

deemed necessary in order to carry out the objects of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of the President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretaries, and Members of Council is vested in the general body of members of the Association.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Until the first annual meeting is held the following form a Council:—President, J. W. Springthorpe, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P.; Vice-President, J. A. Levey; Hon. Treasurer, W. B. Vance, M.B., Ch.B.; Hon. Secretaries, Miss Glover, W. A. Wood, M.D., Ch.M. Council: Honorary members, Mrs. J. Turner and Mrs. R. Harper; Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses, Miss Amy Burleigh (Matron of the Melbourne Hospital), Miss Ayres (Matron of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne), Miss Martelli (Matron private hospital); Sisters and Nurses, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Roberts (nurses' homes); medical members, R. R. Stawell, M.D., Alan Mackay, M.B., Ch.B.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

The rules governing the general management of the Association include one providing that "Every question shall be decided by a majority of the members present, the chairman having a vote in his own right and also a casting vote; but the Council shall be empowered to receive the vote of any member by proxy on such questions and at such times when it may be deemed desirable in the interests of the Association to obtain the opinion of all the members, provided always that reasonable notice of such question be supplied to each member, and the form in which such proxy vote is recorded be approved of by the Council."

QUALIFICATIONS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

The Association consists of Nursing, Medical and Honorary Members.

Nursing Members must be nurses on the Register or Roll of the Association. Medical Members must be duly qualified medical practitioners elected by the Council. Honorary Members are elected by the Council from those who have identified themselves with the work of public hospitals and kindred institutions.

Honorary Members have no vote in the management of the Association except when elected as Members of the Council, under the regulation given above.

CANDIDATES FOR REGISTRATION.

Candidates for registration must produce proof—

(1) For the General Register:

(a) That they have been engaged in nursing under a trained and registered Matron for a period of not less than three years in a hospital recognised by the Council for the purpose;

(b) And have passed an examination or examinations recognised or prescribed by the Council.

(2) For the Special Register:

(a) That they have received such preliminary course of general nursing and training as shall be prescribed or recognised by the Council.

(b) That they have been engaged in special nursing under a trained and registered Matron in a hospital recognised by the Council for such term as the Council may prescribe.

(c) And have passed the examinations recognised or prescribed by the Council.

The Council has power to place upon the Register any nurse trained or certificated outside Victoria, whose training or certificate shows, to the satisfaction of the Council, a course of training and examination equal to that locally prescribed or recognised.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO REGISTERED TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

The Council of the Association has addressed a circular letter to Registered Training Schools for Nurses "for the information and guidance of those who are co-operating with it in its efforts to place the training of nurses in Victoria upon a uniform and satisfactory basis."

I. Clause I. gives a list of the hospitals registered by the Council as Training Schools for Nurses in Victoria.

(a) General Training Schools.

(b) For Training in Midwifery and Gynecology.*

II. Clause II. deals with the Schedule of Study which has been approved as the basis of the three years' curriculum. We regret that space prevents our giving this Schedule in detail.

(The remaining clauses we give in the words of the Council.)

III. Pending the production of its own Text Books, the Council recommends the following:—

Physiology	Furneaux
Physiology for Beginners	Foster and Shore
Practical Nursing	Stewart and Cuff

IV. On and after June, 1905, no final examinations in nursing will be recognised by the Council as qualifying for registration by the Association, except those that are to be held twice a year by its duly constituted Conjoint Board of Examiners, and all such examinations may then include any of the subjects (other than elementary anatomy and physiology) contained in the Revised Schedule of Study.

V. Up to June, 1905, trainees from recognised training-schools with not less than forty beds may

* Only nurses on the General Register are eligible as trainees. Each course is of six months' duration.

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