

be fit and proper persons to act as Nurses and be entitled to a Certificate of proficiency, to be granted in accordance with the regulations for the time being prescribed by the Council. The Registers of the Royal British Nurses' Association and the College of Nursing, Limited, in force at the time of the coming into operation of these Bye-Laws shall jointly form the first Register of the Corporation.

A fee of one Guinea shall be payable on the subsequent entry of a name on the Register.

THE SECRETARY.

21. The Council shall appoint a Secretary of the Corporation, who shall hold office at the will of the Council and be responsible directly to the Council, and shall perform such duties as may be allotted to the Secretary by the Council.

THE REGISTRAR.

22. The Council shall also appoint a Registrar of the Corporation who shall hold office at the will of the Council and be responsible directly to the Council. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to keep the Register of Nurses, to sign the Certificates of Registration, and to perform such duties as may be allotted to the Registrar by the Council.

POWER TO APPOINT SUBSTITUTES.

23. The Council may, when necessary, appoint a temporary substitute for the Secretary and the Registrar respectively who shall, during the term of his appointment, be deemed to be and have all the powers of the Secretary or the Registrar, as the case may be.

MINUTES.

24. The Council shall cause proper minutes of the Meetings and proceedings of the Corporation and of the Council and all Committees of the Council to be duly kept and entered in books provided for the purpose.

The minutes of any Meeting, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be receivable as *prima facie* evidence of the matters stated in such minutes.

RULES FOR REGULATING PROCEEDINGS.

25. It shall be lawful for the Council from time to time to make and to rescind and alter Rules for regulating the procedure of the Corporation, and of any Branch thereof, and the government of the Members thereof and the calling of and procedure at Meetings and elections, the service of notices, and all other matters affecting the Corporation; provided always that no such Rule shall be contrary to the provisions of the Charter or the Bye-Laws. Until Rules regulating Meetings, elections, and procedure shall have been made, the same shall be conducted in the same manner as heretofore.

An existing Rule shall not be rescinded or altered, and a new Rule shall not be made, except by a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting

at a meeting of the Council and confirmed at the next meeting of the Council.

REMOVAL OF NAME FROM REGISTER.

26. The Council may remove from the Register of Nurses the name of any person whom the Council deem unworthy to remain a member of the Corporation, but no name shall be removed from the Register until after an inquiry has been held by the Council at a Meeting specially summoned to consider the matter, and a resolution to remove the name of such person from the Register passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting, and at such Meeting twelve shall be the quorum. At least fourteen days' previous notice of the Meeting shall be sent to the person to whom the proposed resolution relates, and he shall have the right to appear in person or by agent, to show cause why his name should not be removed.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION.

27. (a) Any person whose name is removed from the Register of Nurses shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Corporation.

(b) Any person who becomes a Member of the Corporation under Bye-Law 4 (a) shall cease to be a Member of the Corporation if and when such person ceases to be a Member of the Council or of the Branch or Local Board, as the case may be.

(c) Any person who becomes a Member of the Corporation under the provisions of paragraphs (a) or (b) of Bye-Law 4 shall cease to be a Member of the Corporation if such person resigns his membership or is requested to resign by a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of two-thirds of the whole number of the Members of the Council.

CONSTRUCTION OF BYE-LAWS.

28. In case any question shall arise as to the construction or operation of any Bye-Law or Rule, the question shall be decided by the Council. Where any expression is defined by the Charter such expression shall have the same meaning in these Bye-Laws.

DEPRIVED OF PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE.

We shall next week explain the effect of the Proposed Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws upon the nursing profession, as agreed at the Special General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association on Thursday, January 18th.

The main result will be that if the Proposed Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws are approved by the Privy Council trained nurses will be deprived of their present rights and privileges as members of a Professional Association incorporated by the Royal Charter of 1893; as the Royal British Nurses' Association will be merged in the Royal British College of Nursing, which admits the laity, at the will of the Council, and without any restriction, both to membership and office.

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