

3 (E). No titles or diplomas.

This depreciates the educational status of a registered nurse. Every college of any educational value should take power to grant titles and diplomas to those who attain by examination the educational standards prescribed.

3 (J). The removal of a nurse's name from the Register, "as the Council may in its discretion think proper."

No power of appeal is provided for the registered nurse. This autocratic assumption of power places the nurse in a most defenceless position, and she practically agrees to be accused, tried, judged, and condemned, without the right to defend herself. This is a most scandalous provision, and is in our opinion sufficient to condemn the whole constitution of the College of Nursing.

#### THE AGREEMENT AS DEFINED IN THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Under the Articles nurses agree:—

5. That the seven lay Signatories called Subscribers shall be perpetual members of the College of Nursing. This constitutes it a lay and not a professional corporation as are the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, the Fellows and Members of which are all registered medical practitioners.

6. That the Regulations can be altered by the Council without the consent of the members.

34. To the President and Vice-Presidents of the College being appointed by the Council and not by the members.

35. To the exclusion from power of all Matrons, Sisters and nurses not in active service.

This is calculated to exclude all registered nurses who are not under the control of an employer, and thus to prevent independent action, and expression of opinion. It penalises women who are economically independent.

37 and 40. That the Council shall be self-nominating and self-electing, and as all retiring members are eligible for re-election, practically provides for a permanent governing body.

55. That the Acts of the Council or Committee are valid notwithstanding the defective appointment of its members.

56. That a resolution without a meeting of the Council "shall be as valid and effectual, if signed by all the members of the Council, as if passed at a meeting."

These two last provisions might lead to the most unconstitutional conduct of business.

63 and 68. That a Consultative Board which may be composed of hundreds of all classes of employers of nurses, lay and professional, shall advise on the course of study and technical training "for persons intended for the nursing profession" and the "conditions under which recognition may be extended to nursing schools" presumably under their own control.]

The curriculum of a professional nurse's education is a question on which professional experts alone can express a reliable opinion.

#### NURSES SHOULD REALISE:—

That all nurses who sign the application form for Registration and Membership agree "to conform in all respects to the Rules and Regulations from time to time adopted by the Council of the College (without being consulted) and to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association from which we have quoted.

As we could not sign this Agreement ourselves we cannot advise others to do so.

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on the 7th inst., Miss Ramsden presiding. Also present: Miss Carson-Rae, Miss V. Roberts, Mrs. Manning, Miss Towers, the Hon. A. Brodrick, Miss Thornton and Miss O'Flynn.

#### STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, and directed to be sent to Miss Huxley and Miss Reeves, who were present at the recent meeting of the Central Committee for State Registration held in London:—"That this Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association, having before them the Report of the negotiations of the Central Committee with the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in regard to the Registration of Nurses Bill, desire to instruct their delegates on the Central Committee to vote in favour of proceeding with their own Registration Bill of 1910, brought up to date, unless the amendments proposed by the Central Committee be accepted and an Agreed Bill introduced."

#### EXCLUSION OF IRISH NURSES ON SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

The following resolution, which was passed unanimously, was directed to be sent to the Secretary of State for War:—"That the Irish Nurses' Association beg to call the attention of the Secretary of State for War to the fact that no representative from Ireland has been appointed to serve on the Supply of Nurses Committee. They presume that this is an oversight which will be rectified at an early date."

### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

On October 5th Miss Violetta Thurstan, the General and Organizing Secretary of the N.U.T.N., paid a visit to Bournemouth, where she spoke to a very representative meeting of Matrons and Nurses assembled at the Victoria Nurses' Home, when Miss Christina Forrest acted as hostess. Miss Thurstan spoke of the necessity of union amongst trained nurses, and the necessity for effective self-government through State Registration, if we are to attain any degree of professional independence and manage our own affairs, such as

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