

Report of the Registration Committee.

MRS. FENWICK, Chairman of the Registration Committee, presented a short report of the Committee which had met on October 22nd, and considered the matters referred to it:—

(1) It scanned the Draft Rules of the Scottish and Irish Councils. Both Councils proposed to accept for registration on the General Register Existing Nurses, without hospital experience. For "Intermediate" Nurses the Scottish Council accepted training in "institutions" other than general hospitals, and the Irish Council "other evidence" than hospital certificates of having carried out not less than three years' training;

(2) The Registration Committee discussed Rule 13 of the Draft Rules, which had been deleted from the amended Rules, which provided for automatic registration between the three Councils, and as authorised by the Council on October 15th, the Chairman (Mrs. Fenwick) presented an amended Rule in substitution for that deleted. This was considered, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend it to the Council for adoption.

Mrs. Fenwick then moved (a) That a further Rule proposed by the Registration Committee, being Rule 13 of the Rules for Existing Nurses be received as follows:—

Rule 13.—"Any person whose name is included in any part or parts of the Register kept by the General Council of Nursing for Scotland, and of that kept by the General Council of Nursing for Ireland, desiring to have her name placed on the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, shall make application to the Registrar on Form I. set out in the Second Schedule of these Rules; and upon production of a certificate under the Seal of the said Council for Scotland or for Ireland, as the case may be, certifying that her name is so included, may be admitted to the corresponding part or parts of the Register, provided the standard of qualification is equivalent to the standard adopted by the Council for England and Wales. The fee payable in such case shall be the same as that payable in the case of an application under Rule 4 of these Rules."

In support of the amended Rule Mrs. Fenwick drew the attention of the Council to the words inserted—"provided the standard of qualification is equivalent to the standard adopted by the Council for England and Wales."

In drafting the Rule she had considered: (1) the responsibility of a Statutory Body entrusted with powers by Parliament, which must have discretionary authority, and that the Nursing Acts did not provide for automatic registration; (2) Finance—the Register could not be supported on a reciprocal fee of 2s. 6d., as suggested by the Councils of Scotland and Ireland; it was therefore unfair that English nurses should be called upon to subsidise the English Register for the benefit of Scottish and Irish nurses; (3) Registration carried with it a vote for the Nurse Members of the Council, and this privilege should cost each voter an equal fee. Nurses appreciated their profes-

sional enfranchisement, and English nurses should not be required to pay a guinea, and nurses trained in Scotland and Ireland only 2s. 6d., to qualify to vote in the election of the Council for England and Wales.

The Registration Committee were quite unanimous that justice demanded that the standard of qualification for registration must be equivalent between the three Councils.

Mrs. Fenwick then moved that Rule 13 be considered and approved.

This was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Form of Registration Certificate and Seal.

MRS. FENWICK moved: "That the Form of Registration Certificate and the Seal recommended by the Registration Committee be received, considered, and approved."

The draft of the Seal and wording of the Certificate were agreed, and the Registration Committee was directed to procure specimens of engraved Certificates of high-class workmanship for further consideration.

Resignation from Mental Nursing Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, reported with regret the resignation of Miss Lloyd-Still, who found that she could not attend, in addition to acting as Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee. They recommended in her place Miss Seymour Yapp.—This was agreed.

Interim Reports of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD-STILL, Chairman, moved: "That the Interim Reports of the Education Committee be received, agreed, and approved."

Miss Lloyd-Still stated that the Committee met weekly, and had adopted and recommended several principles: (1) That all future nurses shall have passed the examination prescribed by the Council as a condition of admission to the Register; (2) A standard of general education which shall be laid down by the Council; (3) That preliminary training be recommended; (4) That the term of training for admission to the Register be three years, exclusive of preliminary training; (5) That a list be obtained and compiled of hospitals and institutions which admit nurses, so that the clinical material available could be tabulated. A Draft Schedule for approved institutions was discussed. The Report was approved.

Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the question of offices had been under consideration, and 12, York Gate, Regents Park, had been viewed and approved. He moved that the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with it.—The Chairman was given full powers to accept the terms offered, if after further investigation the premises were approved by the Ministry of Health. Bills and claims were sanctioned.—The Finance Committee was em-

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