

ladies have spoken to me on this matter quite recently. They had worked as V.A.D.s throughout the war, and the view they wished me to express to you is whether anything can be done to allow some portion of the work they have done to count as part of the time which the Council will require them to train for the future."

Miss Sparshott pointed out that some hospitals giving a four years' course allowed one year off to V.A.D.s, and granted a certificate after three years.

Miss Seymour Yapp said that in the hospital of which she was matron, and where the term of training was three years, V.A.D. nurses were allowed to rank as second year nurses.

Mrs. Fenwick said as far as she could gather most of the leading training schools had made the concession of one year.

The Chairman: "Kindly give me a ruling as to whether V.A.D.s who have served for three years during the war would be eligible for enrolment in the Nursing Register, and, if so, what the conditions would be."

A Medical Member: "The ruling is an emphatic negative."

Several professional members spoke in opposition to V.A.D.s being considered eligible for enrolment in the Trained Nurses' Register, and expressed the opinion that it would be most unjust.

Miss Cox-Davies moved and Miss Cattell seconded a resolution "That the Central Joint V.A.D. Committee be informed that V.A.D. members who have served in military hospitals are not eligible for registration."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: "We will convey through our Registrar to the Central Joint V.A.D. Committee that we very much regret that our answer to their letter must be in the negative."

Chorus of Professional Members: "No regrets."

THE RULES FOR EXISTING AND INTERMEDIATE NURSES AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the Draft Rules for the admission of Existing and Intermediate Nurses to the Register, and for the conduct of Council Business.

As these Rules have still to receive the sanction of the Minister of Health, they are sub-judice.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman having presided for three and a half hours, invited Sir Jenner Verrall to take the chair.

Sir Jenner Verrall presented the Report of the Finance Committee. Expenditure to the amount of £155 5s. was approved:—Travelling and subsistence expenses of members of the Council, £35 17s. 4d.; Registrar's salary £110 17s. 8d.; Printing, Typing, and Stationery £8 10s. It was reported that the Finance Committee had had the question of offices under consideration, as at present, by the courtesy of the Minister, the work was being carried on at the Ministry of Health.

The Committee recommended that the following staff be engaged when the Rules are agreed:—

- (1) A Registrar's Assistant, at a salary of £300 a year, to be a trained nurse;
 - (2) A Registrar's Clerk, preferably a trained nurse;
 - (3) A skilled accountant;
 - (4) Two typists, skilled clerical workers.
- All to be women.

The Report was accepted.

Mrs. Fenwick moved: "That it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to select and recommend to the Council for appointment the members of the clerical and domestic staffs required for the conduct of its business."

Miss Macdonald seconded.

This was agreed.

The Council will meet on October 15th at 2 p.m. The meeting then terminated.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for Ireland was held at the Offices of the Minister of Health for Ireland, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., Dr. E. Coey Bigger presiding, and the following members being present:—

Lady Kenmare, Miss Curtin, Miss Michie, Miss Walsh, Miss Matheson, Miss O'Flynn, Mrs. Blunden, Miss Bostock, Miss Reeves, Miss Huxley, Sir Wm. Taylor, Sir Arthur Chance.

Having transacted routine business, the Council had under consideration the question of Registration of existing nurses, and decided to concentrate for the present on the Rules for the admission of this class of nurse. After careful consideration, the Rules in this respect were finally adopted. It is hoped that it will be possible to promulgate these Rules in the course of a few weeks, after which nurses will be eligible to submit their applications.

Due notice of the date on and from which applications can be received will be published.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

To augment the funds a Sale of Work (also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes and sweets) will be held at the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, October 2nd.

The Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club, will open the Sale at 2 p.m.

Many articles, beautifully worked, have been sent in by the members, and a large supply of cakes, sweets, fruit, flowers and vegetables is expected. Orders have been taken in advance, and already various articles have been sold. The Nurses have shown a keen interest, and have made every effort to make the sale a success.

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