

a veritable Star Chamber, and other means must be taken to have the Register made correct.

The resolution was then put to the meeting, when six voted for it and ten against it.

Other Business.

VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Council then proceeded to fill vacancies on the Standing Committees.

Education Committee (two vacancies).—Miss Cox-Davies was elected to replace Dr. Bostock Hill, resigned. Miss Villiers was nominated by Miss Cox-Davies, without her consent, to replace Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, resigned.

Registration Committee (two vacancies).—Miss Sparshott and Miss Steele were elected to replace Miss Cattell and Mr. Christian, resigned.

Mental Nursing Committee (one vacancy).—Miss Swiss was elected to replace Miss MacCallum, resigned.

General Purposes Committee (one vacancy).—Miss Coulton was elected to replace Miss Villiers, resigned.

The meeting then terminated.

DISGRACEFUL PERVERSION OF THE TRUTH.

We invite our readers to study very carefully the report on the Resolution on the Scrutiny of Applications for Registration proposed by Mrs. Fenwick at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, held on May 19th inst. The disgraceful perversion of the truth, and the violent personal attacks made upon her by members of the Council, are matters of importance to the whole Nursing Profession.

As this is not the first time that the disorganisation in compiling the Register has been falsely attributed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, she is determined to suffer no further secret and treacherous detraction at the Ministry of Health, or persecution in the performance of her public duty from those responsible for the mismanagement of the State Register. The matter will be fully discussed in our next issue.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We are glad to be able to quote the following paragraph from the *South African Nursing Record*, the official organ of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

"The International Council of Nurses meet in Copenhagen in May. For the first time the South African Trained Nurses' Association will be represented at this gathering of nurses from all over the world, and our representation is in the capable

hands of Miss J. C. Child. We could not have found anyone with a greater idea of the tradition of our calling, or a more zealous care for its privileges, rights and duties. We are in good hands indeed, and we feel that the position of South African nurses will be enhanced in the eyes of their overseas colleagues when this conference is finished. Of course, we are not affiliated to the International Council yet, but we hope to apply for affiliation this year, and then we shall take our place as a fully-fledged member of a Parliament that represents the common aims and aspirations of our great profession in every civilised country of the world. Such is our right and our duty."

We can only hope that the constitution, &c., of the S.A.T.N.A., which has been taken to Copenhagen by Miss Child, will be in time to secure consideration. As we have said before we must have the South African nurses and the Australian Nurses affiliated to the International before it can rank as thoroughly representative. Our Dominions are Nations now.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL AND NURSES' TRAINING.

Captain Ainsworth asked the Minister of Health whether, in considering the recent decision of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales which recommended that no hospital should be recognised as a training school for nurses unless possessing 100 beds, he would take into account the particular circumstances of each hospital before agreeing to any such rule as that desired by the General Nursing Council.

Mr. Parker (Lord of the Treasury) replied: My right hon. friend has asked me to reply to this question. No rule on this subject has yet been submitted for his approval, and until he has had an opportunity of considering its precise terms it would be premature to make any statement.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CRIPPLES.

The Central Committee for the Care of Cripples founded in December, 1921, under the Chairmanship of Sir Robert Jones, K.B.E., C.B., F.R.C.S., which has its headquarters at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W., has the following laudable objects: (1) To promote a national scheme for complete provision of treatment and education for physically defective children throughout the country; (2) to help any local authority or voluntary organisation desirous of making better provision for these children; (3) to provide a central bureau of information on these matters; (4) to act as a central co-ordinating body.

The care of cripples, as all those who are acquainted with the work going on at Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital at Alton will realise, is a highly important and highly expert department of medical and nursing work.

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