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#### Report of the Registration Committee.

The Report of the Registration Committee was presented by the Chairman, Dr. E. W. Goodall, as follows, who moved that it be received:—

Since the last meeting of the Council, the Committee has met twice—on March 24th and April 7th.

1. The Committee has to report that it has elected Dr. Goodall as its Chairman.

2. *Application of the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses to be recognised under Rule 9A as an organised body of nurses.*

This application was referred to the Committee by the Council. The Committee has made enquiry concerning the League and has ascertained that it was founded in 1910. At the present time it has a membership of 178. The qualification for membership is the possession of the certificate of the Royal Free Hospital that the member has undergone a training of at least three years in the Hospital. References as to character are required in respect of those applicants who have left the hospital. Members are required to pay an annual subscription. The objects of the League, as set forth in the articles of its constitution, are by union to encourage the members to maintain a high standard of work and conduct; to afford mutual help and social intercourse; to further as far as possible the professional interests of nurses; to establish a benevolent fund to assist by grants or loans such members as may, by ill-health or other misfortune, be in temporary difficulties. The affairs of the League are managed by an Executive Committee chosen from its members by postal ballot.

The Committee *recommends* :

(a) That the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses be recognised by the Council under Rule 9A as an organised body of nurses.

3. In connection with the application of nurses for registration under the latter portion of Rule 9A it will be necessary to employ certain forms. Suggested copies of these forms are appended (Forms v and vi).

The Committee *recommends*:

(b) That Forms v and vi be approved for use in dealing with applications under the latter part of Rule 9A.

4. *Letters from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, dated March 4th, 1922, with reference to (a) certified copy certificates, and (b) reciprocity rule.* A copy of the first letter is appended to this report; copies of the second letter were circulated with the agenda paper of the last meeting of the Council, and the letter is, therefore, not reproduced here.

The Committee has considered these two letters by the instruction of the Council, and begs to report that now that regulations ensuring "a uniform standard of qualification in all parts of the United Kingdom" have, according to the provisions of the Act, been agreed upon by the three General Nursing Councils, it must be left to each Council to determine for itself what evidence it will require or accept, that such regulations have, in fact, been complied with; that to comment upon the Scotch Rule 21A would therefore be outside the province of the English Council; that the English Rule 9A appears to fall under the same category, and that it is unnecessary for the English Council to ask the Scotch Council to comment upon it.

The Committee *recommends* :

(c) That a letter in the sense of this report be written to the Scotch Council, and that no action be taken under the Reciprocity Rule for nurses registered in Scotland until the Scotch Council notifies that it has passed a corresponding Rule for nurses registered in England.

5. The attention of the Committee has been drawn to the applications for registration of certain nurses trained at the London Hospital. The Committee finds, however, that these nurses are not eligible for registration under the rules either as Existing or as Intermediate Nurses, for the following reason. The nurses in question began a two years' training in 1917, and completed it in 1919, but they did not complete the necessary training and experience before November 1st, 1919. They are, therefore, not eligible as Existing Nurses. In order to be eligible as Intermediate Nurses they must have obtained a certificate of a three years' training completed before July, 1924. Now, up to December 31st, 1919, the authorities of the London Hospital awarded certificates of a two years' training only, even to those nurses who remained in the service of the hospital and worked in its wards for a third year or longer, as the nurses whose cases are now under consideration

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