

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 fifteen; 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.

No rules made under this section shall have effect until the same have been approved by His Majesty's Privy Council.

PROVISION FOR EXISTING NURSES.

15. Any person who, within two years from the commencement of this Act, claims to be certified thereunder shall be so certified provided such person is at least twenty-one years of age, and (1) holds a three years' certificate of training from a hospital approved by the Council, and is of good character, or (2) produces evidence of training satisfactory to the Council, and has been for at least three years in *bond-fide* practice as a nurse, and is of good character. At the expiration of the said term of two years, any nurse claiming to be certified under this Act shall have completed a three years' term of training in hospital wards approved of by the Council, and shall verify his or her qualifications for being so certified by such means as the Council may prescribe.

FEES AND EXPENSES.

16. There shall be payable by every candidate for examination or registration such fee as the Council may, with the approval of His Majesty's Privy Council, from time to time determine, such fee not to exceed the sum of two guineas. All fees, fines, and penalties paid or recovered under this Act shall be paid to the treasurer of the Council, and shall be devoted to the payment of expenses connected with the examination of candidates, and to the general expenses of the Council, and of carrying this Act into execution. The Council shall, as soon as practicable after the thirty-first day of December in each year, publish a statement made up to that date, audited and certified as correct by an accountant, who shall be a member either of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or of the Incorporated Society of Accountants, and showing the receipts and expenditure during the year and also the assets and the liabilities of the Council at the aforesaid date.

17. There shall be paid to the members of the Council such fees for attendance and such reasonable travelling expenses as shall from time to time be allowed by the Council.

18. From and after the commencement of this Act, any person who attempts to personate any nurse certified under this Act, or who, not being certified thereunder, takes or uses the name or title of Registered Nurse (either alone or in combination with any other word or words, or letters), or any name, title, addition, or description implying that

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