

## ALL NURSES MUST STAND TOGETHER.

The employers are already astir to weaken the Government Registration Bill. Every species of semi-trained woman whose work is cheap has her champion, and, of course, local authorities, and associations for providing the poor with cottage and village nurses wish to help control the registered nurse.

Let efficiently-trained nurses, to whatever societies they belong, now unite to support the Government Bill. It gives them Legal Status, the vote on their own Governing Body, a State examination, and an appeal to the High Court, thus they will have a sure foundation on which to organise their profession in the future.

Let us all oppose the disintegrating amendments put down by Sir Watson Cheyne, who proposes to deprive us of several promised privileges—(1) Sir Watson Cheyne wishes to have six supplementary registers of Specialists and semi-trained women, and to depreciate the general register to vanishing point. (2) He proposes to deprive us of power to examine, and (3) Instead of providing for a live register by the payment of a small 2s. 6d. fee, to remove the name of every nurse from the register who does not communicate her permanent address every January to the registrar, and who will be called upon to pay 7s. 6d. for reinstatement.

### APPEAL TO YOUR MEMBER.

Nurses who value the privileges incorporated in the Government Bill should write to their member of Parliament, and petition him to support it, and to oppose the amendments proposed by Sir Watson Cheyne. It is indeed disappointing in these days that a medical member of Parliament should take such action without consulting trained nurses who are the persons concerned. Write to your member by the first post.

## THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the above society, held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, November 21st., the Government Bill for the State Registration of Nurses was carefully considered and the following resolutions were passed unanimously, and directed to be sent to the Minister of Health.

### RESOLUTIONS.

#### I.

It was Resolved :

That the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses heartily thanks the Minister of Health for introducing on November 6th, and moving the Second Reading on November 18th of his Nurses' Registration Bill, and for making provision therein for so liberal a measure of self-government for registered nurses, by direct representation on the General Nursing Council, and that the Committee affirms its intention of loyally supporting the Bill as presented.

#### II.

It was Resolved :

That the Minister of Health be informed that there is a spirit of great apprehension amongst many nurses lest they should be placed under the domination of the promoters of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which would inevitably lead to organised resistance—now that they cannot ensure that any of their own nominees whom they trust to safeguard their interests, will be appointed on to the First General Nursing Council.

It was further Resolved :

That the Committee desires to express confidence in the judgment of the Minister of Health in selecting members of the Nursing Profession to serve on the First General Nursing Council, after consultation with the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and other nurses' associations.

MARGARET BREAY,  
Hon. Sec.

## THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

### RESOLUTION.

The Provisional Committee of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses (to be registered shortly under the Trades Union Act) views with alarm the arrangements, as set out in the Nurses' Registration Bill (2), for forming the Provisional Council under the Act. No safeguards are offered that the preponderating influence on this Council will not be that of employers of the nurses and their managers (Matrons) rather than of the nurses themselves.

## THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association held last week, it was agreed to organise an historical Pageant to celebrate the granting of Legal Status to the Profession of Nursing, should the Nurses' Registration Bill go through with consent.

The Pageant will be held in London, and already individual nurses are greatly interested in the proposal; and some of those who played a prominent part in the Pageant of 1911 will again take part in the Processions.

It was agreed to offer prizes, and one suggested was a prize for the most suitable "Registered Nurse's Uniform."

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is open to suggestions to make this historic function as great a success as that demanding "Legal Status" in 1911.

## THE LAVER OF REGENERATION.

*Ragged Little Girl to Sister at Church Door :*  
"Please, Sister, is this the laundry where they christen the babies?"

Presumably the little heathen had heard of the laver of regeneration.

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