

First Draft of Bill.

No provision was made for a Provisional Council until such time as the constituency of Registered Nurses had been formed under the Act.

In the fourth printed issue of the Bill provision for the First Council appears as follows:—

5. (1) After the passing of this Act, and until a date to be fixed by the rules made under this Act the Council shall consist of — members, of whom one-third shall be appointed by the Council of the British Medical Association, one-third shall be appointed by the members of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and one-third shall be appointed by the members of the Council holding office on the passing of this Act, and the other members of the Council holding office on the passing of this Act shall thereupon cease to hold office.

REPRESENTATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
EXCLUDED FROM THE BILL.

In the next printed issue of the Bill (No. 5) the previous clause 5 (1) was eliminated by the Council of the College, and the following clause substituted:—

5 (1) On the passing of this Act and for a term of two years the Council shall consist of the following forty - five members.

This provision stands in issue 6 of the Bill and in issue 7, described as the Fourth Draft.

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5. (1) The representatives of the Central Committee entered into negotiations with the representatives of the Nursing College, to attempt to arrive at a conjoint Bill, on the promise that the Bill should provide that the Central Committee should nominate one-third of the Provisional Council.

The Central Committee agreed to Clause 5 (1) with the following alterations:

"On the passing of this Act and for a term of two years the Council shall consist of 30 persons, of whom 4 shall be appointed by the Privy Council, 3 by the Local Government Board, 3 by the British Medical Association, 10 by the Central Committee, and 10 by the College of Nursing."

At its meeting on July 4th the Central Committee considered the alteration a breach of agreement, and did not agree to clause 5 (1), and at its meeting on July 13th adopted the following constitution of the Provisional Council.

On the passing of this Act and for a term of three years, the Council shall consist of 45 persons, of whom 2 shall be appointed by the Privy Council, 3 by the Local Government Boards, 3 by the Council of the British Medical Associ-

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ation, 1 by the Medico-Psychological Association, 6 by the Nurse Training Schools, 15 by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and 15 by the College of Nursing, Limited.

To this proposal the College Council did not agree at its meeting on July 27th, and has issued the Fourth Draft of the Bill, excluding the nominating authorities, amongst which the Central Committee, and the British Medical Association were previously included, the Provisional Council to consist of 45 persons to be named in the Bill.

APPEAL FROM DECISION OF COUNCIL.

4. vii. Providing for the temporary or permanent removal from the Register of any nurse for such causes or offences, and after such inquiry, and subject to such appeal, as the rules may prescribe.

4. vii. Pointed out by Mrs. Fenwick that there was no provision in the Bill for an aggrieved nurse to appeal from the decision of the Council—as it could make what rules it chose under the Act. It was agreed that a clause providing for an appeal should be inserted in the Bill, and that sub-section vii. 4 should read: "Providing for the temporary or permanent removal from the Register by the Council of any nurse for such causes or offences and after such inquiry as may be prescribed, but subject to the appeal provided for by this Act."

New Clause 15.— Provides the following safeguard for registered nurses. "Any registered nurse, or registered male nurse, or registered mental nurse aggrieved by the decision of the Council removing his or her name from the register

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