

The List of Applicants recommended for registration was to be considered *in camera*.

#### Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

The Report of the Mental Nursing Committee, which had met once on October 19th, was presented by DR. GOODALL, in the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Bedford Pierce, with the exception of item one.

A Syllabus and Schedule had been considered. Before presenting the Syllabus and Schedule to the Council it was resolved that they be considered at an informal conference to be held on November 16th, at which Mr. Priestley had consented to preside. Five Medical men and eight Matrons, Senior Nurses and others with special experience in the training of nurses was considered a suitable number.

MR. CHRISTIAN, speaking in reference to the selection of names, considered that there should not be a majority of any particular body or association.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was considered that each member of the Committee should invite one guest.

The Report was approved.

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

MISS LLOYD-STILL (the Chairman) presented the Report of the Education and Examination Committee. On October 13th the following resolutions had been passed and recommended:—

"That Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, be an approved hospital for Existing and Intermediate Nurses for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses."

"That 50 beds be the minimum for an approved general hospital, with a daily average of not less than 35 occupied beds.

THE REV. G. B. CROSHAW said that some of the larger hospitals were trying to get the smaller ones to come into line through affiliation but if they were recognised as independent units he was sure they would not do so.

MISS LLOYD STILL explained that the standard of fifty beds only referred to hospitals in which Existing nurses were trained. They were to consider affiliation schemes.

#### Conference with the Scottish and Irish Councils on the Examination Syllabus.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK stated that at the last meeting of the Committee, on the previous day, she had proposed and Miss Cox-Davies had seconded an emergency resolution that before finally drafting the Examination Syllabus the English Council should confer with representatives of the Scottish and Irish Nursing Councils. It was a matter of great urgency if uniformity was to be obtained in the future between the three Councils in the teaching and examination of nurses. The resolution was unanimously agreed to. Including the emergency resolution the Report was adopted.

#### The Report of the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Chairman, SIR JENNER VERRALL. The usual statement of Income and Expenditure

was presented. There had been received Registration Fees to October 21st, £2,397 4s. 9d.; Sale of Syllabus, £30 11s. 3d.; Sale of Rules, £37 12s. 2d.; Balance to October 19th, £3,483 2s. 5d.

The Report was adopted.

#### General Purposes Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, who had been elected Chairman, presented the Report of the General Purposes Committee. The following posts had been filled: Certificate Clerk: Miss Ellinor Bowman; two Temporary Clerks: Miss Rose Hodgson and Miss Gladys Upton. The length of holidays for the office staff, and improved lighting in Registration Room and in offices on second floor were recommended and agreed.

The Report was adopted.

Power was given to the Committee to engage occasional additional clerical help if required and the dates of meetings agreed.

The meeting then terminated.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Nursing Council for Ireland was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at 33, St. Stephen's Green.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger presided, and there were also present: Miss Huxley, Miss Reeves, Miss Curtin, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Blunden, Miss Michie, Miss Matheson, Miss Bostock, Miss O'Flynn.

The Reports of the Rules, Finance and Registration Committees were submitted to the Council and formally adopted.

Arising out of the Report of the Registration Committee, it was pointed out that Nurses desirous of being admitted to the Register should make application at once. The fee for admission of Interim Nurses will be raised from £1 1s. to £2 2s. as from January 1st, 1922.

### RULES COME INTO OPERATION.

It will be remembered that the Rules framed by the General Nursing Councils under Section 3 of the Nurses' Registration Acts have first to be approved by the Minister of Health in England and Wales, the Scottish Board of Health, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland respectively. They must then be laid before each House of Parliament forthwith for the next subsequent twenty-one days on which each House has sat, during which time either House can present an Address to His Majesty, praying that any Rule may be annulled or modified. This, as will be seen from our report on page 294, Scottish members desired the House of Commons to do, without success, in relation to the Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses in Scotland.

By the time this Journal is in the hands of our readers the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will have been laid before both Houses for the prescribed period, and will therefore have come into full operation.

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