

**The Reciprocity Rule with Scotland and Ireland.**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.  
November 28th, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo., I am directed by the Minister of Health to acquaint you, for the information of the General Nursing Council, that he is glad to note that the Council are now ready to adopt reciprocal registration with the Councils of Scotland and Ireland, and he has approved the Rule in the form in which it was passed by the Council. The signed copy of the Rule is enclosed herewith. In view of the approaching prorogation, the Rule will be laid before Parliament at the beginning of the next session.

With regard to the syllabus of training and the draft rule relating to it, which was also enclosed in your letter under reply, I am to state that the syllabus is now under consideration, but in view of the difficulty of appreciating its precise effect apart from the other rules governing the admission of future nurses and in particular the rules relating to examinations, and any rules which may be made for the affiliation of the smaller hospitals to larger centres for purposes of training, the Minister proposes to defer giving any definite decision until the whole body of the rules are before him.

I am to add that the rules for the admission of existing nurses have now been laid before Parliament for the twenty-one sitting days required by Section 3 (4) of the Act, and the time within which an Address to the Crown could be moved praying for their annulment or modification has accordingly expired.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Sd.) L. G. BROCK.

The Chairman,  
General Nursing Council,  
12, York Gate,  
Regent's Park.

**Resolution.****Registered Nurses' Uniform and Badge.**

The next item on the Agenda was a Resolution standing in the name of Miss Cattell.

DR. GOODALL pointed out that in conformity with the procedure of business, notices of motion should be taken after the Reports of the Standing Committees.

The Council agreed to consider the Resolution.

MISS CATTELL then moved the following Resolution :—

“That the Council proceed to consider at an early date the Registered Nurses' Uniform and Badge, and that the Registration Committee be requested to consider and report on the matter.”

MISS CATTELL said that the independent private nurses were anxious to appear in the protected uniform of the Council, and she thought it important that the question of the uniform should be decided.

MISS SWISS seconded the Resolution.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK reminded the Council that the opinions of the nurses as to what uniform they desired to wear had been invited, and they had been given to the end of June to send in recommendations. There was a very large amount of correspondence in the office on the subject. Recently the full time of the Registration Com-

mittee had been taken up with the business of the Register, and as it was only to meet once a fortnight, more time would be required to deal with this matter.

It was agreed to have a special meeting of the Registration Committee, if necessary, to consider the matter.

The Resolution was agreed.

**Reports of Standing Committees.**

On a point of order, DR. GOODALL drew attention to the Rule that the Reports of Standing Committees must be sent to members of the Council at least three days before the meeting, at which they are to be presented, and except by special permission of the Council no Report of a Committee should be discussed unless the regulation had been complied with. He stated that none of the Reports to be presented had reached him until within 48 hours of the meeting.

After receiving the Registrar's explanation as to why the regulation had not been complied with, it was agreed that on this occasion all Reports be received.

**Report of the Education and Examination Committee.**

MISS LLOYD-STILL presented the Report of the Education and Examination Committee and moved it be received, and then moved *seriatim* that the clauses be agreed.

It included the following recommendations, proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and seconded by Dr. Goodall :—

“That ‘Nursing of Skin Diseases’ be inserted in the third column (page 4) after Local Applications in the Syllabus of Training in General Nursing.”

**STANDARD FOR APPROVED HOSPITALS FOR FEVER TRAINING.****1.—Nurses who have had General Training.**

A Hospital, having a Resident Medical Officer, of at least 100 beds, not more than 20 per cent. being allocated to Tuberculosis (providing that this restriction shall not apply to Fever Hospitals providing beds for Tubercle, in which 100 beds or more are allocated to General Infectious Diseases), and that such Hospitals do not admit Convalescent patients only.

**2.—For Nurses who have not had previous training.**

A Hospital, having a Resident Medical Officer or a visiting Physician, who is a permanent Officer in charge of the Hospital, of at least 80 beds (the proportion allocated to Tuberculosis not being more than 20 per cent.), and which does not admit convalescent patients only.

The Report was approved.

**Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.**

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE presented the Report and moved that it be received and agreed.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE referred to an important letter from the Asylums' and Mental Deficiency Department of the London County Council, which was read and referred to the Mental Nursing Committee for consideration and report.

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