

COLONEL RAW said he was anxious that the registration fee should be as reasonable as possible. He thought Major Barnett's amendment was designed to meet the case of nurses already trained.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD moved the amendment providing that the fee should not exceed the sum of one guinea for registration within twelve months of the Bill becoming law, or two guineas afterwards, or three guineas for examination and registration.

On a division being taken the Ayes numbered 12, the Noes 11.

MAJOR BARNETT also moved an amendment providing that

"there shall also be payable on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, by every registered nurse, a fee of two shillings and sixpence, and if any nurse in any year makes default in paying such fee his or her name may be removed from the register, but may be restored on payment of a fee not exceeding five shillings, and on proof that the failure was due to inadvertence or mistake, or on giving other satisfactory explanation."

This was opposed by members of the Labour Party.

On a division the sums named in the Clause were reduced respectively to sixpence and one shilling, the Noes being 12, and the Ayes 11.

MAJOR FARQUHARSON said he believed that the nurses themselves would welcome the half-crown fee and would be the first to say that it helped to give them power to keep the register correct, and before the public those who were really registered nurses. The imposition of a sixpenny fee made a burlesque of the whole position. He hoped it would be rescinded on the Report stage.

MR. LYLE thought the Government should help to finance the scheme.

In connection with Clause 17, Sub-section (2) in relation to the auditing of accounts, it was resolved, after some discussion, to adopt the Model Clause which, Sir Samuel Scott pointed out, has of recent years been inserted in most private members' Bills.

FALSE REPRESENTATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF REGISTER.

In connection with Clause 22 providing penalties for false representation, and for falsification of the register, Mr. Cowan moved an amendment providing for payment of a fine not exceeding £100 as an alternative to imprisonment.

This was agreed.

The deliberations of the Committee then concluded.

The Bill as amended was ordered to be reported to the House.

We offer our warmest congratulations to the Central Committee and to the Nursing Profession, that their Bill is safely through Committee. Next week we will, for the benefit of our readers, point out the differences in the Bill, as it went in and as it left Standing Committee E.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

On April 9th the King was pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies in recognition of their valuable nursing services in connection with the war:—

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Miss S. A. Brown, R.R.C. Matron, Gen. Mil. Hosp., Colchester; Miss E. M. Denne, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mil. Hosp., Tidworth, Salisbury Plain; Miss A. Knaggs, R.R.C. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (ret.), Lord Derby's War Hosp., Warrington; Miss G. M. Payne, R.R.C. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (ret.), Mil. Hosp., Pembroke Dock.

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Miss A. H. Allan, Asst. Matron, T.F.N.S., Maudsley Neurological Clearing Hosp., Denmark Hill; Miss M. Allibone, Matron, T.F.N.S., 5th S. Gen. Hosp., Portsmouth; Miss M. Barrett, Matron, King Edward VII Eliot Memorial Cottage Hosp. and "Beech Hurst," Haywards Heath; Miss A. A. Browne, Grove Mil. Hosp., Tooting; Miss E. M. Clemow, Sister, The Mil. Hosp., Endell Street, London; Miss E. M. Cummins, Matron, Liverpool Royal Infirmary; Miss M. Dando, Asst. Matron, T.F.N.S., 1st Wes'n Gen. Hosp., Liverpool; Mrs. M. C. A. Fishbourne, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Birmingham Spec. Mil. Surg. Hosp., Northfield; Miss M. R. FitzHenry, Senior Prin. Sister (Deputy Matron), Horton (County of London) War Hosp., Epsom; Miss K. M. Hewetson, Asst. Matron, Royal Herbert Hosp., Woolwich; Miss A. B. Hill, Matron, Bath War Hosp., Combe Park, Bath; Miss A. Hill, Matron, War Hosp., Keighley; Miss M. E. Hobhouse, Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Keppel Place, No. 1 Section Hosp., Devonport; Miss E. J. James, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Mil. Hosp., Sandwich, Kent; Miss M. C. Johnston, Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mil. Hosp., Frensham Hill; Miss D. Jones, Sister, T.F.N.S., 1st S. Gen. Hosp., Birmingham; Miss G. M. King, Sister, King George Hosp., London; Miss M. Maxwell, Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), South African Mil. Hosp., Richmond; Miss K. D. M. Underwood, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Beaufort War Hosp., Fishponds, Bristol; Miss M. G. Montgomery, Matron, Midd'x Hosp., Aux. to 5th London Gen.; Miss C. Richard, Sister, T.F.N.S., 4th Scottish Gen. Hosp., Stobhill, Glasgow; Miss V. N. Spencer-Jones, Matron, War Hos., Chester; Miss E. H. Stanton, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), Central Mil. Hosp., Fort Pitt, Chatham; Miss C. A. Stevens, Asst. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mil. Hosp., Clipstone Camp, Notts; Miss K. A. Sunderland, Sister, Southwark Mil. Hosp., East Dalwich Grove, London; Miss H. W. Walde, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), The County of Midd'x War Hosp., Napsbury, near St. Albans; Miss C. M. Walker, Asst. Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), Alexandra Mil. Hosp., Cosham.

Canadian Army Medical Corps.—Miss J. Cameron-Smith, Matron No. 13 Can. Gen. Hosp., Hastings; Miss M. McBride, Asst. Matron, No. 5 Can. Gen. Hosp., Kirkdale, Liverpool; Miss C. M. Mowbray, Nursing Sister, Can. Red Cross Spec. Hosp., Bushey Park; Miss I. Wilson, Nursing Sister-in-Charge, Can. Con. Hosp., Bearwood Park, Wokingham.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Miss J. H. Buchanan, Sister, No. 3 A.A. Hosp., Dartford, Kent.

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