

In regard to the Registered buttons, Miss SMITH pointed out that the Welsh Nurses would not be content with a rose, but would want the national emblem of the leek.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK called attention to the fact that the Male Nurses had been entirely omitted in considering the distinctive letters to be worn on the uniform. They usually were, because they had no representative on the Council.

Further consideration of this question was referred back to the Registration Committee.

Consideration of Applications for Registration was deferred to the end of the meeting so that they might be considered *in camera*.

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the report be received.

The Finance Committee has met once—on May 11th, 1922.

I. To recommend that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved.

II. To report that a communication had been received from the Minister of Health, to the effect that he had appointed Mr. Sutherland Wilkinson, Chief Inspector of Audits, to audit the accounts of the Council, and that a fee for the audit, not exceeding the cost, would be charged to the Council.

III. To report that on consideration of the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was held that the proposal with regard to the payment during sickness should not be considered by the Council, so long as the recommendation of the Finance Committee approved at the last Council meeting stands good.

To report that, pending the production of a Schedule and estimate for the permanent staff, the Committee is unable to express an opinion on Recommendations II and III.

To report the approval of an additional typewriter, which, however, it is thought should be a new instrument.

IV. To recommend that, prior to engagement, all applicants for employment by the Council shall produce a certificate of health.

V. To recommend that the salary of Miss Harrison, Chief Stenographer, should be raised to £4 per week. The Report was adopted.

Report of General Purposes Committee.

The Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills presented the Report of the General Purposes Committee. It recommended the adoption of a resolution in substitution for that referred back by the Council on April 21st.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out this was out of order, and should have been sent up through the Finance Committee, and it was ultimately withdrawn.

THE CHAIRMAN said that on the general question of cash between two Committees a usual plan, and one which he proposed to adopt in the future, was that when business had to come through two Committees, both Committees should report, and then the two reports should be considered together.

SIR JENNER VERRALL raised no objection.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said that as this Committee had so much power in recommending the expenditure of money it was important that proposals to do so should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Miss MACCALLUM pointed out in connection with the engagement of a clerk to do temporary work in the Registration Room, that the clerk whom she replaced had since returned, and that nevertheless her substitute had been kept on, and that, in fact, fourteen instead of twelve clerks were employed in the office at the present time.

Mrs. Hills assured the Council that the Committee would keep a very careful watch over expenditure.

Miss SEYMOUR YAPP enquired whether it was a fact that members of the staff were working on Sunday, and Dr. GOODALL said it was a fact that some had been working overtime.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said the office work should be properly organised.

The Report, with the exception of items I and III (withdrawn) was adopted.

Report of Mental Nursing Committee.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, moved that his report be received.

The Committee has met once—on May 3rd.

I. To report that, on that date the Committee held two conferences, the first with representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association, and the second with representatives of the leading institutions for the training of mental defectives.

A brief report of the proceedings of these conferences is appended.

II. To report that with references to the Minute referred back to the Committee for further consideration, the Committee submit the Minute to the Council in the following amended form:—

"That for a period of three years after the first examination held by the General Nursing Council for registration on the Supplementary Register of Mental Nurses, holders of the Medico-Psychological Association Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing, be eligible for the General Nursing Council examination, for admission to the General Register, if they have had two years additional training in a General Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary approved by the Council."

III. To report that the Draft Syllabus and Schedule of training is now almost ready, and the Committee hope to be in a position to submit it to the Council for approval in June.

Report to Council of Conference on Mental Nursing and the Training of Nurses for Mental Defectives. Wednesday, May 3rd, 1922, at 10.30 a.m., and 2.30 p.m.

MORNING SESSION.

VISITORS PRESENT.

Representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association.

Lieut.-Colonel E. Goodall, C.B.E., M.D., Medical Superintendent Cardiff City Mental Hospital.

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