

Nursing Council had now received the Scottish Rules. If, as Sir Alfred Mond hoped, the difficulties had now been adjusted with Scotland, he would be glad if the Council would draft the Rule for the admission of Scottish and Irish Nurses to the Register.

THE CHAIRMAN reminded the Council that in view of the attitude of the Scottish Board of Health in regard to placing fever nurses on the General Part of the Register and the omission of Scotland in the reciprocity Rule agreed by the Council, before signing the English Rules the Minister for Health had required that Rule 16, dealing with reciprocity, should be omitted. In finally revising their Rules the Scottish Board of Health had fallen into line with the Scottish and English Councils. He asked if the Council was now prepared to re-insert the Rule, as Mr. Jeffrey had written that no nurse would be registered on the General Part of the Scottish Register on the ground that she held a certificate in fever nursing only. He thought that they might authorise the Registration Committee to examine the Rule in regard to Scotland and Ireland.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked if the matter could not be dealt with by the Council at once, as it had approved of the reciprocity Rule 16 in connection with Ireland. As Chairman of the Registration Committee she was not clear that it was necessary to refer this matter back to the Committee if the Rule was framed to include Scotland. The Chairman read the Rule rescinded on July 14th.

MRS. FENWICK then proposed in two parts the following Rule as drafted by the Chairman :

#### Nurses Registered in Scotland and Ireland.

"Any person whose name is included in any part or parts of the Register kept by the General Nursing Councils for Scotland and for Ireland, under their Rules now in force in those countries and sanctioned by the Secretary for Scotland and the Chief Secretary for Ireland respectively (which rules, together with the rules of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, after a consultation as provided by the Statutes, arrived at a uniform standard of qualification), desiring to have her name placed on the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, shall make application to the Registrar on Form 1 set out in the Second Schedule of these Rules, and upon production of a certificate under the Seal of the said Councils for Scotland and for Ireland, certifying that her name is so included, shall be admitted to the appropriate part or parts of the Register.

"The fee payable in such case shall be the same as that payable in the case of an application under Rule 4 of these Rules."

MRS. FENWICK said she was not prepared to propose that Rule 4 should apply to Intermediate Scottish and Irish nurses. She did not consider it fair to make English nurses pay £2 2s. to come on their own Register and grant Scottish and Irish Nurses the economic advantage of Registration in England for half the price.

She proposed that the Registration fee for Existing Scottish and Irish nurses to the English Register be £1 1s., and for Intermediate nurses £2 2s.

This was seconded by MISS CATTELL.

MISS PETERKIN said that Queen's Nurses moved from one part of the United Kingdom to the other, and might require to register in all three kingdoms. £6 6s. seemed rather much.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW enquired whether an Intermediate nurse could come on the English Register without registering in Scotland?

THE CHAIRMAN replied that she could, but was not likely to do so.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired why Scottish nurses should be encouraged to come to England and take the work of the English nurses?

MRS. FENWICK said the cost of administering the Registration Act in England could not be done on a guinea fee. The Chartered Society of Massage charged £3 3s. for registration, and Leeds University charged £10 for its Diploma in Nursing.

MRS. FENWICK then moved the adoption of the new Rule, together with the amended fee. This was agreed.

#### New Member of the Board.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that the Board of Education had notified the appointment, in the place of Miss Tuke, of Miss A. T. Steele, M.A., Head Mistress of the Grey Coat Hospital School, Westminster, to a seat on the Council.

Miss Steele was appointed a member of the Education and Examination, and Mental Nursing Committees.

#### The Council and Lay Nursing Press.

MISS SPARSHOTT then moved, in connection with Minute VI of the Report of the Finance Committee, presented to and passed by the Council on, and dated, September 30th, 1921, that the same be rescinded, and that para. 2 (2) of the Report of the Finance Committee presented to and approved by the Council on November 12th, 1920, which refers to a flat rate of 7s. 6d. per inch for advertisements, be rescinded, and moved the following resolution :—

#### Resolution.

"That the advertisements of the General Nursing Council be inserted from time to time in all the nursing papers, notwithstanding their charge for advertisements may not be the same."

THE CHAIRMAN asked whether the Council would like this discussion to be *in camera*. The vote being taken, three were for this procedure and 11 against. The discussion accordingly proceeded.

THE CHAIRMAN then briefly reviewed the circumstances which had led up to this Resolution and explained that the Council had adopted a flat rate of 7s. 6d. an inch for their advertisements in all the Nursing Papers. On November 8th last year a letter had been received from the Manager of the *Nursing Mirror* in respect to a higher rate and the Registrar was instructed to reply that if advertisements could not be inserted at the flat rate they could not be sent. On September 30th Miss Sparshott gave notice of the Resolution which she had just moved. The Chairman then invited Miss Sparshott to speak to the Resolution.

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