

Royal British Nurses' Association.

THE NEW BYE-LAWS.

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EXISTING BYE-LAWS.

SECTION D.

Bye-Laws of the Corporation.

1.—No new Bye-Laws shall be added, and no standing Bye-Law shall be altered or rescinded at a General Meeting, unless such addition or alteration be formally proposed and seconded by the Members of the Corporation at the said Meeting, nor unless notice shall have been given in writing to the Secretary, of the full text of the proposed resolution in accordance with the terms of clause 3, section C.

It is proposed by the officials that this important Bye-Law should be rescinded, and that no similar safeguard should be enacted. It is to be hoped that this omission may not be sanctioned by the Lords of the Privy Council.

SECTION E.

The General Council.

1.—The General Council shall consist of the President, the Honorary Officers, 100 Medical Men, 100 past or present Matrons and 100 Sisters or Nurses.

2.—It shall frame such regulations for its procedure as shall from time to time seem desirable.

PROPOSED NEW BYE-LAWS.

XV.—The General Council shall consist of Ex-officio Members and Elected Members.

The Ex-officio Members shall be :—

The President.
The Vice-Presidents.
The Honorary Officers.
The President of the Royal College of Physicians of London.
The President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
The President of the British Medical Association.
The heads of the Navy and Army Nursing Departments.
The Senior Lady Superintendent of the Indian Army Nursing Service.
The Matron or Superintendent of Nurses of each of the Hospitals or other Institutions which for the time being shall be on the List to be kept pursuant to Bye-Law XXV.

The Elected Members shall be ninety in number, of whom thirty shall be elected from past Matrons or Superintendents of Nurses of the Hospitals or Institutions which for the time being shall be on the List to be kept pursuant to Bye-Law XXV., and, from the present or past Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses of any other recognized Hospital or Institution in the British Empire; thirty shall be Sisters and Nurses; and thirty shall be duly qualified Medical Practitioners as defined by the Medical Acts.

XVI.—A person shall not be qualified for election as a Member of the General Council who is not a Member of the Corporation. An Ex-officio Member of the General Council shall not be entitled to act as such until he or she shall have become a Member of the Corporation, and shall have signified in writing acceptance of the office.

This Bye-Law, of course, entirely changes the whole constitution of the governing body of the Association, which has worked easily and well since the foundation of the Association. As already pointed out, the Vice-Presidents have no *locus standi* under the Charter unless they are Honorary Officers, and should, therefore, be omitted in the above list as separate officers. The grave objections to empowering the Council to admit and exclude whom they please from the list referred to, are pointed out under the proposed new Bye-Law XXV. It is sufficient to submit here that the so-called *ex-officio*

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