

tion for Nurses on the General Register drafted by the Education and Examination Committee was approved, and its publication sanctioned. A Deputation was also received from the Conference of Representatives of Poor Law Training Schools.

Since that date the Council has approved the Syllabus of Training in the Nursing of Sick Children, and the Syllabus of Training in Fever Nursing. It has also been agreed that the Mental Nursing Syllabus of the Medico-Psychological Association shall be adopted by the Council for Mental Nurses until July, 1924. The Syllabus of Training for Mental Nurses and the Syllabus for Male Nurses are still under consideration.

At its meeting on November 18th the Minister officially notified the Council that the Rules for the admission of Existing Nurses had 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 had accordingly expired. These Rules provide that the first Register shall be published "as soon as possible after the 1st July, 1922." And that the first State Examination shall take place in July, 1924, "on which date the training and examination rules come into operation."

It will thus be seen that solid foundations have been laid by the Council for its future work, and with the opening of the Register in July a step forward of great importance was taken, and applications have come in steadily, close on 4,000 having been received. At present many nurses do not appear to appreciate the importance of submitting their certificates of training for inspection. It is natural that they should prize these certificates, and whenever possible they should themselves take them to 12, York Gate for verification. But we know that the greatest care is taken of those sent by post for inspection, and that they are returned, after the copy sent with them has been verified, by registered post.

The labour of inspecting the applications and references of applicants for registration by members of the Registration Committee has been immense. In compiling a State Register, it is the duty of the Council to do so with the utmost care, and we fail to see how this can be done unless documents are submitted for inspection to those responsible to Parliament for compiling a correct and trustworthy Register. Let the Nursing Profession realize its privileges under the Acts and give a helping

hand to those devoting time and trouble to their interests.

The suggestion that certificates should not be entered on the State Register is one which has aroused intense feeling amongst certificated nurses. We believe that this suggestion has arisen from a misinterpretation of the First Schedule in the Rules, and that the footnote which refers to classification of classes of nurses only, has been understood to refer to qualifications. In any case the Minister of Health has shown that this difficulty can be overcome by an Amending Rule, and this appears to be the best method of dealing with the situation. An Amending Rule has been placed on the Agenda of the Council.

The Council has approved the compilation of a small pamphlet containing information as to the Rules and Regulations, Accredited Schools for Nurses, and the Nurses' Registration Act for England and Wales, which could be widely circulated, and of a leaflet for the use of nurses to facilitate the work of Registration. It has also approved the appointment of accredited lecturers, to visit Examination Centres and explain the working of the Act and Rules, and has approved the holding of a Conference with the Scottish and Irish Councils before the Examination Syllabus of the English Council is finally drafted, in order to promote uniformity between the three Councils in the teaching and examination of nurses.

It is, we are aware, a disappointment to many nurses that the designs for the Registered Uniform and Registered Badge have not yet been decided. This is a matter which must receive the early attention of the Council.

It will be realised that the English Council has a year of very good work to its credit, and we hope that in the New Year the duties it undertook in accepting office will be successfully continued.

The responsibility of electing their own representatives on the three General Nursing Councils will need, in the near future, to be carefully considered by Registered Nurses. This is a professional duty of the first importance.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCILS FOR SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

The General Nursing Councils for Scotland and Ireland have drafted Rules for Existing and Intermediate Nurses which are for practical purposes uniform with those of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. An attempt was made, during the 21 days while the Draft Rules framed by the

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