

Council of Women sent to the Government a warm recommendation of N. C. T. N.'s claim. From November, 1921, till now there has been a lively discussion in the daily press. If our opponents are to be enabled to continue their support of the two-class system for sick nurses, they must hasten to get the authorisation established, for they can well see that the ill-trained nurse is dying out, and the point is to keep her alive by artificial means with the aid of the authorisation. She must be recognised by the State, for the nurses' organisation will not do so. There has now been submitted to the Norwegian Parliament a proposal for the preparation of a law regarding the training of sick nurses.

DRAFT OF A LAW REGARDING THE TRAINING OF SICK NURSES.

1. Every institution which under this Act intends to train nurses must have the sanction of the King for that purpose. The detailed conditions for recognition are to be fixed by the King.

2. The King will appoint an education committee for the training of nurses, and this committee shall hold office for six years at a time. The committee shall consist of three doctors and three nurses and of a chairman who possesses administrative insight and experience of the economic sides of the official sick nursing, and who is not practising as a doctor or sick nurse. A deputy shall likewise be appointed for each member.

3. The duties of the committee mentioned in the foregoing paragraph will be:—

(a) To suggest the conditions for the recognition of training-establishments for sick nurses according to the first paragraph of this law.

(b) To approve of text books, plans of instruction and rules of examination for the training of nurses.

(c) To keep a list of all recognised sick nurses, which list shall be printed and published as the department concerned shall decide.

(d) To deal with and to give its opinion or suggestions regarding such matters as may be submitted to the committee by the department concerned or by the Director of Public Health. As regards other duties of the committee detailed provisions may be laid down by the King.

4. Persons who have passed the final examination of an institution recognised in accordance with Par. 1 can, on application to the committee referred to in Par. 2, be recognised as sick nurses and entered on the list of recognised sick nurses, as mentioned in Par. 3, No. 3.

Recognition as sick nurse under this law may be refused or recalled, when the person in question has shown herself to be incapable of properly performing her work or, in spite of warning, continues to act in an unbecoming manner either in the service or in her way of living in general. The decision rests with the Director of Public Health after hearing the suggestions of the education committee and after the nurse concerned has had an opportunity of making a statement. When the recognition is recalled the person in question is to be struck off the list.

5. The Director of Public Health shall, after obtaining the opinion of the education committee, decide in every separate case whether nurses who have been trained abroad, or who are in practice or in training when this law comes into force, can be recognised as sick nurses.

6. This law shall come into force from the date appointed by the King.

This law seems no doubt rather dangerous, but the decisive point will be the composition of the committee, and it will be very interesting to see whether the nurses' standpoint or that of our opponents shall win the day. The Norwegian nursing profession would still be better served by a postponement of the authorisation question for some years longer, as the development is going steadily and surely in the right direction.

(To be concluded.)

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Cleaver Sanatorium, Heswall.—Miss Dorothy Kelsall, Registered Nurse, has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Withington Hospitals, Manchester, and has worked at the Cleaver Sanatorium as Staff Nurse, Sister, and Assistant to the Matron. She has also had experience of private nursing.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.—Miss B. Macdonald, M.A. (Edin.) has been appointed Sister-Tutor at the Royal Albert Hospital. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.

SISTER.

Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss Gladys Emily Anson has been appointed Sister in the Children's Ward. She was trained at the West Bromwich and District Hospital, and has been Sister at the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, Night Sister at the Homoeopathic Hospital, Birmingham, and School Nurse under the Staffordshire Education Committee.

Miss Grace Carse Neilson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, and has been Sister at the Braycourt Neurological Hospital, Maidenhead, and Massage Sister at the West Middlesex Hospital.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.—Miss Mary J. Smith has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Stephen Cottage Hospital, Dufftown and the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Navy Nurse Corps, U.S.A.—Miss J. Beatrice Bowman, Registered Nurse, has been appointed Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps, U.S.A., the Headquarters of which are at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Washington D.C. Miss Bowman graduated from the Training School of the Medico-Chirurgical, Philadelphia, in 1904, and has had a distinguished nursing career. Perhaps her most conspicuous service in the Navy, says a contemporary, was that which she gave as Chief Nurse of the Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, during the years 1918-1920. She was recalled from the position of Chief Nurse of the U.S.S. *Relief* (hospital ship) for a preparatory course in her work as Superintendent.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)