

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Nurse Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, reported that she had received in her capacity as Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, from Miss Rundle, the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., copies of the correspondence which had taken place between the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses and the College concerning the negotiations on the Nurses' Registration Bills, stating that copies had been sent to the Nursing Press.

As Hon. Nurse Secretary of the Central Committee, the correspondence was in her opinion confidential, and she had therefore not published it without the Committee's permission, but as the correspondence had appeared in other journals, she advised that it should also appear in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Consent was given for the publication of the correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., ON THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

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431, Oxford Street, London, W.

17th July, 1916.

DEAR MR. STANLEY,—I beg to enclose to you a copy of the second Draft of your Bill with the amendments interpolated as agreed by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses at its meeting on Thursday, July 13th.

The Committee was gratified to find that four clauses as adopted by it at a former meeting, had been incorporated in the Bill. The Committee, however, felt that the Draft before it on the 13th instant needed considerable amendment and extension.

REMARKS.

Clause 2 (3). This clause provides that every nurse, whether certificated or not, during the time of grace, and every male and mental nurse, becomes *ipso facto* a member of the College. This is a point which requires further consideration if any prestige is to be given to membership of the College of Nursing.

Clause 4, 1 (i). Whilst agreeing to the inclusion on the Governing Body of Representatives of the Nurse Training Schools, the Nurse Representatives regret the necessity for the inclusion of such a principle.

New Sub-Section (d). A new paragraph would, if adopted, prevent the disorganization of an annual election, and materially decrease the cost of conducting the business of the Council.

New Sub-Sections. Dr. Chapple specially pressed for the two new Sub-Sections (IX) and (X) in Clause 4.

Clause 5. The Committee considers that the Nurses' Act, like the Medical and Midwives Acts, should include the names of the authorities which are to nominate their Governing Body—the General Nursing Council. The nurses feel most strongly on this point, and under Clause 4 they object to the words, "if thought fit," in Section 1 (i) as they recognise that if inserted there is no security whatever for their direct representation on their own Governing Body.

New Clauses 6 and 7. Dr. Chapple and the Committee also press for the insertion of new Clauses 6 and 7, defining the "Provision for Existing Nurses," and "Who may be registered," and Dr. Goodall understood that you had agreed to the principle of recognising a fever nurse's qualification, in addition to general experience, on the General Register; and he expressed the opinion that it would cause unnecessary friction and trouble if this provision is not made in the Act.

New Clause 14. The privilege of appeal by a hospital if aggrieved by the refusal of the Council to recognise it as a training school was insisted upon by the House of Lords, when the Nurses' Registration Bill was passed in 1908.

Re Definition Clause. Dr. Chapple strongly urged that the Definition Clause of what is a registered nurse and a registered male and mental nurse should be inserted.

If you wish to see Dr. Goodall and myself again on any of these points, we shall be pleased to attend.

It was understood that the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College of Nursing, Limited, are at present under the consideration of its Council, so their discussion was deferred.

I am, yours very truly,

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,

Nurse Hon. Secretary.

To the Honble. Arthur Stanley, M.P.,
M.V.O., C.B.

BILL AS AMENDED THURSDAY, JULY 13TH, 1916,
BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

Dr. Chapple desired that the following Definition Clause should be inserted in the Bill.

In this Act the term "registered nurse" means a woman nurse who is for the time being registered in the women nurses' general register, the term, "registered male nurse" means a male nurse who is for the time being registered in the male nurses' supplementary register, the term "registered mental nurse" means a mental nurse who is for the time being registered in the mental nurses' supplementary register.

Clause 4 (1). Delete the words (if thought fit) add (1) (d). At the expiration of two years from

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