

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK proposed that consideration of the letter should be deferred until after the vacation, and considered at the next meeting of the Council, as the Hours of Employment Bill could not possibly be considered by Parliament till October.

LADY HOBHOUSE seconded Mrs. Fenwick's motion.

MISS VILLIERS said that the nurses in some of the Metropolitan Asylums Board Hospitals were already working 50 hours and less per week.

The resolution was carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL MENTAL NURSING COMMITTEE.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE, as chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, moved that its report be received. The Committee had met twice, on the 16th and the 30th July. It suggested that the terms "Registered Mental Nurse," and "Registered Nurse for Mental Defectives" should be approved. It welcomed the recommendation of the Registration Committee that the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association should be recognised as one of the qualifications for existing nurses during the period of grace.

In regard to the recognition of institutions the Committee was not at present in a position to make recommendations.

The Committee had had under consideration the position of "intermediate" nurses, *i.e.*, those who were not in a position to claim registration as "existing nurses," because they fulfilled the requirements defined for nurses who were at least three years before the first day of November, 1919, *bona fide* engaged in practice as nurses in attendance on the sick, but who completed their training before the Rules for future nurses became operative. It was of opinion that their position needed defining.

It recommended that Miss Tuke's name be added to the Mental Nursing Committee.

Commenting on the Report, as presented, Dr. Bedford Pierce said he was of opinion that it would be an advantage to recognise the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association as a qualification for Registration on the Mental Nurses Register during the term of grace. He did not wish to pledge the Council any further, nor did he wish to ask that the names on the Register of the Medico-Psychological Association should be transferred *en bloc* to the State Register, but that its certificate should be recognised as evidence of training.

He moved that the Report be received. This was seconded by Mr. Christian.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the Registration Committee had recommended that the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association should be recognised as evidence of training in mental nursing during the period of grace, and without prejudice to the future. She moved that this be added.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE seconded the recommendation, and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE then again raised the

question of nurses who began their training before November 1st, 1919. "Existing Nurses" were those who finished their training up to that date. There would be a certain number of "Intermediate Nurses" who began their training before November 1st, 1919, and were certificated after. It would meet the necessities of the case if the Council were satisfied that such nurses should be placed on the Register at its discretion.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was desirable to get the way perfectly clear so that the Register could be got ready for Existing Nurses.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE hoped that the Council would make a pronouncement that day as to "Intermediate Nurses."

He then moved that the Report be agreed to.

The Council agreed with and adopted the Committee's Report, the consideration of the question of "Intermediate Nurses" being deferred till a later stage in the proceedings.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

MISS COX-DAVIES then moved:—

"That the names of Miss Peterkin, Dr. Goodall and Dr. Bedford Pierce be added to the Education and Examination Committee."

This was agreed.

For the remaining vacancy on this Committee MISS CATTELL proposed the name of Miss Isabel Macdonald, and it was seconded by Miss Swiss.

MISS CATTELL said that Miss Macdonald had special qualifications for a seat on the Committee. She had a wide knowledge of health and sanitary questions, and was a most able teacher.

MISS LLOYD STILL proposed that Miss Cox-Davies should be added to the Committee. This was seconded by Miss Seymour Yapp.

MISS MACCALLUM said that there were already five matrons in active practice on the Committee, and only one working nurse.

MISS YAPP asked whether Miss Macdonald was in active practice.

Mrs. FENWICK said that every one recognised that nursing education was primarily a Matrons' question, but if she might say so without offence, it was not so much a question of active practice as that Miss Macdonald was not a Matron. With herself there were already seven Matrons on the Education Committee.

There were wide educational questions in connection with National Health and other branches of nursing which found no place in the hospital curriculum, concerning which Miss Macdonald's special knowledge would be of value to the Committee.

Upon these names being put to the Council Miss Cox-Davies was elected to fill the vacancy by a majority of one vote.

INTERMEDIATE NURSES.

THE CHAIRMAN then read the following Resolution regulating the admission of nurses to the General Part of the Register:—

"Nurses who produce a certificate of not less than three years' training from a General Hospital

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