

DIRECTORS AND FIRST MEMBERS.

The Directors and first members are: The Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P.; Miss Haughton (Guy's), Miss Lloyd Still (St. Thomas'), Miss McIntosh (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Montgomery (Middlesex), Miss Mowat (Whitechapel Infirmary), Miss Rosalind Paget (Midwives' Institute), Miss Ray (King's College Hospital), Miss Sparshott (Royal Infirmary, Manchester), Miss Swift (Joint War Committee), Miss Vincent (Royal Infirmary, Leicester), Miss Seymour-Yapp (Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary), Mr. Comyns, Berkeley, M.C. Cantab (Middlesex Hospital), Sir E. Cooper Perry (Guy's Hospital), Dr. H. G. Turney (Chairman Nurses' Co-operation), and Dr. Jane Walker.

It will be remembered that the first intention of the promoters of the College was to apply to the Board of Trade for leave to become incorporated without the word "Limited." This intention has now been abandoned. No such application has been made; and the College has been registered with the Joint Stock Registry at Somerset House, as a Limited Liability Company—a bad beginning, because it indicates that the promoters were aware that so strong an opposition would have to be met before the Board of Trade, that, presumably, they dare not face it, otherwise they would not have taken the unusual step, for an institution of this kind, of registering as a Limited Liability Company.

THE COUNCIL.

At the first meeting of the Nursing College, held on Saturday, April 1st, the following officers were appointed:—

Chairman, The Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P.; Secretary (temporary), Sir E. Cooper Perry; The Council, Misses Lloyd Still, Haughton, McIntosh, Swift, Ray, Amy Hughes, Cox-Davies, Barton, Mowat, Baillie, Vincent, Musson, Sparshott, Seymour-Yapp, Gill, Melrose, Mr. Comyns Berkeley, Dr. Turney, Professor Glaister and Miss Jane Walker.

REGISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Misses Lloyd Still, Haughton, McIntosh, Cox-Davies, Hughes, Sir E. Cooper Perry and Dr. Turney. These bodies are not quite complete.

THE ANTI-REGISTRATION MANIFESTO.

It is noteworthy that the names of quite a number of this Council, who are now pledged to State Registration, are still on Lord Knutsford's Anti-Registration Manifesto, which states that "any system of State Registration would be detrimental to the public and harmful to the best nurses themselves." Manifestly, the first thing for these ladies now is to withdraw their names from that document, if they wish to be taken seriously by the promoters of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

The Hon. Arthur Stanley is issuing invitations to a meeting at St. Thomas's Hospital on Friday, April 7th. Presumably this is the meeting which will form the Consultative Board.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The following Resolution was forwarded to the President of the Board of Trade, on March 30th:
To the President of the Board of Trade.

Sir,—We, the Executive Committee of the N.U.T.N., respectfully beg that an enquiry be instituted regarding the Articles and Memoranda of Association of the College of Nursing, as in our opinion, it is against the best interests of the nursing profession that the scheme in its entirety and with its present Articles of Association be permitted to proceed.

We base our protest on the following points:

1. That at this time thousands of Matrons, Sisters and Nurses are absent from England, or are so occupied by their professional duties, that they are unable either to study the scheme, or to hold conferences or meetings to discuss the subject.

2. That no full or complete account or description of the scheme appears to have been circulated in the medical press and that no special steps have been taken to consult the medical profession as a whole on the matter.

3. That, until the scheme was practically formed, no notice was sent to any of the societies representing the nursing profession, though a considerable number of persons connected with the profession had been privately consulted and informal meetings held.

4. That the "Articles and Memoranda of the proposed College" were only sent to the societies a few days before the Conference on March 24th, and that no opportunity was given at the meeting or at any other time for criticising or discussing them.

We would, therefore, most humbly beg that the said Articles and Memoranda of Association of the College of Nursing be submitted for consideration to a competent body of professional experts, with full representation from:—

The General Medical Council,
The British Medical Association,
and to organised societies of trained nurses, such as the following:—

National Council of Trained Nurses,
Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland,
National Union of Trained Nurses,
Royal British Nurses' Association,
School Nurses' Association,
The Fever Nurses' Association,
Scottish Nurses' Association,
Scottish Society of Trained Nurses,
Irish Nurses' Association,
&c., &c.

(Signed) EVELYN M. CANCELLOR,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

STANDING FOR PRINCIPLES.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow me to explain to the best of my ability the motives which led

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