

Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, of which the Society formed a component part, and the new College of Nursing, Ltd.

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Hon. Secretary.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LIMITED.

A meeting of persons nominated by the Nurse-Training Schools of Hospitals and Poor Law Infirmaries throughout the country as representatives upon the Consultative Board of the College have been invited by Mr. Arthur Stanley to a meeting to be held on Thursday, June 15th (this week) at 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Amongst the topics which the Council proposes for discussion are the following:—

1. The first draft of a Bill for the Registration of Nurses to be promoted by the College.
2. The formation of the first Register of Members of the College, and the general conditions for the admission to it of Nurses now in practice.
3. The constitution of the Consultative Board, whether—

(a) As a large body, say 450 or 500, meeting, at the present stage of the College, frequently for the consideration of the general questions relating to curriculum and the recognition of Nurse-Training Schools, and, later, meeting usually once a year at a large town either in England, Wales, Scotland, or Ireland, for the reading and discussion of papers bearing on the training of Nurses, and cognate educational subjects; or—

(b) As a smaller body, say 100, meeting more frequently than would be practicable with the larger number with a view to the examination in greater detail of the proposals put forward by the Consultative Committee.

The Council of the College has drawn up the following conditions for admission to the Voluntary Register. The Regulations are as follows:—

3. Applicants are required—

- (a) To be at least twenty-one years of age.
- (b) To be of good character.
- (c) To hold a certificate or certificates of three years' training in a Nurse-Training School or Schools recognised by the Council for the purpose of admitting practising Nurses to the Register of the College; or
- (d) To hold a certificate of not less than two years' training in a Nurse-Training School recognised by the Council for the purpose of admitting practising Nurses to the Register, followed by at least two years' bona fide practice as a Nurse; or
- (e) To produce evidence of training to the satisfaction of the Council, having regard to the date at which the training was taken, followed by at least five years' bona fide practice as a Nurse.

The fee for registration and membership is £1.

Such voluntary registration confers no legal status on those who register. The Council has recognised that voluntary registration will not satisfy well trained and certificated nurses, and has therefore wisely resolved to promote a Bill in Parliament for the Registration of Nurses, which the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses will consider on Thursday, June 22nd.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Central Committee will be held, by the kind permission of the British Medical Association, in the Council Chamber at 429, Strand, W.C., on Thursday, June 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. (1) To receive a report from the Hon. Secretaries on the Conference with the representatives of the College of Nursing on the Nurses' Registration Bill; and (2) to consider the Nurses' Registration Bill drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and to take such action as may be desirable.

A meeting of the Executive Committee and the Conference delegates will be held at 11.30 a.m. on the same date at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

IN AID OF STATE REGISTRATION.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Ralph Haslam, Esq., £1; Miss M. Newill, 15s; Miss J. C. Higginson, 5s. : Miss Rose Conway, 1s.

SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to open the main building of this hospital, which has been erected on Clapham Common, on Tuesday, July 4th. The building itself will be opened free from debt, but a large sum of money is needed to pay for furniture and equipment and to meet the annual cost of maintenance. Every effort is being made to collect the sum of £8,000 before July 4th, so that Her Majesty may be presented with a sufficient sum to pay for the maintenance for the first year.

The services of medical women are more than ever necessary in the crisis through which our country is passing. They have done—and are doing—splendid work in supplementing the work of medical men. To aid this Hospital for Women and Children, which is staffed entirely by women doctors, will be to show appreciation of the services and sacrifices of hundreds of women who, in response to their country's call, have come forward to work and help in many hitherto untried paths.

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