

" Because the Council of the College of Nursing has drafted a 'Nurses' Registration Bill, which provides that the Register already formed by the College of Nursing shall be the first Register under the Act. If, therefore, you are on the College Register you will automatically, and without further fee, be placed upon the State Register when the Nurses' Registration Bill is passed." Many nurses had joined the College on the strength of that promise. What authority had the Council of the College to pledge Parliament that it would automatically place all nurses on the College Register on the State Register?

Professor Glaister said it was easy to answer the first point. The College Bill provided that its Memorandum and Articles of Association should, so far as they were consistent with the Act remain in full force and effect only unless and until they had been varied or repealed by rules made under the Act.

Miss Breay said she was not talking of the future but the present; the Act had not been passed, the Memorandum was now in force. She asked the members of the College present to note that they could be turned off the College Register without power of appeal.

The answer to the second question was, Sir Arthur Stanley said, quite simple. If the College Bill passed the nurses on its Register would automatically be placed on the State Register.

Miss Breay said the clause did not say that; it promised nurses that if they were on the College Register they would automatically be placed on the State Register whenever a Nurses' Registration Bill became law.

Miss Macdonald asked whether the Central Committee's Bill was not called the Nurses' Registration Bill?

The Chairman believed this was so.

Sir Henry Burdett asked if it was correct that members of the College could be turned off its Register without power of appeal. Sir Cooper Perry replied that technically it was so.

In reply to a question about the registration fees paid by the members, Sir Arthur said they were being kept to pay the registration fees for the State Register.

Miss Macdonald asked if there were paid away what was the College going to exist upon?

The Chairman said that there would be a large sum of money for the College subscribed by the public.

Miss Macdonald said that was just the nurses' danger. If this Company, whose Council was representative of the nurses' employers and their officials, were to be given control of unlimited sums of money they were in such a position that the whole independence of the nursing profession would be undermined.

Mrs. Sherliker said she thought it would be far better to have no State Registration at all than that the College Bill should pass.

The Chairman, in closing the meeting, said the discussion had been most interesting. All evidently wanted the State Registration of properly trained nurses.

## THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

A meeting of members was summoned on Friday, January 17th, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., to adopt the constitution and rules. There was a good attendance of nurses. The Marchioness of Ailsa (President of the Club), presided, and explained that a body of rules had been drawn up by the trustees for submission to the members, and provision had been made for alterations as experience might dictate. The launching of the Club had been done by an interim committee on which the nurses had not been fully represented, and that meeting would be asked to nominate an adequate number to represent them. Those so elected, along with those already acting, would form an Interim Committee of Management, and would act till March, when the annual meeting would be held and the regular arrangements begin.

Mr. T. Stark-Brown read the constitution clause by clause, and with a few slight alterations it was adopted. It places the management of the Club fully in the hands of the committee of management, which numbers thirty-one members, of whom twenty-five are nominated by the nurses, twenty of whom must be nurses; and it fixes the entry money at 5s., the annual subscription at 10s., and life membership £5, but probationers are granted the privileges of the club for the first year of their entry on payment of the entry money only.

The following form the Interim Committee of Management:—*Representatives of Trustees*: The Marchioness of Ailsa, President; Mrs. Stewart; Lady Dunlop; Mrs. Pollock; Mrs. McCowan. *Representatives of Nurses*: Mrs. Strong, Ex-Matron; Mrs. Virtue, Ex-Nurse, 19, Kelvinside Gardens, N. Glasgow; Miss Cowie, Matron, Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley; Miss Finn, Matron, Parochial Hospital, Paisley; Miss Hunter, Nurse, Public Health Department, Glasgow; Miss Horton, Private Nurse, 10, Claremont Terrace, Glasgow; Miss M. Walker, Sister, Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow; Miss Sellar, Night Superintendent, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Calder, Matron, War Hospital, Paisley; Miss Macfarlane, Sister, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Geikie, Nurse, Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Rylands, Matron, Combination Hospital, Johnston; Miss Markwick, Senior Nurse, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss F. Pettigrew, Nurse, Child Welfare, P.H.D., Glasgow; Miss McAra, Nurse, Glasgow School Board; Miss Tisdall, Matron, Convalescent Home, Lenzie; Miss Austin, Superintendent, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow; Miss Niccol, Sister, T.F.N.S., Stobhill; Miss Clark, Nurse, Lanarkshire School Board; Miss Duperré, Superintendent, Hill Street Nursing Association, Glasgow. *Lay Members*: Lady Reid; Mrs. Martin; Sir John S. Samuel; Dr. McGregor Robertson; Mr. S. Stark Brown.

### PRESENTATION TO MISS TODD.

An interesting gathering of nurses took place in the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street,

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