

ment. (We wonder if Colonel Greig realizes the issues involved, which are the issues between capital and labour.)

Mr. G. Thorne enquired whether the Government had given a definite pledge?

Commander Eyres-Monsell (Evesham, Treasurer of the Household), said the Minister for Health gave a pledge; he said the Government was going to take up this question. That being so, the Government did not intend to take any further part in the discussion, either by vote or by speech.

Mr. Leonard Lyle supported the motion to report progress. He repudiated the suggestion made by Major Barnett that they wished to betray any nurses. They were just as keen and anxious for registration as the promoters of this Bill.

The question was then put and agreed to; the Bill as amended in the Standing Committee to be further considered on Friday, July 4th.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The National Council of Women passed the following resolution in regard to the State Registration of Nurses, on Thursday, June 26th, at its annual meeting at Leicester:

That the National Council of Women approves the resolution passed by its Legislation Committee, supporting the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses, and again urges upon the Government the imperative importance of the Bill now before the House of Commons becoming law this Session.

In particular it emphasises the importance of duly guarding the following principles:—

1. That all organised groups of nurses shall be put in the same position with respect to their right to registration, and that no body of nurses shall be placed *ipso facto* on the first register.

2. That a minimum general training and the passing of a standard examination to be defined by the Council as set up under the Bill shall be required as a condition of the registration of any nurse, except such as are registered within the time of grace, and that no power shall be taken to set up other registers for which such training and examination shall not be required.

The following amendment, moved by Mrs. David Macdonald, and seconded by Miss Amy Hughes, was lost by a large majority:—

"That this National Council of Women approves of the State Registration of Nurses, and urges the Government to refer both Bills now before Parliament to a Select Committee, with a view to securing what is best in each."

The resolution is a statesmanlike one, and will give great satisfaction and encouragement to the organised Nurses Societies

affiliated to the Council which have promoted and worked for this reform for so many years.

It is significant that amongst the isolated few who voted against the resolution were Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Vincent, Matron Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and Miss Masters, Matron of the Evington Infirmary, Leicester—members of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

It is high time trained nurses recognised the fact that the Bill promoted by the College Company is not a Nurses' Registration Bill, but a Bill to incorporate the College without the word "Limited," and to secure a monopoly of economic power over the whole Nursing Profession—as the sooner they realise this fact the more determinedly will they resist the College policy.

### STATE REGISTRATION UP TO DATE.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia have been disappointed that after three "readings" before the Provincial Legislative Assembly their Bill was defeated on the vote of Dr. Reid, M.P.P., on an amendment. This amendment made provision for the legal registration of nurses graduated from local hospitals of not less than 30 beds, and of approved educational standards. The Bill was discussed with great animation, several members regretting that this amendment was not passed as presented by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. McInnis, K.C. Dr. Reid, however, argued that such legislation would be a hardship to the smaller training schools of Nova Scotia.

Trained Nurses are beginning to realise more and more that Training Schools should be controlled by the State. At present the ignorant lay Governors of charitable institutions are permitted to determine professional affairs in relation to nursing standards of which they know nothing. The B.J.N. offers the highly qualified graduate nurses of Nova Scotia keen sympathy. Here in Britain we have been up against this intolerable injustice for thirty years, the result of the majority of Matrons failing to support the demands of the rank and file for State Registration, at the dictation of their Committees. However, at last this scandal is to be dealt with by the Government—and high time.

We advise our colleagues in Nova Scotia to enlighten Dr. Reid, M.P.P., and if he cannot see reason, to help find a new M.P.P. for Hants County of more elastic mentality.

Miss L. L. Dock again makes sympathetic reference to the progress of our Bill in the House of Commons. She ends: "We earnestly hope that the final victory is near." We shall look forward to an expression of her feelings when she reads of hopes deferred by the tactics of the College wreckers.

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