

or Poor Law Infirmary, recognised by the Council for training for the General Part of the Register, which has terminated at any period after November 1st, 1919, but before the Rules to be made by the Council for the education, examination, and training of nurses become operative, shall be admitted to the General Part of the Register."

This was proposed by Sir Jenner Verrall, seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and agreed.

Similar provisions applicable to the admission of Intermediate Nurses to the Male, Mental and Children's Supplementary Parts of the Register were proposed respectively by Miss Cox-Davies, Dr. Bedford Pierce, and Miss Worsley, and agreed.

In regard to admission of Intermediate Nurses to the Supplementary Part of the Register of Nurses trained in the Nursing of Infectious Diseases, Dr. Goodall proposed that the standard should be two years' training and certification, and one year's further service, as that was the standard at present in force. This was agreed.

PENAL CASES AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

THE CHAIRMAN then moved item 7 on the Agenda:—

"That the Rules approved on Friday, July 23rd, as to the removal of names from the Register; and restoration of names to the Register be received and agreed to."

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK drew attention under "Restoration to the Register of Name Removed" (Rule 3) to the provision that application for restoration to the Register must be supported by certificates from at least two persons, being Justices of the Peace, or Ministers of Religion, or Registered Medical Practitioners, who were well acquainted with the applicant before, and since, the removal of her name. She moved that the words "or Registered Nurses" be added, as it appeared an anomaly that young curates, or hospital chaplains, and young house physicians and surgeons were held to be responsible persons in this connection, whilst the Matrons and other members of the Nursing Profession were excluded.

There was a fundamental principle involved in this recognition. The intention of the Nurses' Registration Act was to raise the status of the trained nurse not only in her own profession, but in the body politic.

The motion was seconded by Miss Villiers, who considered the inclusion of Registered Nurses, as persons eligible to support applications of nurses for restoration to the Register, most important.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE expressed the opinion that one of the certificates should be endorsed by a Registered Nurse.

MISS COX-DAVIES agreed that an important principle was involved. She supported the motion.

In putting the Resolution which was agreed, the Chairman said that nursing feeling appeared to be unanimous on this point.

The Report was then adopted.

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, Chairman of the Registration Committee, then moved:—

"That the Report of the Registration Com-

mittee as amended and added to this day be agreed to."

MRS. FENWICK said that the Committee had met on July 26th, and the Draft Rules had been carefully considered. Certain verbal amendments had been made, and a letter considered from Dr. Bedford Pierce in connection with the admission of Existing Nurses to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses. She moved that the following recommendations from the Registration Committee be received:—

(1) That the Certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association be accepted by the Council as evidence of training and experience for admission of existing nurses to the supplementary part of the Register for Mental Nurses. This to apply to the period of grace only, and without prejudice to the future.

(2) That it be recommended to the Council that the certificate of the Fever Nurses' Association and of the Metropolitan Asylums Board be accepted by the Council as evidence of training and experience for admission of existing nurses to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses. This to apply to the period of grace only, and without prejudice to the future.

(3) That it be recommended to the Council that the first fee payable by an existing Nurse for admission to the Register shall be one guinea, and the further sum of half a guinea for admission to any and each further part of the Register to which he or she is admitted.

MRS. FENWICK reported further that the Committee had also agreed (1) that a paragraph should be added to the covering letters to be sent by the Registrar to the Referees, intimating that all information received would be regarded as strictly confidential, and (2) that schedules sent to Referees should be marked confidential.

The Report of the Registration Committee (including the amendments to the Draft Rules for Existing Nurses previously received) was agreed and adopted.

ADVERTISEMENT OF PAID APPOINTMENTS.

MR. CHRISTIAN then moved:—

"That all paid appointments in connection with the work of the General Nursing Council shall be advertised in the public Press, and such appointments made by the Council."

This was seconded by Miss Tuke.

THE CHAIRMAN, after referring to the cost of advertising, said that whatever decision the Council arrived at, he hoped it would not include the solicitor. He should not like to advertise for a solicitor as he was quite sure the best people would not apply.

LADY HOBHOUSE said that they were all rather afraid on the question of finance. If it was unnecessary it was a pity to spend money in advertising.

MISS MACDONALD supported Mr. Christian's motion. Many nurses were asking whether appointments under the Council would be thrown open.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that nurses financed the Council, and she thought that the posts for the officials it employed should be thrown open and advertised.

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