

## STATE REGISTRATION UP-TO-DATE.

The promoters of the State Registration Movement owe the British Medical Association a deep debt of gratitude for its consistent support in the past, and for its recent action in connection with the Bill now before the House of Commons.

From the issue of the *British Medical Journal* of July 5th we quote the following information from the Supplementary Report of Council, 1918-19:—

## STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

261. The Nurses' Registration Bill of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, upon which the Association is represented, has passed committee and second reading in the Commons, and is down for further consideration in that House on June 27th.

262. The promoters of the Bill of the College of Nursing, Ltd., introduced that Bill into the Lords on May 1st, where it was read a second time on May 27th.

263. The Royal British Nurses' Association and the Central Committee asked for the help and support of the Association in the crisis thus reached. The Council therefore requested the Divisions and Branches to communicate with their Members of Parliament, urging the latter to support the Bill of the Central Committee, and not to support the Bill of the College of Nursing. The Council suggested that opposition to the further progress of the College of Nursing Bill and work in support of the Bill of the Central Committee should be concentrated on the following fundamental points:—

(a) That the Commons Bill has already received full Parliamentary discussion;

(b) That the Lords Bill, instead of confining itself to registration of nurses, seeks to set up the College of Nursing as the body to control Nurses, a proposal as improper as if, for example, when the State registration of doctors took place it had been suggested that one of the Royal Colleges should take charge of that registration.

264. The House of Commons Medical Committee has been informed of the action being taken by the Association.

The fact that both the British Medical Association and the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland have so recently passed resolutions in support of the pioneer Bill, drafted by the Central Committee, and condemned the principle of the incorporation of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in an Act of Parliament to control the Nursing Profession is very valuable evidence of the trend of medical and public opinion on the policy of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which will not be reversed by its obstructive and ungenerous treatment of the Nurses Bill in the House of Commons.

Such a mean and cruel policy must convince the community at large of the danger of placing working women under the control of the persons who inspired it.

COUNCIL COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.,  
1918-19.

The following persons composed the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which issued the order to the Nurse members to ask Members of Parliament to wreck the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons, and which Mr. Leonard Lyle,

its representative and the group of four Manchester members are attempting to do by placing on the Orders of the Day a number of contentious and irrelevant amendments to the Bill on Report Stage so that they can talk it out.

We feel sure the Nurses all over the world who are watching the progress of our Bill will be interested to know the names of those who have not hesitated to deprive the Nursing Profession of all the benefits with which this progressive measure of reform would have endowed them, and for which they have worked so devotedly for so many years.

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