

posal of the College that the Governing Body of the whole Nursing Profession should consist of three members of the Privy Council, three members of the General Medical Council, and six members of the College of Nursing, all of whom might have been men, was, of course, summarily rejected by the Central Committee delegates.

A few days later the First Draft of a Bill for the Registration of Nurses drafted by the College was in print, presumably approved by the Matrons and others composing the College Council. This Bill omitted from its provisions (1) direct representation on the Council or Governing Body of the Registered Nurses; (2) the reservation of the title of "Registered Nurse" to general trained women nurses; (3) made no provision to register Male Nurses; (4) took power to remove nurses from the Register, but omitted to provide power of appeal to the High Courts for nurses so removed; (5) omitted to define who may be registered; (6) omitted to secure a definite term of general hospital training or recognition of fever training; (7) omitted power of inspection of training schools. It was, in fact, a skeleton of legislation, designed, no doubt, to disarm criticism in Parliament, but worse than useless as a measure of professional reform.

Conferences between the representatives of the Central Committee and the College have resulted in marked improvement in the provisions of the Bill, but it cannot yet be considered a safe and effective measure. Let the profession arouse itself, and determine that any Nursing Bill shall be made just to nurses and useful to the community before it is passed into law.

(To be continued.)

### SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday, September 21st, at 431, Oxford Street, W., to consider the Fourth Draft of the Nurses' Registration Bill issued by the College of Nursing. The Memorandum and revised Articles of Association will also be considered. Members are requested to bring copies of the Bill and Articles with them; they can be obtained from Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, E.C.

A meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will be held on Thursday, September 28th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C.

### A MODEL CLUB FOR NURSES IN NEW YORK.

The Central Club for Nurses in New York City opened its new 400,000 dollar building at 132 to 138, East Forty-fifth Street, on May 1st, says the *Modern Hospital*. It is an imposing fourteen-storey, fireproof building of Italian design, and is to take the place of the old club building at 54, East Thirty-fourth Street. In the basement is the laundry, kitchen, filtration and refrigeration plants, and servants' dining room. On the first floor are club offices, safe deposit vaults, reception room, restaurant, cafeteria, and tea room, while the second floor has the library, rest room, committee rooms, offices, and an assembly and living room. From the third to the twelfth floor, inclusive, will be 218 single rooms and eighteen of larger size. The thirteenth floor will have a roof garden, storage rooms, and lockers.

The Club is a branch of the Young Women's Christian Association and the first of its kind in America. It was organised in May, 1910, under the auspices of the National board, with the indorsement of the New York County Registered Nurses' Association and the superintendents of the leading training schools for nurses of New York, its purpose being to provide central headquarters for graduate nurses which offer the freedom and advantages of home life. The Club will not maintain a registry, as its object is purely social. The ethical side will be taken care of by the New York County Registered Nurses' Association, which will have its registry located in the building.

The underlying thought of the women who have worked so untiringly to secure this building is expressed in the following message by Mrs. Nathaniel Bowditch Potter, chairman of the committee of management, read at the laying of the cornerstone and a copy of which is placed at the very foundation:

"To the nursing profession, each member of the community, sooner or later, owes a debt of gratitude which it can ill afford to neglect, yet which it can with difficulty repay. As a token of appreciation and faith, the public offers to the nurses of New York City this building, with the affection of many friends and in the hope that it may long stand as a centre of rest and refreshment to many generations of nurses; that within its walls they may never fail to find that physical rest, mental refreshment, and spiritual renewal so necessary to those who are called to give themselves unsparingly—and, when the call comes, recklessly—to those who suffer and who die. May the Club ever hold before its members that high ideal of the profession which lays emphasis on the fact that its work is not a business, but a vocation, to which, when a woman is called, she dedicates not only her abilities and skill, but her character and life, with the true self-forgetfulness of those who serve. To look back across the years and to see many noble lives heartened for their task, standing as a

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