

and Teachers' Acts. The Council of the College proposed that 45 nominated persons should form the Provisional Council, their names to be placed in the Bill—a course for which there is no precedent—and that the constitution of the General Nursing Council should be made under the Rules after the Bill becomes law. The Committee considered the fourth Draft of the Bill and directed its delegates on the policy to be pursued at the meeting of the Central Committee on the 28th inst. The meeting also considered the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College of Nursing as amended by its Council on August 17th last.

#### THE MEMORANDUM.

The Memorandum, they regretted to find, had not been altered, as it contained several provisions to which they took very serious exception; more especially 1 (D) To adopt, if thought fit, the results of examinations held by approved nursing schools as sufficient evidence of proficiency.

This, it was considered, cut at the root of the one portal (Central Examination) examination which is put forth as an object of the College on the sheet of inducements to trained nurses to place their names on the College Register.

1 (E) The Committee felt strongly that the provision to grant certificates under this section, "Provided that the College should not grant, or profess to grant, titles and diplomas" was reactionary and obnoxious, and injurious to the future development of professional nursing, and that the words should be deleted if the College was to be of any educational value.

#### THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

The Committee considered the amendments to the Articles of Association, and agreed that the majority were improvements. They, however, objected to:—

5. That the Subscribers, and other lay persons, become members along with the Registered Nurses; they approved a recommendation that only Registered Nurses should be members of the College of Nursing.

They objected:

6. That membership of the College is compulsory upon all registered nurses, who are thus compelled to sign an agreement to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Regulations of the College, which regulations may be made, altered and repealed by the Council, without the authority of the members of the College. (Article 59.)

35. This Article provides that the signatories, the seven laymen who compose the College Company, shall appoint the first members of the Council, "of which two-thirds at least shall be Matrons of hospitals and Superintendents of Nursing or Sisters or Nurses still engaged in the active practice of their profession." This Article arbitrarily excludes the majority of those nurses who are economically independent, and not working under an employer. The Committee expressed the strongest

objection to any such attempt to interfere with the liberty of choice of the nurses' representatives, and penalise Matrons and Nurses with leisure, whose work might be of the utmost value to the profession at large.

63. The Committee agreed that the constitution of the Consultative Board was unwieldy, unprofessional, and likely to arouse friction, as it would be largely composed of persons without expert nursing knowledge, and that it would be injurious to the legitimate growth and solidarity of the nursing profession.

It was hoped the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College would be still further revised and materially modified, otherwise many nurses who understood their significance would certainly sign no Agreement to be bound by them, as all nurses who register and become members of the College have to do.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected:—

- 4142 Miss Mary E. George, cert. St. Pancras Inf.
- 4143 Miss Alice Stennett, cert. General Hosp., Nottingham.
- 4144 Miss L. Butler, cert. St. George-in-the-East Inf.
- 4145 Miss Maggie Neal, cert. Rotherham Hosp.
- 4146 Miss C. E. Cotton, cert. Wolverhampton General Hosp.
- 4147 Miss M. E. Posnett, cert. St. Mary's Hosp., W.
- 4148 Miss A. M. Armitage, cert. Radcliffe Inf., Oxford.
- 4149 Miss Eleanor Flanigan, cert. Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth.
- 4150 Miss E. L. L. Jenkins, cert. St. John's Inf. Wandsworth.
- 4151 Miss V. M. Kittle, cert. St. Thomas's Hosp., S.W.
- 4152 Miss Jessie P. T. Ellis, cert. David Lewis Northern Hosp., Liverpool.
- 4153 Miss Mary P. Kavanagh, cert. Royal Victoria Hosp., Belfast.
- 4154 Miss Mollie O'Farrell, cert. St. Vincent's Hosp., Sidney, N.S. Wales.
- 4155 Miss Rachel Kirkland, cert. Clayton Hosp., Wakefield.
- 4156 Miss Kathleen Keller, cert. South Charitable Inf., Cork.
- 4157 Miss Claudine Hamby, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hosp., E.C.
- 4158 Miss Ethel A. Hall, " "
- 4159 Miss Ella K. Cheetham, " "
- 4160 Miss Isabella M. C. Grant, " "
- 4161 Miss Winifred Haviland, " "
- 4162 Miss Dorothy A. Coppleston, " "
- 4163 Miss Dorothy France, " "
- 4164 Miss Mabel E. Redman, " "
- 4165 Miss Florence Stephenson, cert. Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham.
- 4166 Miss Rosa L. Mathews, cert. Crumpsall Inf., Manchester
- 4167 Miss Barbara Lendrum, cert. Leeds General Inf.
- 4168 Miss Mabel Sparrow, cert. Holborn Inf.

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