

tered, and experienced and conscientious members of the nursing profession must fight for this principle for the safety of the sick—especially the helpless poor—as well as in justice to themselves in any scheme for their own registration.

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THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board held on Saturday last at the Office of the Board, Embankment, E.C., a letter was received from the Hon. Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., asking the Managers to nominate two representatives on the Consultative Board of the College.

THE HOSPITALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Hospitals Committee presented a report on the subject, in which they pointed out that the Consultative Board is to consist of "such number of persons as the Council shall from time to time determine, and is to be elected from amongst physicians, surgeons, hospital Matrons, and principal officers, superintendents of nursing, trained nurses, and persons interested in the relations between nurses and the public."

The Hospitals Committee further pointed out that "the Board has no executive powers; its function is to consider and report on any question submitted to it by the Council."

It is laid down that the Council shall always invite and receive a Report from the Consultative Board before coming to a determination on the following matters:—

(a) The course of study and technical training for persons intended for the nursing profession.

(b) The conditions under which recognition may be extended to nursing schools. For though there is to be only one certificate of general training for all nurses wherever trained, it is intended, under stringent safeguards as to standard, to accept the internal examinations of recognized schools as qualifying for the certificates of proficiency to be granted by the College."

The Hospitals Committee advised the M.A.B. "that since every training school in the kingdom has been invited to nominate representatives to act on the Consultative Board, it is obvious, if a bare majority only accept the invitation, that the representatives proposed would be too numerous to form a single Board, and a selection from them will therefore have to be made. . . . Consequently the Asylums

Board, though it represents a very large body of nurses, is merely invited to send in two names, whose bearers will have to take their chance of being picked out of this mass of representatives to sit on the Consultative Board.

"In our opinion," they say, "after consultation with the Principal Medical Officer, this Board, as a very large employer of nurses, should undoubtedly be represented on the Council, as distinct from the Consultative Board, since the Council proposes to take into its own hands the examination and granting of certificates as to all classes of women's work in hospitals. Under such circumstances the interests of nurses who receive a special training in hospitals for infectious diseases, for mental cases, for sick children, and in sanatoria, ought to be represented on the governing body instead of the Board being asked to nominate two individuals who may or may not ultimately be elected to a Board which will be unwieldy in size, and possessed of no executive authority.

"The constitution of the College does not appear to us to be sufficiently clearly defined, and before the Managers commit themselves to any definite action, we recommend:—

"That in reply to the letter from the Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, he be informed that in the absence of full information as to the constitution and composition of the governing body, this Board is not prepared to accede to the request regarding the nomination of representatives on the Consultative Board of the College, but that if the Council will furnish the information referred to above, and reserve a vacancy on the governing body, the Managers will then consider the propriety of making a nomination therefor."

The report of the Hospitals Committee was unanimously adopted.

LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

A general meeting of the League of St. John's House Nurses took place at St. John's House on Thursday, May 25th. Owing to the pressure of work the autumn meeting was omitted, and pleasant greetings were exchanged between some members who had not met since the last general meeting, exactly fifty-two weeks ago.

A letter was read recording the death of one of the members, Miss Roberts, who passed away rather suddenly on February 7th of this year. She had been a member of the League for some years, and had been able to attend many of the meetings. Her cheery presence and refreshing enthusiasm will long be missed by those who knew her.

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