

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP proposed, and DR. GOODALL seconded, that this item be approved, and this was agreed, as was Item XII on the proposition of DR. GOODALL, seconded by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired whether it was within the power of the Registrar to reject applications. Were all rejected applications reported to the Council? She asked for further details concerning one rejected applicant who had an unsatisfactory matron's reference and no certificate from Brompton Hospital. The Registrar stated that this applicant left the hospital to join the Territorial Force Nursing Service. She had no certificate of any sort. The seven ineligible applications came before the Registration Committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK stated that under the first Instruction every name was considered by the Registration Committee after scrutiny by a member of the Council. Under the new Instruction no such precaution was taken. The Registration Committee was now limited to examining those applications which in the opinion of the Registrar were doubtful, and it had to submit to the Council, without examination, all applications which the Registrar considered to be in order.

THE CHAIRMAN said Mrs. Fenwick was under a misapprehension. The Registrar only presented those cases which were entirely covered by previous decisions and where the applicant fulfilled the qualifications for registration.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, with all due deference to the chair, differed from this opinion. When after the last meeting the Chairman decided that, the Instruction passed on February 25th, having been sent up to the Minister, it did not come into force until the Minister's reply had been received, she attended at the office and scrutinised a number of applications. She found eight cases which did not conform to the Rules had been scrutinised and marked "passed" by the Registrar. She referred them back for further inquiry. The Registrar did not apply for the references required, and when the applications came before the Registration Committee five were approved, although they did not conform to the Rules, and three were referred back. The fact that the Registrar "passed" the eight applications which were not in order could be verified by her handwriting on the schedules in the office.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired whether the Registration Committee had any power to inspect applications "passed" by the Registrar.

THE CHAIRMAN said that any member of the Council could always call for and examine a set of papers.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that under Rule 9A the Registrar could accept and recommend applicants for Registration without any direct evidence of their qualifications being submitted for inspection.

MISS MACDONALD enquired whether a member of the Registration Committee could call for and examine the whole of the applications.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the negative.

MR. CHRISTIAN enquired whether it was intended

that only the members of the Registration Committee should have the right of inspection.

The Report was then agreed.

Thus 47 applicants whose qualifications and references had not been considered by any member of the Council, were placed upon the Register.

Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, then presented its Report and moved that it be received. The Report was as follows:—

The Finance Committee has met once—on March 9th.

(1) To recommend that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved.

(2) To recommend that the estimate of A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for £5 2s. be accepted for 5,000 copies of the Nurses Chart (General 4,500, Sick Children 500) and covering envelopes at 12s. 6d. per 1,000, and that the charts and envelope be sold at 3d. each, exclusive of postage.

(3) To recommend that extra money be granted for this month's postage, if necessary.

(4) To recommend that, to meet the cost of sending out the Registration Certificates, a charge of 2s. 6d. for each certificate be made after April 1st, 1922.

(Signed) T. J. V.

On Item 2, SIR JENNER VERRALL pointed out that the estimate was for £5 2s. per 1,000 copies, not per 5,000, as stated in the Report, and incorporated this amendment in the recommendation.

In connection with the packing of certificates the Chairman said it was found that the die of the Seal of the Council made such an impression that in rolling the certificates the paper cut through. It was now proposed to get rid of the tubes, to get a satisfactory substitute, and to strengthen the part of the certificate which received the impression of the Seal with a linen patch. To meet the additional cost it was proposed by the Finance Committee to make a charge of 2s. 6d. for the certificates.

The Report was approved.

The Election of Standing Committees.

The next business was "To receive nominations and to elect Committees."

Before this was dealt with MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said the Chairman was no doubt aware that Major Barnett proposed to move in the House of Commons on March 21st that an Address be presented to His Majesty praying that new Rules 9A and 43 (2) now lying on the table of the House be annulled. The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

MRS. FENWICK asked whether, as the Rules were under the consideration of the House, it was proposed to hastily carry them into effect, or would consideration of this item on the Agenda be deferred until after the House had arrived at a decision as to the Address.

THE CHAIRMAN said certainly not, and then proceeded to explain the method of election to the Committees, which would be by ballot. He then read the nominations for the various Committees, and the results.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)