

"your promise." He believed if that were done with the influence and prestige Mr. Stanley had in the House of Commons, and with a Coalition Government in power, the Nurses' Registration Bill would be put through as a war measure, just as the Midwives' Bill for Scotland was put through as a war measure.

Major Chapple earnestly appealed to the promoters of the College to support the Nurses' Registration Bill on those lines, and said he would be glad in the first place to know the attitude of Mr. Stanley and his supporters to his proposal.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON asked if the Chairman would now put the motion which he had moved, and which had been seconded and supported.

THE CHAIRMAN said it would not be a question of a formal resolution. He did not think there was any question of putting it at any time.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON reiterated that his resolution had been seconded and supported and that if that formal resolution were carried they could then decide how to proceed.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP (Poor Law Officers' Association) suggested it would contribute largely to the feeling of comfort and stability in the nursing profession if the Chairman, as the leader of this new movement, would state his own views.

MR. STANLEY said that he regarded the question of State Registration, or State Recognition, as settled beyond any doubt. He took it that the definite agreement arrived at by all was that they had to proceed at the earliest possible moment with such form of State Recognition or State Registration as seemed desirable.

Where Major Chapple differed from him and those who thought with him was upon a question of procedure. Major Chapple wished them to go to Parliament and get State Registration, and incidentally power to found the College. His whole point, on the contrary, was that they would be wrong to go to Parliament for sanction to do a thing they could perfectly well do themselves. It was not necessary to ask leave from Parliament to set up a College of Nursing. It might be necessary, he thought it would be, when the machinery was set up, and the Register made, and they knew in just what form they wanted recognition, to go to Parliament then. He thought it would be. Parliament would then know what they were asking for, and they would get rid, at one stroke, of the most controversial matter in the Bill, which would have to be discussed there. If, however, they went forward as an organized body, with a Register approved by the Council of the College, he thought there would be no difficulty in getting that through. He thought the first duty of the College of Nursing would be to appoint a small and carefully chosen committee to at once proceed with a Bill, and, he hoped, to meet Major Chapple and his advisers, and see if they could not get agreement. He thought they could get a Bill of that kind passed as a war measure.

On a previous occasion he had defined the four cardinal principles on which he thought the College should be founded:—(1) State Recognition. That was agreed. (He said "recognition" because he thought it a bigger term than registration); (2) self-government (that was not one of Dr. McGregor Robertson's fundamentals, but it was a principle he had laid down in regard to the College); (3) a uniform curriculum; (4) the single-portal system. Three of those were on Dr. McGregor Robertson's list. On the question of three years' training he did not feel qualified to speak. He felt very strongly that this question of exactly who should be admitted to membership of the College formed the very first, or one of the first, to be settled by the big Consultative Board to be set up. Major Chapple had said that those promoting the Bill were willing to strike out the Clause dealing with three years' training and leave that for future consideration by the Council; that he entirely accepted. With the modification suggested by Major Chapple about the three years' training, he was prepared on behalf of those acting with him to accept the four fundamentals laid down, and, he must add, that this College had to be self governed. That was about all, and he thought they had arrived as near agreement as they could get.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON asked if his Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

THE CHAIRMAN said he did not mind putting it to the vote.

SIR HENRY BURDETT pointed out that the resolution contained the proviso for three years' training.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON said it affirmed it as a principle, but it was not necessary to embody that principle in the Bill. That could be left to the Council appointed.

MAJOR CHAPPLE agreed.

SIR HENRY BURDETT said he was in favour of the three years under these circumstances. He welcomed this proposed combination for one object, and hoped it would succeed. The proper thing was to trust one another. He did not see how the Council could get away from the three years, but it was better to give it the liberty of considering the whole thing on its merits.

MR. MORRIS (Secretary of the London Hospital), said he thought the wording of the resolution should be carefully done. As there were representatives of the London Hospital there, and Lord Knutsford was not there, he must say that if they expected all present to agree to these cardinal points that, frankly, they did not. Some of the gentlemen present did not agree with three years' training; the London Hospital did not agree with State Registration at all.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP did not wish to tie the College to a period of training.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON thought the lady was confusing the College with the Bill.

PROFESSOR GLAISTER said the question would settle itself. The Council of the College, appointed

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