

from every Nurse applying to enter for the State examination certifying that she has passed through the educational curriculum prescribed by the Council, and is of good character."

(2) To recommend the following subjects for Examination:—Anatomy, Physiology, Elementary Science (including Hygiene, Bacteriology, Sanitation), First Aid, Gynæcology, Materia Medica, Dietetics, Surgical Nursing, Medical Nursing; and

"That candidates shall be required to pass an examination upon all the subjects included in the Syllabus issued by the Council"; and

"That the State Examination covers two days, the first day of two sessions to be devoted to written papers.

"The second day of two sessions—one consisting of a *viva voce* examination and the second an examination on practical nursing."

#### THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE.

(3) To report that the Informal Conference will be held at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W. 1, on Thursday, April 28th next. This conference will be held in the large room of that building at 11 a.m. to consider General Training, and at 2.30 p.m., in the same hall, to consider the Supplementary parts of the Register in conjunction with Alternative and Reciprocal Training.

(4) To recommend the following:—

*Morning Session*, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Subject: "General Register."

*Chairman*: MR. J. C. PRIESTLEY. To introduce subject of discussion.

#### *Speakers*:

MISS LLOYD-STILL.—To open discussion, and to speak on the Syllabus and on Examinations.

MISS DOWBIGGIN.—To speak on the aspect in relation to Poor Law Infirmaries.

DR. GOODALL.—To speak on the medical aspect, and touch on the Supplementary part of Register.

MISS COX-DAVIES.—To sum up after the discussion.

*Afternoon Session*. 2.30 to 5 p.m.—Subject: Supplementary parts of the Register in conjunction with Alternative and Reciprocal Training.

*Chairman*: MR. J. C. PRIESTLEY.

#### *Speakers*:

MISS SPARSHOTT.—To give a general survey of Reciprocal training from a General Hospital point of view.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE.—To speak on the Supplementary part of the Register for Mental Hospitals.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP.—Poor Law Infirmaries.

MISS VILLIERS.—Fever Hospitals.

MISS WORSLEY or MISS COULTON.—Children's Hospitals.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK to sum up.

And "That the authorised speakers arranged for by this Committee submit to the Committee the underlying principles of what they intend to say

at the Conference on April 28th, to be put before the next Council Meeting for approval."

The Synopsis of speeches was submitted.

#### The Report of the Finance Committee.

Sir Jenner Verrall presented the Report of the Finance Committee—which was adopted. The agreement for Lease of House, 12, York Gate, W., was signed on February 23rd, and the house was handed over to the Council on March 17th.

The furnishing sub-committee had met several times, and recommended the purchase of furniture to the amount of £427 10s., and an estimate for decoration of £150.

#### Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

Dr. Bedford Pierce proposed the following recommendation:—

"That the Council be recommended to accept the Syllabus of the Medico-Psychological Association as its Syllabus for the next three years."

This was seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and agreed.

The rest of the business was taken *in camera*.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The Rules for existing nurses have, we hear, been approved by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Col. the Right Hon. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Bart., K.C., M.P., so that Irish nurses will be able to register at an early date. We have not seen in print the Rules made under Clause 6, sec. (3) enabling English and Scottish nurses to obtain admission to the Irish Register, but we believe a system of automatic or transfer registration has been agreed, without securing in the Rules a uniform standard of qualification as projected by Parliament in Clause 6, sec. (3), so that the General Nursing Council for Ireland is apparently content to waive its power of discrimination and responsibility in this connection.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

We regret to learn that ill health has caused the resignation by Miss Janet Melrose, R.R.C., of her seat on the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Miss Bell, Queen's Nurse, Musselburgh, has also tendered her resignation, on leaving her post there.

The Scottish Board of Health has appointed Miss White, Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, to a seat on the Council.

### THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES

#### MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

The Monthly Meeting of the PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, will be held on Friday, April 1st, at 6 p.m., at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1.

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