

work to be overtaken in connection with Applications for Registration to postpone the next meeting of the Education Committee until Thursday, October 13th.

Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, then presented his Report, and moved that it be received. The principal items were in connection with advertisements, salaries, bills for furniture, and small accounts.

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out that it had been necessary to authorise the expenditure of about £30 owing to a sudden demand for stamps. This was in connection with Registration. He pointed out, however, that no provision was made for urgent payments, and suggested that the Council should authorise the expenditure and signing of cheques not exceeding £40.

The adoption of this proposal was approved.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that the General Purposes Committee was a Standing Committee, but all its work so far had been in connection with expenditure, and its recommendations had been presented to the Council through the Finance Committee. She approved of this as it was very undesirable to have two spending Committees.

RESOLUTION.

SIR JENNER VERRALL then proposed, and Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK seconded, the following resolution, which was carried :—

"That the proposals of the General Purposes Committee when dealing with Finance should be presented to the Finance Committee for approval by it, and reported to the Council."

It was agreed that in matters apart from finance the General Purposes Committee would report to the Council direct.

In reply to an enquiry as to whether the General Purposes Committee had elected a Chairman, Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said that since the General Purposes Committee had been appointed as a Standing Committee, there had only been one meeting at which there was no quorum; therefore, no Chairman could be appointed.

The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee included in the Report of the Finance Committee were agreed as follows: Laundry, Coal and Coke, Teas, additional temporary staff—one Clerk for inscribing Certificates, two junior temporary clerks to assist in Registration Room, permission to employ approved voluntary workers, and articles required for the Office and Domestic Equipment.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the estimate of Messrs. A. & E. Walters, Ltd., for tinted papers for minutes, &c., be accepted was approved.

It was then moved by SIR JENNER VERRALL, and seconded, that the Report of the Finance Committee be approved. This was put from the Chair and carried.

Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, then moved that the Report of the Mental Nursing Committee be received.

The Report was as follows :—

The Mental Nursing Committee has met once—on September 22nd, 1921 :

(1) With reference to the preparation of the Syllabus and the Chart for the use of ward sisters and others training nurses, the Committee felt that it was advisable to have an opportunity of consulting other persons experienced in the training of mental nurses, and they passed the following resolution, proposed by Miss MacCallum and seconded by Mr. Christian :

"This Committee recommends that they be empowered to obtain such expert advice as they find needful, before they finally frame the regulations for the admission of future nurses to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses."

This was agreed.

(2) Some time was given to the examination of the Scottish Rules, particularly the differences between the Scottish and English Rules. Rule 21 (5) (b) allows Scottish nurses to become registered mental nurses with two years' hospital training and experience, whereas the English rule requires three years.

The subject was considered afresh, and the Committee considered the English rule preferable.

(3) In order that the advantages of registration may be more generally known in mental hospitals throughout the kingdom, the Committee recommend that the Council send out a letter to all Visiting Committees and Medical Superintendents pointing out that the Register is now open, and the advantages which State Registration provides.

(4) The Nurses' Chart attached to the Syllabus of Lectures and Demonstrations for Education and Training in General Nursing was carefully examined, with reference to the training of mental nurses. With a very few omissions the Committee considered this suitable for the training of mental nurses, but before making any final recommendation in the matter, they would wait until the proposed conference has taken place.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said that the reason for the proposal made in Clause I was quite simply because only two members of the Council were acquainted with the training of mental nurses.

In connection with Clause II the Committee preferred the English Rules.

In connection with Clause IV it hoped that the Chart would be adopted.

In reply to the Chairman, DR. BEDFORD PIERCE expressed the opinion that the best results would be obtained from a small round table conference. There was no Matron or female Head Nurse of a Mental Hospital on the Council.

DR. GOODALL supported the proposal.

The CHAIRMAN read the following interesting letter from Dr. Wolseley Lewis and also supported DR. BEDFORD PIERCE'S proposal.

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