

Miss Dodds was eloquent on the heroic courage and endurance of her wounded charges. In their worst sufferings they would pronounce any efforts for their relief to be "champion." It is, as she says, a privilege to wait upon such men.

As we left the hospital the men were returning for the tea hour, nearly all carried suggestive little paper bags suggestive of a "relish."

Miss Dodds was trained at the London Hospital, and came straight from her training school to fill the post of Assistant Matron at Bethnal Green Infirmary. Very shortly afterwards the Matron resigned and she was appointed to the position, which she has held ever since.

Colonel E. Hurry Fenwick is the very highly skilled and devoted Commanding Officer.

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THE RESULT OF CONSULTATION.

By comparing the Clauses of the First and Fourth Drafts of the Nurses' Registration Bill as proposed by the College of Nursing, we are able in some degree to estimate what has been gained by consultation between the representatives of the Central Committee for State Registration and the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd. It is to be hoped that disagreement on the principal question at issue—the Constitution of the General Nursing Council—will not compel the Central Council to bring in its own Bill.

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

First Draft of Bill.

1. This Act may for all purposes be cited as the Nurses Registration Act, 1916.

2 (1) Provides for the "College of Nursing" to bear that title without the word "Limited."

Fourth Draft of Bill.

1. Ditto.

2. (1) Ditto.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLLEGE.

2. (2) Every nurse registered under this Act shall be entitled to a vote at elections of the Council, and without further fee to become a Member of the College of Nursing.

2. Title of "The General Nursing Council" instead of "The Council" was proposed by Mrs. Fenwick, on behalf of the Central Committee and was agreed to. (3) Only Nurses on the General Register, not Male and Mental Nurses on the Supplementary Registers are now eligible to become *ipso facto* members of the College of Nursing.

First Draft of Bill.

3. It shall be the duty of the College of Nursing to form and to keep a Register of Nurses and (if they think fit) a Register of Mental Nurses, and each such Register is hereinafter in this Act included in the term "the Register." The Register already formed by the College of Nursing shall be the first Register under this Act. The College of Nursing shall for the purposes of this Act act by the Council of the College as regulated by rules made under this Act.

Fourth Draft of Bill.

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTERS.

3. Proposed by Mrs. Fenwick, and agreed, that there shall be a General Register of Women Nurses, a Supplementary Register of Male Nurses, and a Supplementary Register of Mental Nurses, and each such Register is hereinafter in this Act included in "the Register."

CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

4. (1) Rules may be made under this Act:

(1) Regulating the Constitution and proceedings of the College of Nursing and providing, if thought fit, for the representation thereon of the Privy Council, any body representing the medical profession. Provided that not less than two-thirds of the Council shall be elected by the members of the College of Nursing.

4. (1) Rules shall be made under this Act:

(1) As drafted, this clause provided for no direct representation on the Council for the registered nurses, as the laity are eligible to be members of the College of Nursing. Proposed by Mrs. Fenwick and agreed that the following words be substituted for the last paragraph.

"Provided that not less than two-thirds of the Council shall be elected by the nurses on the General Register under this Act."

Provision is now made under this Section for the representation of the Privy Council, any Government Department, the Nurse Training Schools, the Medical Profession, and the Nurses on the General and Supplementary Registers, but it does not define the authorities which are to be empowered by Parliament to assume part responsibility for the government of the Nursing Profession.

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