

On those they were agreed, and on those they would proceed to act.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said she did not think it was the wish of the meeting to go back upon the arrangement to consider an agreed Bill. The Chairman had promised at the last meeting that that should be done. It was agreed that Major Chapple and Sir Charles Russell should consult their Parliamentary draughtsmen, and when they had consulted together and agreed on alterations and interpolations with regard to the two documents, that they would be considered at this Conference. This had been done. Were they to understand that these suggestions would not be considered? That was all that they wanted to know.

The CHAIRMAN thought it was probably the wish of the meeting that they should not be considered then. As long as they were agreed on certain principles the details would be very much better thrashed out by a small committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said then the Chairman did not intend to carry out her proposition made at the last meeting, to which he had agreed. He was not going to carry out what practically was promised to the representatives of the Central Committee for State Registration at the last meeting. She supposed they must take his reply as a direct negative.

MR. COMYNS BERKELEY did not understand that was promised. He understood that their legal representatives should meet Dr. Chapple and discuss matters, so that when the College was founded, and the Bill was being prepared, they would have some point of agreement.

MISS HEATHER-BIGG said she thought Mr. Comyns Berkeley had misunderstood. She was present at the last meeting, and she understood that Mr. Stanley promised to have a meeting in three weeks' time and go clause by clause through the suggestions made in regard to the Bill. They were there to do that that day, and if they failed to do so they failed to keep their word to the nurses.

PROFESSOR GLAISTER understood that the two schemes were to be considered privately, and resolutions brought forward in regard to them.

THE CHAIRMAN said he entirely agreed. On the face of it, it was absurd to suggest that a meeting of fifty people could discuss the Bill and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College clause by clause.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK reminded the Chairman that he had specially said the meeting must be small. For that reason, he had asked that one member instead of two, as on the former occasion, should be sent by each of the constituent societies of the Central Committee. Of course, a meeting of so many persons could not possibly discuss the Bill, but the Central Committee had asked for a Conference on the Bill, and this had been granted, with the proviso that one delegate should be sent from each society.

DR. CHAPPLE said that, at the last meeting, he had asked Mr. Stanley not to proceed for three weeks, in order that the incorporation of the Bill and the College might be considered. Mr. Stanley

had been appealed to and had resisted the appeal for some time. Ultimately, it had been agreed that he should approach Sir Charles Russell and that they should exchange the Bill and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College. In the meantime, Mr. Stanley undertook not to proceed with the College. Why had he asked for this? Why had Mr. Stanley resisted his request but because he was reluctant to defer proceeding with the College until the present Conference could discuss the suggestions of their Parliamentary draughtsmen? Ultimately Mr. Stanley had agreed to his proposition.

MR. STANLEY said he had waited for three weeks, and that now they would proceed with the formation of the College.

DR. CHAPPLE wished to know if the chairman ruled his Resolution out of order. The resolution was:—

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

He asked if the Resolution were out of order, and if Mr. Stanley refused to accept it?

MR. STANLEY replied “Yes,” he thought it was entirely out of order. It was not for the meeting to appoint a Committee; he should certainly not accept the Resolution. The essential thing was to form the College and then to proceed with the Bill.

DR. GOODALL stated he was instructed to say that the British Medical Association, one of the parties concerned in drawing up the present Bill, could not be satisfied with any scheme which did not recognise the right of the medical profession, through that Association, to some part in the machinery dealing with the registration of nurses. The medical profession ultimately saw the result of the training schools. In the Midwives Act recently passed in Scotland that right had been recognised. He respectfully drew attention to this point.

MR. STANLEY replied “certainly” he would put the point before the Council at once.

MISS CANCELLOR said the National Union of Trained Nurses would like to know what steps had been taken to find out the opinion of the medical profession as a whole on the Nursing College Scheme.

DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON said the logical conclusion of the Resolution which had been adopted was to accept Major Chapple's proposition. The principle of registration had been accepted by those present, therefore no one would oppose it if a Bill were introduced, or the opposition would be so small that it would be marked off as a factious opposition. He believed that the Bill might be passed as a war measure. Every conceivable effort had been made by the Central Committee to sacrifice minor details to secure agreement, but only legal registration would meet the needs of the nurses. The Bill constituted their Charter of liberties, and they had shown that they recognised it by joining the Society

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