

difficulty as to the letter which he undertook to write to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as he was unable to procure a list of the Crown Colonies.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that in regard to the self-governing Dominions—Canada, India, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand—information as to their laws was available. But in Crown Colonies, which were not entirely self-governing, it was important to ask the kind consideration of the Secretary of the Colonies to have legislation introduced to make it possible for nurses in the Crown Colonies to avail themselves of the provision of the Acts for reciprocal Registration.

The CHAIRMAN asked if it was the wish of the Council to ask the Colonial Secretary of State to take some steps to secure legislation in the Crown Colonies.

This was agreed.

THE ASSOCIATION OF POOR LAW UNIONS.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Association of Poor Law Unions saying that the Council of the Union had now considered the Examination Syllabus. They considered it important that the first compulsory Examination which it was proposed should be held in 1924 should not be held until 1925, and that, in any event, the Examination Syllabus should define the limits of knowledge which nurses should be expected to have.

They also asked for an opportunity of consulting with the Council before the Examination Syllabus was finally adopted. The Council has consulted the Training Schools before the Syllabus of Training was adopted, and it was felt the same course should be taken in regard to the Examination Syllabus.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the date 1924 had been fixed in the Rules.

DR. GOODALL said there was a misapprehension as to the former Conference. It was a Conference of Matrons, Sister-Tutors, and others. This proposal came from another body, the Association of Poor Law Unions. The Council had interviewed a Deputation from that body, and the promise had been given them that they should be consulted before the Examination Syllabus was issued.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP enquired whether the Council understood what body it was dealing with. It was representative of the Employers of Nurses, and the Guardians of every Union of England and Wales were represented upon it. She moved that a Deputation from the Association of Poor Law Unions be received.

MISS DOWBIGGIN seconded the motion.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether other bodies should not be included.

THE CHAIRMAN considered that the Training Schools of the Voluntary Hospitals should be invited to send representatives.

MISS COX DAVIES enquired whether it would not be more useful if the Deputation were to meet the Education Committee.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP then moved an Amendment to her Resolution, providing that the Deputation

meet the Education Committee, rather than the Council, in the following form:—

“That the Education Committee be empowered to arrange a Conference, or Conferences, with representatives of the Training Schools, both of the larger and smaller group and with representatives of the Association of Poor Law Unions, in order to discuss the proposed Syllabus of Examination.”

This was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, who thought that much misunderstanding would be avoided by holding such a Conference.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired whether the Minister of Health could not be asked when the Syllabus of Training would be considered, as it had been held up many months. She thought the Syllabus for the Examinations should be based on the Syllabus of Training.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE quite approved of the Education Committee calling the Conference, but concluded that any Member of the Council would be allowed to attend and take part.

THE CHAIRMAN said certainly, there was no reason to exclude anybody.

MISS MACDONALD enquired whether members of the Council other than those of the Education Committee would be allowed to vote, and received a reply in the affirmative.

The Amendment was put to the Meeting and carried, and it was then carried as a substantive motion.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

A letter was received from the Minister of Health agreeing to Forms V. and VI. for use in dealing with applications under the latter part of Rule 9A.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired whether copies of the Forms were sent to Scotland. It was done the last time.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the negative.

LETTER FROM THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

A further letter was received from Mr. Secretary Churchill, reporting that he had received a letter from Canada stating that there was no law for the Registration of Nurses throughout the Dominion, but certain of the Provinces had laws of their own.

LETTER FROM THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that a copy of the following Resolution, which had been forwarded to the Minister of Health, had been received from the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.

“That the members of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council very strongly object that Registered Nurses should be compelled to finance the attendance and other expenses of the lay and medical members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, whom they do not elect, especially as these persons have now monopolised so much power on the Standing Committees, to the exclusion of expert nurses, and in some instances have to attend such Committees weekly from long distances, instead of the monthly Council meetings only.

“And as such expenses are a very serious tax upon the limited resources of the Registered Nurses, this Council petitions the Minister of Health to take into consideration, at the earliest possible date, the advis-

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