

and political movements), and the Women's Industrial Council.

5. Because the public have no power of distinguishing between nurses who have received a thorough three years' training in well organised hospitals, and those of a few month's experience in institutions not equipped for training.

6. Because certain classes of the community have no means of protection from women of dubious character, or even from women, convicted of crime, working in private houses as trained nurses.

7. Because in South Africa, in New Zealand, in Germany, in Belgium, and in sixteen of the United States of America, where registration of nurses is already in force, it has been proved of advantage to medical men and the public, as well as to the nursing profession, to have a recognised standard of proficiency for trained nurses.

8. Because it is not proposed that unregistered women should be prohibited from nursing, but only that they would be forbidden to lay claim to qualifications which they do not possess.

CRITICISMS ON THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

During the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill through the House of Lords last Session, the Government, through the Privy Council, suggested several amendments, which were accepted by Lord Amptill, acting for the promoters of the Bill.

No amendments will, therefore, be proposed by the Society for State Registration before it is introduced into the House of Commons, but all such amendments as are desired by various sections of nurses should be made during debate or in Committee, in the House of Commons. The chief point at issue between the Government and the majority of those who criticise the Bill, is not upon the principle of registration, but upon the constitution of "the General Council for the Registration of Nurses in the United Kingdom." The Government approve a Body of sixteen persons, sections of nurses and medical men approve a larger Council.

Irish and Scottish Nurses, the Asylum Workers' Association, Male Nurses, Fever Nurses, the Jubilee Nurses' Council, the Scottish Local Government Board, all wish for more direct representation on the Registration Council, and although in some instances the State Society sympathises with the demand, it cannot take the initiative. That must now be done by the various sections themselves.

THE BILL.

The Committee went over the Bill clause by clause, and annotated the measure for the convenience of its Parliamentary advisers on several important points.

A GUARANTEE FUND.

In response to the request of the Hon. Secretary for a Guarantee Fund, an immediate response was made by those present, and £28 was guaranteed in the room.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where trained.
2621	Miss L. A. Castleman, cert.,	St. Olave's Inf., S.E., I.C.C.
2622	Miss A. Rhind, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2623	Miss E. L. Carroll, cert.,	Dr. Steevens' Hosp., Dublin.
2624	Sister Marion (Community Holy Rood),	cert., North Ormesby Hosp.
2625	Miss C. Battye, cert.,	Fir Vale Inf., Sheffield.
2626	Miss M. L. Webb, cert.,	Richmond Hosp., Dublin; <i>Matron</i> , Sanatorium, Middlesbro'.
2627	Miss N. Keyworth, cert.,	Ecclesall Inf
2628	Miss J. E. Burr, cert.,	London Homœopathic Hosp.
2629	Miss L. C. Schoales, cert.,	Adelaide Hosp. Dublin.
2630	Miss K. E. Gregory, cert.,	Wandsworth Inf.
2631	Miss Agnes L. Eldred, cert.,	Royal Hosp. for Sick Children, Glasgow, and Royal Inf., Dundee, Q.N.
2632	Miss E. F. Beck, cert.,	Royal Inf., Dundee, Q.N.
2633	Miss M. M. Stoddart, cert.,	Royal Hosp. for Sick Children, Glasgow, Royal Inf., Dundee, Q.N.
2634	Miss M. de Guérin, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp., E.C.
2635	Miss K. Moore, cert.,	London Homœopathic Hosp.; <i>Superintendent</i> , Anatolia College Hosp., Marsovan.
2636	Miss J. M. Cooper, cert.,	Chorlton Union Inf.
2637	Miss C. Terry, cert.,	Evelina Hosp., and King's College Hosp.
2638	Miss K. E. Gabb, cert.,	Royal South Hants Hosp.
2639	Miss M. Bartlett, cert.,	West Kent Hosp., Maidstone.
2640	Mrs. J. Barron, cert.,	Edinburgh Royal Inf.
2641	Miss E. Stevenson, cert.,	Women and Children's Hosp., Cork.
2642	Miss M. Stevenson, cert.,	City of Dublin Hosp., and Mercer's Hosp., Dublin.
2643	Miss A. M. Gordon, cert.,	Royal Inf., Glasgow.
2644	Miss M. S. Essex, cert.,	Guy's Hosp.
2645	Miss E. I. Lloyd, cert.,	Bethnal Green Inf., N.E.
2646	Miss G. Hardy, cert.,	Dr. Steevens' Hosp., Dublin, Q.N.
2647	Miss C. Bisley, cert.,	Royal Hospital for Women and Children, S.E., and Borough Hosp., Birkenhead.
2648	Miss L. Gaywood, cert.,	St. Olave's Inf., S.E., I.C.C.
2649	Miss M. Farrant, cert.,	Croydon Inf., I.C.C.

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