

spent a great deal of time in North Britain in promoting the State Registration of Nurses. But we got no nearer while we were engaging ourselves in minor disputes. He was out for State Registration.

Everyone would wish to be quite fair. The College Bill had undergone evolution; the Central Committee's Bill had also been amended. The Clause criticised by the previous speaker, regarding the notification of death, followed the lead of the Medical Acts, and had been adopted by the Central Committee.

In regard to the Supplementary Registers, he was the last person in the world to try to admit people by side doors. The Royal College of Nursing [not Royal, the meeting reminded him] did not propose to do more than take powers to establish Supplementary Registers.

#### HOLD HATS WHILE THE FUR FLIES.

In regard to the duties of the Provisional Council, Professor Glaister did not consider these afforded ground for differences, but if so, then someone must "hold hats while the fur flies."

As to the constitution of the General Nursing Council, Professor Glaister asserted that under the College Bill, as well as under the Central Committee's Bill, control would be in the hands of the nurses. There were only "little differences" between the two Bills.

#### NO POWER OF APPEAL.

MISS JENTIE PATERSON drew attention to the power given in the Memorandum of the College to remove a nurse's name from its Register without opportunity of appeal.

This was defended by PROFESSOR GLAISTER, who said, however, that Clause V (3) of the College Bill was as clear as daylight. Nothing in the Memorandum and Articles of Association inconsistent with the Act could remain in force.

MRS. SHERLIKER, MISS KENT, MRS. GIBSON, MRS. LAWSON, and others also took part in the discussion, the last-mentioned remarking that, with the College, education came first and registration second.

PROFESSOR GLAISTER inquired: "Why fight about unimportant details?"

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK: "We are standing for fundamental principles."

The discussion then ceased, and the CHAIRMAN invited the speakers to reply.

COLONEL GOODALL said that the Central Committee desired a proper State Registration Bill. In the Supplementary Registers the College took powers to open the doors to all sorts of people.

They had not heard why they should have the College in the Bill, but one of its supporters had acknowledged that it placed registration second and education first. The organization of nursing education should be carried out by the State, by an authority appointed by the State.

The Clause providing for the framing of the Rules and Regulations was one of the most important in the Bill. They were for the protection of the nurses, and they should have a share in framing them.

MISS COX-DAVIES asked leave to suggest that the College did not put education first and registration second, but hand in hand.

#### NO BLANK CHEQUES.

In closing the meeting the CHAIRMAN said they were much indebted to the speakers, and expressed the opinion that there was too much permissive legislation in the College Bill. It wanted a blank cheque. The Central Committee desired regulations laid down definitely.

The Conference concluded with votes of thanks to the Chairman and speakers.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

### THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

As reported, a correspondence has recently taken place between the College of Nursing, Ltd., and the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses. Naturally the officials of the Central Committee consider such a correspondence confidential, until the reply from the College has been placed before its Executive Committee.

The ethical standards of business apparently differ in the opinion of the College officials, as the hon. officers of the Central Committee have been informed by the Secretary of the College that "by the instruction of the Chairman (Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, M.P.), this correspondence has been sent for publication to the Nursing Press this week!"

It will, of course, not appear in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING until the Executive Committee of the Central Committee has authorised its publication.

Further comment is superfluous!

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A few of Miss Ramsden's friends gave a farewell supper to her at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Friday last week. Owing to the epidemic of Influenza, many of her friends were unable to be present, but all greatly regret her departure from Dublin. A quiet but pleasant evening was spent, and only "Au Revoir" was said, as Miss Ramsden has promised to come back often, and will try to time her visits so that she may sometimes attend the meetings of the various Nursing Societies of which she will remain a member. Miss Ramsden has received very handsome gifts from the Nursing Staff (past and present), and also from the past and present Masters of the Rotunda Hospital. The Governors have also generously recognised her devoted work for the Hospital and midwifery and maternity schools during the 27 years of service.

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