

first instance should be co-incident with the expiration of the term of grace.

This was seconded by MISS VILLIERS.

This proposal was supported by the CHAIRMAN, who, in reply to a question by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP, stated that the proposal was made because in the opinion of the Committee a Registration Fee of £1 is. was insufficient.

This was carried unanimously.

RULES FOR FUTURE NURSES.

In moving the recommendation empowering the Committee to proceed with the drafting of the Rules for Future Nurses, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the experience of the Council in drafting Rules, and submitting them to a Ministerial Department, was that they could not be put through in a day.

The recommendation was seconded by SIR JENNER VERRALL, and approved.

COMPILATION OF BULLETIN.

In moving the recommendation of the Committee, "That as soon as the Rules for Existing Nurses were agreed to, a Bulletin should be issued," MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that many Medical Officers and nurses were still unaware that a Nursing Act had been passed. The Committee considered it would be valuable if a small pamphlet were issued containing information as to the Rules and Regulations, Accredited Schools for Nurses, and the Nurses' Registration Act for England and Wales, which could be widely circulated.

MISS SPARSHOTT agreed that this would be most valuable, and seconded the recommendation, which was agreed.

ACCREDITED LECTURERS.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK then moved the recommendation that representatives should be sent to the various Examination Centres to explain the Rules for Existing Nurses, the method of the future election of the Council, and the whole system of Registration, and considered the appointment of authorised and instructed lecturers most important. Nurses had a right to know the reasons for the Rules, and for the methods proposed for the election of the Nurse Members of the General Nursing Council.

The Chairman had reminded the Committee that the auditor might not agree to the cost entailed, but the Act provided "for making provision with respect to any matters with respect to which the Council think that provision should be made for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect," and it was their duty to take the electorate into their confidence.

In seconding the resolution MISS DOWBIGGIN expressed the opinion that it would be of great service to nurses, many of whom did not trouble to read the papers.

MISS SPARSHOTT said that once it was known that speakers were available nurses in many areas would wish to hear them.

SIR JENNER VERRALL proposed permission

should be given provided expenses were provided. This was not seconded.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said there was a vast difference between the written word and the spoken word. Many nurses who would not read a pamphlet would listen with interest to instruction from an agreeable speaker. She did not think it should be left to private associations to pay expenses. It would be money very well spent.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP supported the recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN stated that as expense would be involved, it would be necessary to frame a Rule, and it was agreed that a Rule should be drafted and submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

The recommendation was then carried.

UNIFORM AND BADGE.

MRS. FENWICK then moved the recommendation that the question of the Uniform and Badge for State Registered nurses should be thrown open for an expression of opinion by the nursing profession as a whole, through a communiqué drafted by the Registration Committee and sent to the Press. Nurses might allow the Council to rule their lives, their liberties, and their education, but they would certainly expect to be consulted on the matter of their dress, whether they would prefer a cloak and bonnet, or a hat and coat, and what their ideas were as to the design of a Badge.

MISS CATTELL seconded the resolution. She said that the question was one in which private nurses were deeply interested, and MISS DOWBIGGIN, MISS MACCALLUM, and MISS VILLIERS, having spoken the recommendation was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD-STILL then presented the following report:—

As Chairman of the Education Committee, I beg to report that this Committee has sat weekly from December 16th, 1920, omitting the fortnight at Christmas.

The subjects under discussion have been:

I. EXAMINATIONS.

(a) That the first State Examination to be held by the General Nursing Council will be held in July and October, 1923, and in January and April, 1924. These examinations will be voluntary.

(b) That after April, 1924, all nurses who desire to register will be required to pass a State Examination. The first of these examinations will be held by the General Nursing Council in July, 1924, and subsequent examinations of the General Nursing Council will be held in October, January, April and July in each year.

(c) That at a date to be hereafter fixed by the General Nursing Council all nurses who desire to register will be required to pass a State examina-

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