

particular, the Registration Committee had fallen back on its second line of defence, as provided in Section 6 (3), Parliament having urged that a "uniform standard of qualification in all parts of the Kingdom" should be secured before making Rules enabling persons registered in Scotland and Ireland to obtain admission to the English Register. As redrafted, Rule 16 secured that the Rule should protect the interests of English Nurses in this particular, and on uniform Rules reciprocal registration should take place in the appropriate parts of the Register. Practical unanimity had been arrived at with Ireland, but the Scottish Council having drafted a Rule at the dictation of the Scottish Board of Health, that nurses trained in fever hospitals and certificated by it, should be placed in the General Register, the Scottish Council stated they were not prepared in any way for provision being made in the Rules under which the English Council could refuse to register such specialists in its General Register. To this the Registration Committee absolutely refused to agree, or to recommend to the Council that nurses only trained in fever hospitals should be guaranteed to the public as general nurses. It was agreed that Rule 16, as now drafted, be adopted.

MRS. FENWICK then moved that item IV on the Report be received: "That the Minister of Health be asked to sanction the opening of the Register in conjunction with that of Ireland." This was seconded by Sir Jenner Verrall and carried.

MRS. FENWICK then moved, and it was seconded by LADY HOBHOUSE, that this part of the Report be approved and adopted.

This was agreed.

Power was then taken to print the Draft Rules and the form was approved.

It was agreed to summon the Council should it become necessary to further discuss the situation *re* reciprocal registration with the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

#### Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman, then presented the Report of the Education and Examination Committee, and moved that it be received. This was seconded by Miss Cox DAVIES. She then moved the items *seriatim*.

She reported (1) that the informal Conference held at No. 1, Wimpole Street, W., on April 28th, had been attended by over 300 Matrons, Superintendent Nurses, and Tutor-Sisters; (2) that after consideration of the criticisms the Committee recommended to insert on page 2, para. 5, of the Draft Syllabus the words "with District Nursing" before the words "Public Sanitation," and in column 4, Section III (3 and 8) to insert the words "preparation for" before the words "Rectal Examination," etc.

(3) The Committee recommended:—

"That a Scheme of Central Preliminary Training Schools for Nurses, as part of the pre-

scribed training for admission to the Register for future nurses, is recommended, and that it be an instruction to the Education Committee to construct a scheme to carry this out."

This was moved by MISS LLOYD STILL, seconded by MISS DOWBIGGIN, and agreed.

(4) MISS LLOYD STILL next moved and MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK seconded, the recommendation:

"That the Committee compile a list of approved Hospitals to be recognised by the Council."

Agreed.

(5) Further, the Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee reported that a letter had been circulated to the Chairmen of General Hospitals and the Clerks to the Guardians of Poor Law Infirmarys, in view of the fact that there was great uncertainty as to whether Hospitals were obliged to teach on the Syllabus, or if it were sufficient if candidates satisfied the examiners, defining the requirements of the General Nursing Council.

The letter stated:—

"The Council proposes to require as a condition of the admission of any person to the Register that that person shall have undergone the training prescribed in the Syllabus issued by the General Nursing Council, and, as evidence that such person possesses the prescribed experience in the nursing of the sick, that she shall produce to the Council certified statements that she has been trained in the subjects laid down in the Syllabus, and shall have been able to pass the examination of the Council which will take place from time to time."

The Committee further recommended:—

"That, in order to show that the prescribed training has been given, a system should be adopted similar to that of Medical Schools, and the information conveyed to the Council by means of certificates certifying that the candidate has received training in the subjects laid down by the Council in the Syllabus."

MISS LLOYD STILL then moved and Miss SPARSHOTT seconded that the Report be approved, and this was agreed.

#### Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman, moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received, and this was seconded by Miss MACCALLUM.

The Claims presented included those for furnishing the Headquarters of the Council at York Gate. These, Sir Jenner said, amounted to the present to £1,425 10s. 11d. There were still some additional items and the total expenditure might go a little beyond the £1,500 originally mentioned, but if, with present prices, the expenditure worked out at anything like that they owed a debt of gratitude to the ladies on the furnishing sub-committee for their work, and had reason to be very satisfied. He moved that it be accorded. This was seconded by Miss COULTON.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had not yet seen the house; he would wait for its full glory to burst

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