

weights; still, it must not be forgotten, on the other hand, that the quality of patience is cultivated in a Children's Hospital in a quite exceptional way, so that, in the result, the training is about equally good in both kinds of establishments.

DR. HULSHOFF considered that a Nurse who has been trained only in a Children's Hospital, is not so efficient for general Nursing.

DR. VAN MOTT agreed with DR. DE MONCHY, and saw no difficulty in including Children's Hospitals among the General Hospitals, for the purposes of the regulation proposed by the Bestuur.

DR. DE MONCHY proposed a motion that in the words "General Hospitals," Children Hospitals be understood to be included.

Prof. DR. WINKLER opposed this. The result would be that we should presently be putting ophthalmological or gynæcological clinical Institutions on the same footing, and that he would consider very mischievous. He admitted that the Children's Hospital is the nearest to a General Hospital of all the special establishments, and would prefer to insert in the Rule, after "General Hospital," the words "or in a Children's Hospital."

DR. VAN DEVENTER urged the adoption of this suggestion.

The amendment was put to the vote and adopted by 21 votes for, and 21 against.

On the motion of Prof. WINKLER it was expressly recorded, that the only object of this Rule is to consent to a *complete* training of Nurses in a Children's Hospital; but that a Nurse, for example, who has been employed for two years in ophthalmological or gynæcological clinics, cannot make herself entitled to the diploma of the Society by working one year in a Children's Hospital, but must work one more year in a General Hospital to be qualified.

With this amendment the proposal of the Committee was adopted by acclamation.

DR. KOUWER moved:

"When a candidate has gone through a three years' apprenticeship in one establishment, and wishes to pass her examination in another Hospital, a further apprenticeship of at least one year is required. It is desirable that the Probationers should be examined by their own instructors, and it is advisable to make provision for cases when candidates wish to evade this."

After some discussion the resolution was rejected by 29 votes against 1.

It was resolved that a list be made, in the course of the year, of men and women Nurses without diplomas, who have done good service in Nursing, in order to propose them for membership at a subsequent general meeting. The President earnestly requested all members present to assist in drawing up this list, by giving in names to the Committee.

The appointment of the time and place of the next general meeting was left to the Committee.

After the close of the meeting the company made

an excursion, under the guidance of Dr. van Deventer and his wife, over the country about Meerenburg, and afterwards sat down, in a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen, to a social dinner at Duinlust.

Signed for the Committee by

DR. C. F. J. BLOOKER, *President.*

JELTJE DE BOSCH KEMPER, *Hon. Secretary.*

The above is taken from the official report. For some who were not present at the meeting, it may be disappointing that effect was not given at once to the Regulation (section *e* of Art. V.) for admitting to membership those persons who had already done good service in the field of Nursing, seeing that the Bestuur had the privilege of proposing them, but the members also had the same right, and the Bestuur had to meet the great difficulty of selection, and the danger of forgetting meritorious persons; as they did not know them all. Therefore, it was proposed to the members that they should send in, at least six weeks before the next general meeting, a list of all the persons who, for one reason or another, have not received diplomas, but have shown that they are not inferior to those who have. Some among them hold foreign diplomas, and it is a difficult task for a Dutch Bestuur to estimate the true value of these. These Nurses can be proposed by their own Bestuur, or their fellow-members, and, if the meeting admit the right of membership, there will certainly be no objection to their exercise of their right of membership and voting during the meeting. The President added: "We hope to see a long list laid before us."

For those who desire it, an appendix can probably be added to the Register, so that they can take their places there among the Nurses, as they do in their usual occupations.

Now, also, after long discussion, the qualifications for diplomas to be recognised by the Bond are settled; and we call upon all examining Committees to give notice to the Bond of their adherence, if they adopt them, and wish their diplomas to be entered upon the Register.

The Bestuur intend the rules to come in force in the Autumn of 1895, and all candidates will have to satisfy the conditions we here recapitulate.

1. All persons who wish to be admitted to examination of Nurses (men or women) must comply with these rules:—

- (a) They must be of good moral repute, in good health, and possessed of general culture and education. (*algemeene beschaving en ontwikkeling*).
- (b) They must hand in evidence that they have gone through a complete course of instruction in the nursing of the sick; and that they have been actively at work for *three consecutive years*, of which *one year at least* must have been passed in a General Hospital or in a Hospital for Children, in which, besides the physician, a resident Superintendent of Nursing is employed.

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