

such powers of the Co-operation as are not by the Articles of this Constitution required to be exercised by the Co-operation in General Meeting, subject, nevertheless, to any Regulations of these Articles, and to such Regulations not being inconsistent with the aforesaid Regulations or provisions as may be prescribed by the Co-operation in General Meeting; but no Regulation made by the Co-operation in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Executive Committee which would have been valid if such Regulation had not been made."

The same objectionable regulation is made concerning the signing of minutes as in the case of the proceedings of General Meetings already referred to.

ROTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

24. Four members of the Executive Committee, being Hon. Members of the Co-operation, are to retire annually from office, but may be re-elected. Presumably the medical members are included in the honorary ones. In default of agreement the retiring members of the Executive are to be determined by lot.

The four nurses who are members of the Executive are not to be eligible for re-election for a year. This regulation requires revision. If the Hon. Members are eligible for re-election the nurses should be so too. Further, at the end of a year's experience a nurse is just beginning to be valuable to the Committee.

It must not be forgotten here that the partially permanent Hon. Members are numerically far in excess of the nurse-members appointed for the term of one year only.

By sweeping off the four nurse representatives every year the whole continuity of business remains in the hands of the permanent members.

29. Another regulation provides that "All acts done by any meeting of the Executive Committee or by a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee, or by any person acting as a member of the Executive Committee, shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Executive Committee or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Executive Committee."

It will, therefore, be seen that in the event of the perpetration of any irregularities the Executive Committee is well protected. Why trouble to elaborate a Constitution at all? Half-a-dozen lines giving the Executive *carte blanche* appear to be all that is necessary.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

33. The regulation as to the Alteration of Rules provides that notice of any proposed alteration (other than an alteration approved by the Executive Committee) must be given to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of a General or Annual Meeting. In our opinion, the proposed alteration, whether proposed by the Executive or otherwise, should be specified on the notice convening the meeting.

It would be advisable to incorporate a regulation that the business books of the Co-operation should at reasonable hours be available for the inspection of all members of the Co-operation.

Educational Questions.

PRACTICAL METHOD OF EXAMINATION AND MARKING PUPILS FOR THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD YEARS.

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THIRD YEAR.

Children.

1. What is the care which should be given to infants' mouths?
2. What amount of food at each feeding should be given to a baby :
 - (a) One week old?
 - (b) One month old?
 - (c) Six months old?
 - (d) One year old?
3. What is the appropriate diet for a child eighteen months old?
4. What is the treatment, other than by drugs, of constipation in babyhood?
5. What should be the average weekly gain of an infant in the first six months?

Obstetrics.

1. Give the changes effected in the uterus by pregnancy as regards :
 - (a) Dimensions.
 - (b) Position.
2. Give :
 - (a) The probable signs of pregnancy.
 - (b) The certain signs of pregnancy.
3.
 - (a) Give the frequency of head presentations.
 - (b) Describe the three stages of labour.
4.
 - (a) Give the chief cause of post-partum hæmorrhage.
 - (b) What means should the nurse employ to control the hæmorrhage?
5. Give the usual method of resuscitating asphyxiated babies.
6.
 - (a) Give the chief sources of puerperal infection.
 - (b) Briefly outline the aseptic technique to be employed by the nurse.

Nervous Diseases.

1. What constitutes the nervous system?
2. What are (1) the predisposing and (2) the exciting causes of diseases of the nervous system?
3.
 - (a) Give an instance of an organic nervous disease.
 - (b) Describe its symptoms.
4. Define :
 - (a) Insanity.
 - (b) Hallucination.
 - (c) Dementia.
5.
 - (a) Name the chief symptoms of melancholia.
 - (b) What are the duties of the nurse in the care of melancholic patients?
6. Describe measures other than medicinal which are used in the treatment of insomnia.

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