereof. It shall appoint a Registrar and such other paid officers and servants, and pay them such salaries and remunerations as it may deem necessary or useful, and may remove them if

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