

to be resident in England, one to be resident in Scotland, and one to be resident in Ireland ;

(d) One registered medical practitioner to be appointed by the Medico-Psychological Association.

(e) One registered medical practitioner to be appointed by the medical superintendents of fever hospitals approved by the Council as training schools for nurses in fever nursing.

(f) Four persons to be appointed by the Nurse Training Schools attached to hospitals approved by the Council. Two by the Nurse Training Schools in England and Wales, one by the Nurse Training Schools in Scotland, and one by the Nurse Training Schools in Ireland.

(g) Sixteen Registered Women Nurses to be elected as the direct representatives of the Women Nurses in the General Register: eight to be elected by the Nurses registered in England and Wales, four by the Nurses registered in Scotland, and four by the Nurses registered in Ireland; provided that of the eight elected by the Nurses registered in England and Wales four shall be past or present Matrons of Nurse Training Schools attached to hospitals approved by the Council, one of whom shall be registered in the General Register as "also trained in fever nursing"; of the four elected by the Nurses registered in Scotland two shall be past or present Matrons of Nurse Training Schools attached to hospitals approved by the Council; and similarly, of the four elected by the Nurses registered in Ireland, two shall be past or present Matrons of Nurse Training Schools attached to hospitals approved by the Council.

(h) One registered male nurse to be elected as a direct representative of the nurses registered in the male nurses' register.

(i) One registered mental nurse to be elected as a direct representative by the nurses registered in the mental nurses' register.

THE PRELIMINARY COUNCIL.

Provided that on the first constitution of the Council, in the place of the representatives appointed under Clause 4, Sub-sections (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), there shall be twenty-four persons appointed as follows:—

(a) One Matron to be appointed by the Admiralty.

(b) One Matron to be appointed by the War Office.

(c) One nurse to be appointed by Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

(d) One nurse to be appointed by the Asylum Workers' Association.

(e) Ten persons to be appointed by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, representing its constituent societies, three of whom must be Matrons in active practice, and of these three one must be the Matron of a Poor Law Infirmary.

(f) Ten persons to be appointed by the College of Nursing, Ltd., three of whom must be Matrons in active practice, and of these three one must be the Matron of a Poor Law Infirmary.

And the persons so appointed shall hold office until the Lord President of the Council certifies that the task of forming a register of persons entitled to be registered under this Act, and of training schools recognised by the Council, is sufficiently advanced to admit of the election of their representatives, and the persons so appointed shall then retire and shall give place to the representatives elected as provided under Clause 4.

Clause 6. This Clause has been amended to provide for the election of the Council every three instead of every five years.

Clause 10. Sub-section (g) authorises special uniforms and badges.

Clause 12. Stands unamended and provides for three years' training and examination.

Great relief has been expressed by many Matrons and Nurses who have for so many years worked for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, that their own Bill is not to be superseded by the Bill drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which incorporates a lay institution, and compels every registered nurse to belong to it, which fails to define the authorities empowered to nominate the Council, and omits provision for a definite term of hospital training, or a standard examination.

We would remind trained nurses who value (1) an independent Governing Body, and (2) a Central Examination for all Nurses after three years' hospital training, that they must be prepared to work actively to obtain such privileges, and should begin to do so at once.

POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association was held, by kind invitation of Miss Alsop, at Kensington Infirmary, on Saturday, October 28th, at three o'clock. There was a large and representative gathering, Matrons having specially come to London from distant parts of the country to attend the meeting.

The ballot for the Hon. Officers and Committee was announced, the twelve who received most votes being elected on the Committee. (Miss Constance Todd, being on active service abroad, was not eligible for re-election.)

The result of the ballot was as follows:—

Miss Barton, R.R.C. Matron, Chelsea Infirmary, President.

Miss Cockrell, Matron, St. Marylebone Infirmary, Hon. Treasurer.

Miss Alsop, Matron, Kensington Infirmary, Hon. Secretary.

COMMITTEE (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER):

Miss Bodley, Matron, Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham.

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