

NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

Amendments to be moved by Colonel Raw on behalf of the College of Nursing, Limited.

REPRESENTATION ON GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

For Clause 4 (1) (g) substitute the following:—

"Two-thirds of the Council shall be elected by the nurses on the Woman Nurses' General Register under this Act; and of the persons so elected four-sixths shall represent England and Wales, one-sixth Scotland, and one-sixth Ireland. Of the persons elected by the nurses on the General Register to represent England, and Wales, Scotland and Ireland respectively, five-sixths shall be nurses on the Woman Nurses' General Register."

PROVISIONAL NURSING COUNCIL.

In Clause 4 (1) (k) to omit all the words following "nurse" in line 11, and to substitute the following:—

"Provided that on the first constitution of the Council there shall be thirty-six persons, appointed as follows:—

Three by the Council of the British Medical Association.
Three by the Council of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Three by the Council of the Association of Poor Law Unions.

Three by the Council of the British Hospitals Association.

Twelve by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses.

Twelve by the Council of the College of Nursing.

And the persons so appointed shall hold office until they have framed rules regulating the admission to the Register of persons already in practice as trained nurses at the commencement of this Act and until the Register of persons so entitled to be registered contains the names

of not fewer than 20,000 persons; whereupon an election of direct representatives of registered nurses shall be held and the persons appointed as above shall cease to hold office."

TERM OF OFFICE.

In Clause 7 to omit the words "At the expiration of two years from the date of the first constitution of the Council," and to substitute:—

"At the expiration of three years from the date of the first election of direct representatives of registered nurses on the Council."

DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNCIL.

In Clause 11 omit the last section: "And provided—with this Act." (Page 7, lines 24-28 inclusive.)

PROVISION FOR EXISTING NURSES.

In Clause 12 insert before 12 (1) the words:—

"Is a registered nurse member of the College of Nursing, Ltd."

WHO MAY BE REGISTERED.

In Clause 13, line 5, insert the word "general" before "training."

APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION OF HOSPITALS.

In Clause 14, move the omission of this clause.

FEES AND EXPENSES.

In Clause 17 (1) add:—

"Provided that such fee shall not exceed £1 for registration."

NO AUTHORITY TO PRACTISE MEDICINE.

In Clause 25 omit all words after "midwifery."

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The following is the list of members of Standing Committee E of the House of Commons to which the Bill has been referred:—

Mr. R. Armitage (Leeds Central), Major the Hon. W. Astor (Parliamentary Secretary, Local Government Board), Major Barnett (St. Pancras, S.W.), Mr. A. R. Barrand (Pudsey and Otley), Mr. F. Briant (Lambeth, N.), Colonel C. R. Burn (Torquay), Mr. T. W. Casey (Attercliffe), Rt. Hon. Evelyn Cecil (Aston), Sir Wm. Watson Cheyne (Scottish Universities), Sir Richard Cooper (Walsall), Captain Colin Coote (Isle of Ely), Mr. Dugald Cowan (Scottish Universities), Captain Dixon (Pottinger), Major John Edwards (Aberavon), Major Glyn (Clackmannan and Eastern), Mr. William Graham (Edinburgh Central), Mr. Joseph Green (Leicester, W.), Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness (Southend-on-Sea), Mr. R. S. Gwynne (Eastbourne), Sir Charles Hanson (Bodmin), Major Hayward (Seaham), Major Hennessey (Winchester), Rt. Hon. John Hodge (Gorton), Mr. Harry Hope (Stirling and Clackmannan), Mr. Austin

Hopkinson (Mossley), Major Howard (Sudbury), Sir Edgar Jones (Merthyr), Major Kelley (Rotherham), Mr. T. A. Lewis (Pontypridd), Major Lloyd-Graeme (Hendon), Mr. C. E. Leo Lyle (Stratford), Mr. L. Lyon (Hastings), Mr. Henry M'Laren, Sir George Croydon Markz (Cornwall, N.), Major-General Sir Newton Moore (Islington, N.), Mr. W. G. Perring (Paddington, N.), General Sir Ivor Philipps (Southampton), Sir Philip Pilditch (Spelthorne), Lieut.-Colonel Nathan Raw (Wavertree), Mr. Robert Richardson (Houghton-le-Spring), Mr. Frederick Roberts (West Bromwich), Sir Samuel Scott (St. Marylebone), Mr. A. Short (Wednesbury), Mr. W. Smith (Wellingborough), Mr. G. A. Spencer (Broxtowe), Sir Charles Sykes (Huddersfield), Mr. John Taylor (Chester-le-Street), Brigadier-General Sir Owen Thomas (Anglesey), Colonel Wedgwood (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Major Wheler (Faversham), Mr. Aneurin Williams (Consett), Mr. Thomas Williams (Swansea, E.), Viscount Wolmer (Aldershot), Sir Robert Woods (Dublin University), Colonel Yate (Melton).

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS ON THE BILL.

The consideration of the Bill in Committee was begun on Tuesday, Mr. D. Macmaster, K.C., presiding, and Clauses 1, 2, and 3 were agreed to without amendment.

On Clause 4, which fixes the constitution of the Council, an amendment, proposed by Sir Edgar Jones, that the number be raised from 41 to 42 to allow for the representation of Wales, was agreed to.—Another amendment, moved by Mr. Briant, that the Council consist of 45, was also agreed to. Mr. Briant's object is to ensure that three persons not connected with the medical or nursing professions shall be on the Council.

Lieut.-Col. Raw, in moving the first of his amendments (set out above), said his object was to secure a majority of nurses on the Council which was to regulate their profession.—Dr. Addison (President of the Local Government Board) said the Bill as it stood allowed for 24 members of the nursing profession out of 45.—The amendment was

ruled out of order on the ground that it would involve "fractions of nurses." (Laughter.)

Lieut.-Col. Raw then moved his second amendment (given above) to Clause 4.—Major Barnett (one of the promoters of the measure) opposed. He pointed out that the College of Nursing claimed that they had 13,000 on their Register. With the addition of another 7,000 they would have a controlling voice in the future of the nursing profession.—Dr. Addison suggested that the question of the constitution of the Council should be considered by the Government Departments concerned and the Medical and Nursing Associations. The amendment before them seemed to take no cognisance of the State, which had a responsibility of a very heavy character.—Mr. John Hodge objected to the Privy Council nominating members. A democratic selection was wanted, and it should be made by the Ministry of Health.—Lieut.-Col. Raw withdrew his amendment, and the Committee adjourned till April 10, by which time it is hoped to come to some agreement as to the constitution of the Provisional Nursing Council.