

case of admission to the General Part of the Register.

Same Rule omitting the words "before the 1st November, 1919."

VIII.—To recommend that the Chairman be empowered to ask the Minister of Health to defer action with regard to the Prescribed Scheme for the Constitution of the Council (Clause 4, Schedule), submitted on February 20th, until the system of voting is considered and embodied in the scheme.

IX.—To recommend that the Chairman be requested to draw up a letter for transmission to the Colonial Office *re* reciprocal registration of nurses in the Crown Colonies (Section 6 (2) (a) Nurses' Registration Act, 1919).

X.—To report that from February 11th to March 10th, 541 applications for registration had been received and acknowledged—

General Register	460
Supplementary Registers	81

XI.—To recommend the following for approval:—
230 Applicants eligible. (List appended.)
7 " ineligible. "

ELIGIBLE.

General Register. Existing	166
Intermediate	11
Supplementary Registers.	
Male	8
Mental	28
Fever	17
	230

XII.—To recommend to the Council:—

"That applicants who have complied with the requirements set forth in the Rules, whose applications for registration are approved by the Council, shall have their names entered by the Registrar in the appropriate parts of the Register, and shall be granted a certificate, and that authority is hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council thereto."

(Signed) E. G. F.

On Item I the CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL read the letter stating that the Lords of the Council had directed that the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics had not the power to insert Nursing qualifications on its Register of Masseuses, and proposed the insertion of an asterisk against the names of Registered Nurses. The deletion of the note referred to had accordingly been effected, and an asterisk would be inserted.

On Item II, DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said that a former communication sent to the authorities of Mental Hospitals had been sent to the Clerks, and had not reached the Medical Superintendents, whose Department was a distinct one. He asked that in the present instance the letter might be sent to both Clerks and Medical Superintendents.

In moving that Item III be agreed, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that it was a most important matter to the nurses.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said he would have liked the Registration Committee to show more originality in regard to the Badge.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL was of opinion that permission to use the letters R.N. on the uniform would not readily be obtained from the Admiralty.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that in the Dominions, and in America, where Registration Acts were in force, the letters R.N. were used, but English Nurses would probably be denied the privilege.

On Item V, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the Committee considered that if a nurse was still working under a Committee in the hospital in which she had been trained and certificated, the reference of the Matron of the Institution would be sufficient, and save expense.

MISS MACCALLUM dissented. She thought it left the Nurse in the hands of the Matron. If the procedure of the Army were adopted, and any adverse Report shown to the Nurse, she had no objection to offer.

MR. CHRISTIAN elicited that a nurse was free to make an application in the ordinary way, but the Matron's recommendation was sufficient if she wished to avail herself of it.

MISS COX DAVIES was of opinion that it would be impossible for a woman in the employ of a hospital to have a report made upon her which would preclude her from admission to the Register.

MISS MACCALLUM reiterated that it was not fair to have secret Reports.

On Item VII—the new Rule sent down by the Ministry in substitution for the one submitted—MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that a matter of principle had been involved in the Rule as originally drawn. Qualifying Hospitals for men were general hospitals for that sex, whereas hospitals for women dealt mainly with diseases peculiar to women, and were consequently special hospitals. There was no such conjoint term of training as premised by the Ministry, and for that reason the alteration was harmless.

In support of Item IX, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that Rules for Reciprocal Registration with the Crown Colonies were necessary, but could not be put in force without action by the Home Government, as, unlike the Dominions, they were not entirely self-governing.

On Item XI MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK moved that it be received, but not that it be agreed and, on being asked by the CHAIRMAN to explain why she disagreed Mrs. Fenwick said that forty-seven of the names recommended for approval were those of applicants of whom the Registration Committee knew nothing, as they had not investigated the professional qualifications or testimonials *re* character of the applicants, and she, as Chair, had been denied access to them. These applications and references had been seen only by the Registrar, and as she was strongly opposed to this delegation of public duty by the Council, she declined to recommend for registration persons of whose qualifications and character she knew nothing.

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