

the country to prevent such injustice being done.

THE CHAIRMAN said Mrs. Fenwick was threatening the Council.

MRS. FENWICK replied she was not threatening the Council—she was warning it.

THE CHAIRMAN said the certificate was not mentioned in the First Schedule.

MRS. FENWICK considered its insertion was provided for in the Rules. She referred the Council to the definition of qualifications in Rule 12 (3): "A certificate that the applicant has had training in a Hospital, Poor Law Infirmary or other Institution shall not be evidence of qualification for the purposes of this part of the Rules unless it is signed by the Matron, Medical Superintendent, or other responsible officer of the Institution." The inference was that a certificate so signed was a qualification for admission to the Register, and should be entered thereon. Just as a qualification for the Supplementary Part containing the names of Mental Nurses was "The Certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association" for those who possessed it.

The amendment was seconded by MISS VILLIERS, who said, as a Matron under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, she had never been allowed to engage a nurse for a position of responsibility for the past twenty years without a three years' certificate.

MR. CHRISTIAN said that if the Certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association were left out the mental nurses would have something to say about it. Was it intended to apply the method suggested in the Resolution to the Mental Nurses?

THE CHAIRMAN said the certificates could be omitted if desired by the Council. Also, by an instruction of the Council, anything could be put in that it thought fit.

MISS LLOYD STILL said this storm had arisen because of the method of certification at St. Thomas' Hospital. They were proud to know that this method had been arranged by Miss Nightingale. Up to 1893 the nurses in training had a certificate every year for the first three years, after that date Miss Nightingale permitted a certificate at the end of three years. Records of these were kept at St. Thomas' Hospital. They considered these records were certificates.

THE CHAIRMAN asked whether St. Thomas' Hospital would not give a certificate? Could not Miss Lloyd Still get these?

MISS LLOYD STILL said she could not do so. It was for the School to decide.

THE CHAIRMAN asked her to use her good offices to induce it to do so.

MISS MACCALLUM said that for the majority of nurses the certificate of their training school was the only diploma they could obtain. What, she asked, would have been the feelings of medical men if none of their qualifications had been recorded on their Register? If nurses were deprived of the record of their Certificates, it was going to wreck the Register. To suggest that no certificates should be recorded now, but only

after State Examination was in force, would be to degrade all nurses now trained to Gamps.

MRS. FENWICK repeated that the matter had already been referred to the Registration Committee for consideration and report.

The information on the lists of applicants for Registration for the approval of the Council had nothing to do with the question of the publication of the Register. The Registration Committee in this particular had followed the Rules, and informed the Council which nurses conformed to Rule 9 (1) (a) and which to Rule 9 (1) (b). It was a private document for the information of the Council.

DR. GOODALL said he wished to support Mrs. Fenwick as to the reason for the form in which the lists of applications were drawn up. The Registration Committee could put whatever information they chose before the Council.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that if the Resolution was entirely out of order she was willing to waive the point.

#### Resolution Withdrawn.

MISS COX-DAVIES then withdrew the Resolution.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that Section 3 (1) (a) had been referred to the Registration Committee before the Rules were adopted, but he thought that at any stage it was competent to the Council to refer the matter to the Registration Committee to advise as to what the Register should include. Schedule A defined what should be put in the Register, and by inference nothing should be put down which was not in Schedule A. In the old days a nurse could only substantiate her position by reference to her certificate. If there was the least feeling that a nurse was deprived of something of value to her if her certificate was not included in the Register, he thought it should be done.

THE CHAIRMAN said that this could be done by an Instruction or by a fresh Rule.

It was then agreed to refer the matter to the Registration Committee for consideration and report.

#### Report of the Registration Committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK (Chairman) presented the Report from the Registration Committee, which had met once on October 14th.

Draft letters to nurses whose applications have been accepted by the Council, and to those who are not eligible under the Statutory Rules, were agreed; also a leaflet for the use of nurses to facilitate the work of Registration.

To recommend that action be taken to rectify the ineligibility for registration of nurses trained and certificated partly in a hospital for men and partly in a hospital for women.

This matter was referred to the Registration Committee.

To report that from October 1st to October 22nd 530 applications for registration had been received.

This part of the report was adopted.

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