

and Miss Cattell, who intimated the depth of her feeling on this question by saying "Two noes," which brought from the Chairman the sharp reprimand "Behave yourself."

Special Meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN said it would be a mistake to wait for a month to give effect to these decisions. It therefore involved summoning a Special Meeting of the Council for that day week. He asked any member of the Council desiring to nominate members on to the Committees to send in names to the Registrar three days before the meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

Meeting Cancelled.

According to the Act no Rule comes into force until approved and signed by the Minister of Health. Are we to understand that Sir Alfred Mond gave his consent to these new Rules before they were passed by the Council?

We understand that the Special Meeting summoned for the 24th instant will not take place.

WHAT IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE NEW RULES AND INSTRUCTION.

DR. GOODALL'S RULE.

1. Enables members of the College of Nursing Ltd., by preferential treatment not provided for in the Nurses' Registration Act, to be placed on the State Register without presenting professional credentials direct to the Council, and thus exonerates the College Council from responsibility for having given the unjustifiable pledge to nurses that if they paid a guinea to join the College, and were placed on the Company's Register, they would automatically be placed on the State Register.

MISS COX-DAVIES' INSTRUCTION TO THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

2. Enables the Registrar of the General Nursing Council to deal with such applications without any scrutiny from members of the Council responsible to Parliament for compiling the State Register, and who strongly object to this preferential treatment for any body of nurses who might swamp the electorate for the Council.

MISS COULTON'S RULE.

3. Enables the majority on the General Nursing Council to deprive the minority who are opposed, to its policy; of office by summarily removing them from office on the Standing Committees.

Cum Grano Sals.

Miss Coulton gave as her reason for proposing to alter the Rules agreed to by the Minister of Health, and Parliament three months ago—so that all the Standing Committees might be re-elected only ten months before they must dissolve

that "Some members had never had a chance of serving upon any of them." Below we reprint the composition of the Standing Committees as at present constituted, by which it will be seen that the only members who are not serving on them are Lady Hobhouse, who lives near Bath, Dr. Bostock Hill, and Miss E. Smith, Superintendent for Wales, Q.V.J.I., who is resident at Chester. We can hardly imagine it to be necessary to alter the Rules to find seats for these three members of the Council even if they are burning to serve, which is not apparent from their attendances at the Council Meetings during the past year. Moreover, as Miss Coulton herself failed to attend the Council Meetings, or the Standing Committees, from July, 1921, to February, 1922, her aspirations for others might in this connection have been otherwise accomplished. We say nothing of the enormous expense to the Registered Nurses in being called upon to pay first class fares and allowances for members from a distance to attend Standing Committees, as well as Council Meetings. Under the circumstances we fear Miss Coulton's reason for the disruption of business must be taken *cum grano sals!*

Members of the General Nursing Council and the Standing Committees upon which they have Seats.

CHAIRMAN (SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM): Ex-officio on all Committees.

LADY HOBHOUSE: None.

THE HON. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS: Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

MISS STEELE, M.A.: Education and Examination.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW: Finance; Disciplinary and Penal.

DR. E. W. GOODALL: Registration; Education and Examination.

DR. A. BOSTOCK HILL: None.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE: Mental Nursing; Education and Examination.

SIR T. JENNER VERRALL, M.D.: Finance; Disciplinary and Penal.

MISS A. CATTELL: Disciplinary and Penal.

MR. T. CHRISTIAN: Registration; Finance; Mental; Disciplinary and Penal.

MISS A. COULTON: Registration; General Purposes.

MISS COX-DAVIES: Finance; Registration; Mental Nursing; Education and Examination; General Purposes.

MISS A. DOWBIGGIN: Registration; Mental Nursing; Education and Examination.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK: Finance; Registration; Education and Examination; General Purposes.

MISS LLOYD STILL: Finance; Education and Examination.

MISS MAUDE MACCALLUM: Finance; Mental Nursing; Disciplinary and Penal; General Purposes.

MISS I. MACDONALD: Registration; Disciplinary and Penal.

MISS A. M. PETERKIN: Registration; Disciplinary and Penal; Education and Examination.

MISS E. SMITH: None.

MISS M. E. SPARSHOTT: Education and Examination.

MISS E. C. SWISS: Education and Examination.

MISS S. A. VILLIERS: Finance; Education and Examination; General Purposes.

MISS C. WORSLEY: Education and Examination.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP: Mental Nursing.

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