

At the same time the attention of my Council was directed to a Report in the Press of a new Rule No. 9 (a), adopted by your Council on 17th ult., under which you propose to accept from an applicant, in lieu of an original Training Certificate, a declaration by a Secretary of any approved organised body of nurses that, on admission of the Applicant to Membership, the Certificate or a certified copy thereof was produced to that body.

My Council do not feel able to pass any similar resolution. They are not aware of the list of organised bodies of Nurses whom you propose to accept, and they feel that in any event, the proposal forms a delegation of the statutory duties of the Council, and is likely to lead to many unnecessary difficulties. I am instructed to state that my Council trust that on reconsideration, your Council will withdraw that part of the proposed new Rule, and I am to add that meantime my Council have not thought fit to adopt any reciprocity rule. It is obvious that to do so would be equivalent in the present state of your Rules, to allowing Scottish Nurses to register in England and transfer their registration here without ever producing the original training Certificate, or even a duly, certified copy thereof.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) W. FARMER,

Registrar.

It was proposed by DR. GOODALL, seconded by DR. BOSROCK HILL, and agreed that the letter be referred to the Registration Committee for consideration and report.

Report of Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee then moved that its Report, which was in the hands of the Council, and was as follows, be received :—

The Committee has met three times—February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th,

(1) To recommend that when the Examination Syllabus is drawn up, representatives of the Poor-Law Nurse Training Schools be invited to a conference to discuss it, before the draft is sent to the Minister of Health for approval.

(2) To report that the Education and Examination Committee and the Mental Nursing Committee met on March 2nd to consider the letter from the London County Council Asylums and Mental Deficiency Department. As the question involved reciprocal and affiliated training and the schemes were not yet complete, the matter was deferred, but it was decided to recommend the following resolutions :—

“ That the three years training for the Supplementary Register for Mental Nurses may include a period of six months as a pupil nurse in an approved General Hospital or Poor-Law Infirmary.”

FOR FUTURE NURSES :

“ That a nurse who has been placed on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental

Nurses shall be allowed to enter for the examination of the General Register after a two years' course in an approved General Hospital or Poor-Law Infirmary.”

(3) To recommend that the following are the conditions required by the General Nursing Council for General Hospitals or Poor-Law Hospitals to be recognised as training schools for nurses :—

GENERAL HOSPITALS.

- 1.—The General Nursing Council requires that a General Hospital, if it is to afford such a complete training as would fit a nurse for admission to the General Nurses' Register must contain 100 beds with a daily average of 75 occupied beds, with not less than one resident medical officer and with adequate training material in the four main services comprising medical, surgical, gynæcological, and children's diseases.
- 2.—The General Nursing Council is prepared to consider schemes by which hospitals not fulfilling these conditions may be grouped so as to provide sufficient material for the complete training of a general nurse, e.g., a Male Hospital, a Women's Hospital, and a Children's Hospital, if of adequate size; or by affiliating Special Hospitals to General Hospitals with interchange of nurses. In such a case the General Hospital may contain less than 100 beds.
- 3.—Before any General Hospital or Group of Hospitals can be approved for the training of nurses, the G.N.C. would require to be satisfied that the scheme of training in all cases provided an adequate staff and equipment for teaching.
- 4.—The G.N.C. considers that it would be greatly in the interests of the training of nurses if Preliminary Training Schools could be instituted in various centres throughout England and Wales.

POOR-LAW HOSPITALS.

- 1.—The General Nursing Council requires that a Poor-Law Hospital, if it is to afford such a complete training as would fit a nurse for admission to the General Nurses' Register, must contain 250 beds with not less than one resident medical officer, and with adequate training material in the four main services comprising medical, surgical, gynæcological and children's diseases. Such hospitals must not be under the control of the Workhouse administration.
- 2.—The G.N.C. is prepared to consider schemes by which Poor-Law Hospitals not fulfilling these conditions may be grouped so as to provide sufficient material for the complete training of a general nurse, with recognised Poor-Law Hospitals or with hospitals that can supply the special need, either by affiliation or interchange of nurses.
- 3.—Before any Poor-Law Hospital or group of hospitals can be approved for the training of

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