

"It shall contain the full names (in alphabetical order) and the addresses of all the nurses duly registered under the Act, with the date of registration, the qualification in each case for admission to the Register, and the date of obtaining such qualification, and the hospital or hospitals in which such qualifying training has been received."

THE CHAIRMAN presented a written suggestion as to the entry of qualifications which would include the word "cert" before the place of training for those who had obtained it.

MISS COX DAVIES and MISS DOWBIGGIN maintained that considerable injustice would be done to nurses who had obtained the best training possible, but also had no certificates.

MISS MACDONALD stated that the matter had been discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association on the previous day, and the nurses—especially the younger members—felt strongly on the matter, and had desired her to express their views to the Committee.

Miss Macdonald, therefore, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Christian:—

"That in all cases where a nurse holds a certificate of training this shall be recorded in the qualification column of the State Register to be issued by the Council."

On a vote being taken, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Macdonald, and Mr. Christian voted for the Resolution; and Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Dowbiggin, Miss Peterkin, and Dr. Goodall voted against it.

The Resolution was therefore lost.

MISS DOWBIGGIN then proposed and MISS COX-DAVIES seconded the following Resolution:

"That it be stated in the qualification column of the State Register whether a nurse has obtained her qualification for entry on the Register, by training, or experience, or both, as the case may be."

Dr. Goodall supported the Resolution.

On being put to the vote, three voted for and three against it (one not voting).

The Chairman exercised her prerogative and gave the casting vote against the Resolution, which was lost."

DR. BOSROCK HILL said it was a curious thing that names of people voting were recorded. Why were these views given on this one particular subject?

MRS. FENWICK said as Chairman of the Committee, she gave notice the names would be recorded. She concluded the Council would wish for full information on what was evidently an exceedingly contentious question.

MISS MACCALLUM thought the record was important. It showed that three Matrons and a medical man voted against recording certificates, and the nurses would have nothing to do with it.

MISS WORSLEY said she took exception to discriminating between Matrons and nurses.

Matrons were nurses first of all. But she was aghast to learn from the Report that it was proposed that such injustice should be done to certificated nurses, and she was very surprised to see a doctor's name amongst those who did not wish certificates to be recorded. Supposing there had been no notification of the qualifications of medical practitioners on the Medical Register how would they have liked it?

She was surprised, considering how much their certificates were prized by nurses, not only for what could be earned by their possession, but also because they were awarded by their Training Schools and bore signatures which the nurses greatly valued. She was amazed that anyone should propose that the record of certificates should be omitted. Considerable latitude had been allowed in order that no injustice should be done to those who had not full training, but nurses had a right to have their certificates recorded.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said he wanted to define the exact position. He was only considering whether this portion of the Report was relevant. It contained no Resolution, and it was still necessary to raise in the Council that the First Schedule should be altered, if they desired certificates to be entered on the Register. That could be done by giving ten days' statutory notice.

DR. GOODALL moved that the paragraphs of Clause 4 from the word "Chairman," down to the fourth paragraph over page should be deleted. He thought it was most unusual to bring up reports from Committees in the way that this Report was framed. He did not mind his name going down as he had voted to the best of his ability. The Report was a truthful record as far as it went, but it put forward the case for including the record of the certificate, but none of the arguments on the other side.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE seconded Dr. Goodall's motion.

MISS COX-DAVIES supported the motion to delete the paragraphs. It was for the Council to get a peaceful agreement.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said the suggestion that the record in the Report of what took place cut the ground away from a peaceful agreement was ridiculous. She thought the proceedings should be made clear to the Council. She took full responsibility for the Report. Reports and Minutes were often so emasculated that she doubted if their successors would know what had been done.

On being put to the vote, Dr. Goodall's motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then moved the adoption of the Clause as amended. This was carried.

MRS. FENWICK protested against the mutilation of the Report.

Slight alterations in the Forms of Application were recommended and agreed.

The rest of the proceedings were taken *in camera*.

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