

In reply to MR. CHAPMAN, it was elicited that their establishment would not be compulsory.

REV. P. S. G. PROPERT expressed the pleasure of the Deputation that the Council were willing to receive suggestions. He would like it to know that there were some 640 Unions in the country, and when a suggestion was sent by the Association of Poor Law Unions it represented the considered opinion of about 600 of them.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the Council considered all suggestions sent to it, and if it turned a suggestion down he hoped the Association of Poor Law Unions would realise that this was the considered opinion of the Council after it had deliberated the question in the light of all the available knowledge at its disposal.

In reference to the training of male nurses, DR. BRANDER, Medical Superintendent of the Hackney Union Infirmary, said that the male nurses in that institution received the same training, and passed exactly the same examination, as the female nurses.

In reply to MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, DR. BRANDER admitted that the male nurses nursed men only, while the female nurses nursed men, women and children.

It was pointed out that the Nurses' Registration Act provided for a Supplementary Register of Male Nurses.

MR. FRATER, on behalf of the Conference of Poor-Law Training Schools, extended the thanks of the Deputation to the General Nursing Council for its courteous reception. It welcomed the enforcement of a standard of training, and would do everything it could to conform to the Statute.

MRS. ROBERTS seconded. Speaking on behalf of the nurses, she expressed their appreciation of what the Council had done. She concluded: "We feel now there will be one standard. Thank you very much indeed."

REV. P. S. G. PROPERT said that the atmosphere in which the members of the Deputation had found themselves had delighted them. Deputations of Poor-Law representatives were by no means always received so sympathetically. He thanked the Council for its reception, and expressed the opinion that its objects were identical with those of the Poor-Law Unions Association, which wanted to give good nursing, and to maintain good hospitals.

The Deputation then withdrew.

Report of Finance Committee.

In the absence of SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the CHAIRMAN presented its Report and moved that it be received. He asked the Council to sanction the recommendation that the Clerical Staff, whose engagements were terminable monthly, should be paid weekly. This was seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT and carried.

The Committee recommended that the estimate of Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for stationery, should be accepted. This was agreed.

A proposal by DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, seconded by MISS MACCALLUM that the reports of the

various committees should be printed on papers of different tints was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The CHAIRMAN proposed and MISS COULTON seconded that Miss Hatty Smith be appointed as accountant.

The Report was then submitted by the CHAIRMAN seconded by MISS COULTON, and agreed.

The meeting then terminated.

STATE REGISTRATION IN FORCE.

We hope our Editorial this week will be carefully read. It contains stupendous news. Nothing less than the official information that the Rules have been approved and signed by the Minister of Health and that State Registration of Nurses is in force. Thus trained nurses may make application to the General Nursing Council to have their names placed on the Register.

All nurses who completed three years' general training, or training and service before the 1st of November, 1919, may be registered as Existing Nurses in the General Part of the Register if approved by the Council, during a two years' term of grace from July 14th, 1921, when the Rules were signed—upon the payment of a fee of One Guinea.

From and after the 1st of November, 1919, nurses must hold a certificate of three years' training from a general hospital or infirmary approved by the Council, and may be registered as Intermediate Nurses on the General Part of the Register, if approved by the Council, upon the payment of a fee of Two Guineas. The General Part of the Register is reserved for female nurses whose legal title will be "Registered Nurse."

The Register contains Supplementary Parts for the registration of Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, Sick Children's Nurses, and Fever Nurses, both for Existing and Intermediate Nurses.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

After the routine business has been disposed of at the quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council, which will be held on July 30, at the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., at 3 p.m., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on the Rules for Registration. As the splendid news is announced this week that the Rules have been signed by the Minister of Health—with the result that the State Register is open—it is well that as many nurses as possible should have an opportunity of thoroughly understanding the Rules which will affect their profession in the future.

Matrons and nurses who are not members of the Matrons' Council are therefore cordially invited to be present on this interesting occasion, and will be admitted upon the presentation of their visiting cards.

After the meeting Tea will be served at 1s., and there will be Music.

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