

The foregoing five points were submitted to the general meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association in 1934, and were approved. The meeting authorised the executive committee to appoint the nucleus of the committee and the national appointees were: Miss E. MacPherson Dickson, Toronto (Chairman); Miss Florence H. M. Emory, Toronto; and Miss E. Muriel McKee, Brantford, together with representatives of the provincial associations. The work of the committee has been carried on by the members resident in Ontario in conference, and by correspondence with the provincial representatives. Progress reports have been sent to the executive committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association and to the provincial representatives, and the final draft is to be submitted to the general meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association, to be held from June 29th to July 4th in Vancouver. We can, therefore, only quote from the proposals which are at present under the consideration of the provincial associations.

The first study made by the committee was in connection with educational requirements for admission to approved schools of nursing. The committee recommends that for the present, the minimum standard for admission to schools for nurses should be set at junior matriculation or equivalent examinations.

The second study undertaken was concerned with existing provincial legislation for registration of nurses.

The third study made was in connection with incorporation, and for information as to whether incorporation should be effected, under Letters Patent or Private Bill, the department of the Secretary of State at Ottawa was consulted, and the following reply signed by Mr. W. O'Meara, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, was received.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo (June, 1935) with reference to the desire of the Canadian Nurses' Association to set up a council for the purpose of registering nurses by examination in order that nurses so registered may be transferred from province to province without taking duplicate examinations.

It is apparent that if your purpose is to be achieved, a special Act of Parliament should be sought. A corresponding situation exists with respect to the Dominion Medical Council which is incorporated by Act of Parliament with authority to examine doctors with a view to certifying their qualifications to practise in the various provinces.

The Organisation of the Dominion Medical Council, was then studied, and as indicated in the reply of the Assistant Under Secretary of State it was found that the Canadian Medical Association, by Act of Parliament, set up a Dominion Medical Council known as the "Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada." All the appointees are physicians.

ORGANISATION.

The Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association on Dominion registration now proposes the following plan for registration of nurses in Canada:

1. That the Canadian Nurses' Association initiate the establishment of a Canadian College of Nurses.

2. That the affairs of the College be administered by a Council of 29 members which shall be constituted as follows: (a) Two members, who shall be nurses, appointed by each Provincial Association, (b) One member, appointed by each of the Provincial Associations, who shall be the provincial director of nurse education, or otherwise designated as inspector of schools for nurses, registrar, etc. (c) Two members who shall be nurses, appointed by the Governor General-in-Council. It is recommended that one of these appointees shall be Protestant and one Roman Catholic.

It is also recommended that the members of the first Council be appointed for such period as will ensure continuity of effort, and at the same time avoid the idea of perpetual appointment.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is proposed that membership in the College shall be "Members" and "Fellows" with designating letters, "M.C.C.N." and "F.C.C.N." For organisation purposes, all nurses who have been registered in their respective provinces for a period of five years prior to the time of the establishment of the College shall be deemed eligible for *membership* on payment of the required fee. Members who are approved by the Council, as judged by standards which shall take into consideration the professional achievements of such members as may apply, shall be deemed eligible for *fellowship*. Fellows will be required to pay an additional fee.

It is proposed that subsequent to the organisation period, *membership* shall be by examination and payment of the required fee. *Fellowship* shall be based on a thesis submitted by a member and accompanied by a record of professional work covering a period of at least 10 years.

ELIGIBILITY.

It is further proposed that nurses who hold diplomas from such schools as may be recognised by the Council for the purpose of Dominion Registration shall be deemed eligible for examination. This regulation will be governed by the curriculum to be prescribed by the Canadian Nurses' Association, and which is now under course of construction.

Should the proposed plan be approved by the Association the committee makes further recommendations as to the way in which it should be carried out.

Miss MacPherson Dickson concludes this most interesting and important article by saying: "It will be seen that the committee has not attempted to do more than formulate a plan for the establishment of facilities for Dominion registration of nurses which it is hoped may guide those who will be responsible for deciding on the provisions of the Charter. A tentative report on Dominion registration has been released to the provincial associations, by authority of the President of the Canadian Nurses' Association. The committee cannot emphasise too strongly the importance of careful study of this report by the provincial associations, so that weaknesses and undesirable elements may be eliminated by the final draft if submitted to the general meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association to be held from June 29th to July 4th, 1936, in Vancouver."

We commend the action of the Canadian Nurses' Association in planning to organise Dominion Registration of Nurses on a self-governing basis, *i.e.*, by the establishment of a Governing Body for the profession composed entirely of nurses, and also its proposal to found a College of Nurses of the Fellows and Members.

We shall watch with great interest the progress of the proposed scheme, and cordially wish success to its promoters.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

Mr. William Magee, who has recently died at Notting Hill, W., was an ex-Life Guardsman, who from 1892 to 1910 acted as personal attendant to Florence Nightingale.

He had some very interesting recollections of the manner in which she ran her household, says the *Daily Telegraph*. She was so autocratic that even Lord Kitchener found it difficult to see her on one occasion because he had not made an appointment.

She did not go to church very frequently, but insisted that her servants should do so. On their return they had to give a summary of the sermon.

As she never ate new potatoes, Magee regularly had to search London for supplies of old ones.

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