

**The Report of the Registration Committee.**

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK then proposed that the Report of the Registration Committee be received.

DR. GOODALL objected to certain paragraphs appearing in the Report. He had, he said, appealed to Mrs. Fenwick before the meeting not to present them.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that it was a matter of form to move that the Report be received; the Chairman of the Registration Committee was bound to present the Report as drawn up.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that she formally proposed that the Report be received.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said the Chairman of a Committee had to present a record of facts. It was conceivable that a Resolution might be carried by a Committee by a majority of one, and the Chairman might be of the opinion of the minority. He was still bound to present the Resolution.

The proposal that the Report be received was then carried.

MRS. FENWICK then proposed the Report be agreed and dealt *seriatim* with the Clauses.

1. Referred to letters.

**RULE TO RECOGNISE CONJOINT TRAINING.**

2. To recommend:—

**“That the Council be recommended to approve a Rule including in the Rules for Existing and Intermediate Nurses the cases of Nurses with a conjoint training in Hospitals for Men and Hospitals for Women.”**

MRS. FENWICK explained that Mr. Priestley had drafted Rules appended, but suggested postponing them until Scotland and Ireland had been consulted. She reminded the Council that since the reciprocity Rule with Scotland and Ireland had been agreed, the Council was deprived of independent action as to drafting fresh rules for Existing and Intermediate Nurses.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE thought it very awkward if the Council had to wait for this to be done. He suggested passing the Clause and then referring it to Scotland and Ireland.

MRS. FENWICK then read the proposed new Rule as drafted to apply to both Existing and Intermediate Nurses.

**“A Certificate or Certificates that the applicant has had a conjoint three years' training in Hospitals for Men only and for Women only, of not less than two years and one year in such Hospitals respectively.”**

Agreed.

**RULE TO ACCEPT “EVIDENCE OF EXPERIENCE” FOR FEVER NURSES.**

3. To recommend that on page 11 of the Rules, in Rule 6 (b) the words: “Evidence of experience for a similar period” be inserted after “two years' training,” to enable the older nurses from Fever Hospitals to come on to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, as Existing Nurses.

MRS. FENWICK explained that when the Rules were framed for the Sick Children's and the Fever

Nurses' Supplementary Registers, a certificate was required from every class. To meet the case of Fever Nurses of long standing it was proposed to add in Rule 6 (b), “or evidence of experience for a similar period.”

DR. GOODALL seconded and stated that this was provided for in the Scottish Rules.

Agreed.

**NURSES' QUALIFICATIONS ON THE PUBLISHED REGISTER.**

4. When this Clause came under consideration the Chairman of the meeting drew the attention of the Council to section 2 of Rule 44, which provides that “any recommendations which the Committee may make shall, as far as practicable, be in the form of resolutions, to be considered by the Council.” The whole of Clause 4 was a record. Two resolutions were proposed and both were lost; therefore, if Mrs. Fenwick moved No. 4 she would move it as a record of what took place, not as disapproving or approving of either Resolution, both of which were lost.

MRS. FENWICK said if that was the ruling of the Chair she was willing to move as a record of what took place that Section 4 stand part of the Report, and read it as follows:—

“To report that the following reference on the Agenda (of the Registration Committee) was then considered. Section 3 (1) (a) of the Nurses Registration Act ‘for regulating the formation, maintenance and publication of the Register,’ and to recommend to the Council what particulars shall be entered and published in the Register under the heading of ‘Qualification.’—

(1) for an ‘Existing Nurse’;

(2) for an ‘Intermediate Nurse.’

THE CHAIRMAN said this matter was referred to the Registration Committee by the Council last year, but had never been fully discussed. The matter had been brought before the Council by resolution at its last meeting, in which it was proposed that the word “certificate” should not be used, and had been referred back to the Registration Committee. She was of opinion that the omission of the record of certificates in the published Register would deprive certificated nurses of a qualification they had striven to obtain, and valued highly, and that grave injustice would be done. Such omission would make a precedent, as the Medical Register included all professional qualifications, and the Register compiled by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and that of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which were on the table, both recorded certificates, the latter providing a special column for the purpose.

The General Nursing Council for Ireland intended to record certificates as a qualification in the published Register.

The Rule adopted by the Scottish Council did not make the matter clear.

MR. PRIESTLEY drew attention to the Scottish Rules, and quoted from Rule 19, which refers to the publication of the Register, and provides that

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