

by the nurses, would say whether they wanted three, four, or five years.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK differed from that view. The nurses had absolutely no power as to the period of training. That was in the hands of the hospital committees and they demanded three or four years. The nurses had no power whatever.

MR. STANLEY here said he thought it would be best to have two resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) "That this meeting affirms as a basis of any agreement the necessity of State Registration, a uniform curriculum, and a one-portal examination."

Another, if they wished to press it, would be:—

"That this meeting recommends to the Council of the College of Nursing that a three years' training is necessary before a nurse's name can be put upon the Register."

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON suggested eliminating (3) and making 4 (3) to read "a one-portal examination," and after some discussion as to including the term of three years, to which the Chairman would not agree, the sentence was concluded "after a course of training laid down by the Council."

MAJOR CHAPPLE suggested that it could not be referred to the Council of the College. The meeting were affirming general principles, and not committing themselves to the College of Nursing. If the meeting decided that it would not go on with State Registration, or come in to an amalgamated Bill, then the promoters of the Bill would have to consider their future course. The question was how far was the Nursing College going to confuse the Nursing Profession? The attitude of himself and his friends to the College might be one of support, or of complete indifference, or of uncompromising hostility. They had to decide whether it was going to imperil State Registration, and if they came to the conclusion that it was going to torpedo, or imperil, that principle in any way then it was their duty to assume a position of uncompromising hostility to the scheme. Therefore they could not consent to any Resolution agreeing to submit the matter to the College of Nursing.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON said he would prefer the recommendation to be "that this meeting considers three years desirable."

SIR HENRY BURDETT invited the Scotchmen present to keep their countryman in order. They would not get that three years passed at the meeting. He had Mr. Stanley's assurance. What more did he want?

The Chairman then put the Resolution to the vote in the following form:—

"That this meeting affirms as the basis of any agreement the necessity of (1) State Registration; (2) Uniform curriculum; (3) A one-portal examination after such period of training as may be found desirable."

This was carried with two dissentients. It was supported by the legal registrationists present,

Mr. Morris and Miss Monk, of the London Hospital, voted against it, and a large number of Mr. Stanley's advisers did not vote at all.

MR. STANLEY welcomed the declaration of the Royal British Nurses' Association in support of the College, and Professor Glaister made a similar one on behalf of the Association for the Promotion of State Registration of Nurses in Scotland.

PROPOSAL BY MAJOR CHAPPLE.

MAJOR CHAPPLE then moved:—

"That a Committee be formed to draw up a Bill for presentation to Parliament embodying State Registration and the establishment of a Nursing College."

This was seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

MR. STANLEY said that must be postponed, so far as the promoters of the College were concerned, until after the formation of the College of Nursing. When the Council was appointed he was quite willing to accept a Resolution that they be asked as one of their first duties to proceed with a Bill. The College of Nursing being formed to do these things, it would be quite unreasonable, just when it was on the point of being founded, to appoint a Committee, which would have nothing to do with it, for the purpose.

He then said that the Council of the College must not be less than fifteen or more than thirty in number. Seventeen members had been nominated, and that would leave thirteen places to be filled up—by the Council itself. The names of those who had agreed to serve were Miss Gill (Edinburgh Royal), Miss Haughton (Guy's), Miss Lloyd Still (St. Thomas's), Miss McIntosh (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Montgomery (Middlesex), Miss Mowatt (Whitechapel Infirmary), Miss Paget (Direct Representative C.M.B.), Miss Sparshott (Manchester Royal Infirmary), Miss Swift (Matron-in-Chief Joint War Committee), Miss Vincent (Leicester Royal Infirmary), Miss Seymour-Yapp (Poor Law Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne).

Then it was laid down that two-thirds of the nominated Council were to be Matrons or nurses in active practice. That left five other representatives. Those who had consented to act were Dr. Jane Walker, Mr. Comyns Berkeley, Sir Cooper Perry, Dr. Turney, and he was afraid he must say himself. With the others already mentioned they would form the first Council of the College.

In reply to an enquiry as to who had nominated the Council, Mr. Stanley said he had.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said she was under the impression that the Conference had met to discuss jointly the Nurses' Registration Bill, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College, in order to see if in any way they could agree on a Bill which would please both sides. Was not that the procedure?

The CHAIRMAN said that he thought by the general wish the procedure had taken the form of the affirmation of certain general principles.

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