

would be girls who might be desirous of getting an insight into nursing cases of mental disorder.

The Matron of the Mental Hospital, the Deputy Matron, and the Night Sister, are certified general nurses as well as certified mental nurses.

(The matter was referred to the General Nursing Council for its consideration in December last, and the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee that the three years' term of training does not permit of time being given to mental nursing indicates the decision arrived at.)

#### Discussion.

In recommending the adoption of No. IV, Miss DOWBEGG said that there were still a large number of Poor Law Hospitals concerning which the Committee had not got the necessary information, but it thought it would be well to publish a preliminary list.

Miss MACCALLUM, in reference to the Paddington Hospital, said that her information was that the female nurses did not get sufficient experience in the nursing of men, as so much of the available training ground was utilised for the training of male nurses. It was decided to refer back the recommendation as to this hospital for further information.

The Report was adopted.

#### Report of the Registration Committee.

DR. GOODALL (Chairman of the Registration Committee), moved that the Report be received.

Since the last meeting of the Council the Committee has met three times—on May 26th, June 2nd, and June 9th.

I. *Letter from the Ministry of Health*, dated June 2nd, circulated with this report, on the subject of the Matron's testimonial for moral and professional efficiency of applicants.

The Committee recommends

(a) That the Rule as drafted by the Ministry be adopted and submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval.

Suggested Proviso to Rule 8 (1)—

"Provided that if at the date of her application the applicant is employed in any hospital, institution or infirmary in which she received her training, or part of her training, and the Council are furnished with evidence of good character and professional efficiency by the matron of such hospital, institution or infirmary, the Council may, if they think fit, dispense with any further evidence of character and professional efficiency. For the purpose of this proviso 'training' means the training by virtue of which the applicant is qualified under this part of these Rules to be registered."

II. It was pointed out at the last meeting of the Council that four applicants for registration, who had been approved for registration at the Council meeting on April 21st last, were not in fact eligible. The names of these applicants have not, so far, been entered on the Register, nor have the applicants been informed that they have been accepted for registration. *Subject to*

*the approval of the Council*, the Committee will instruct the Registrar to inform the applicants that they are not eligible for registration, and not to enter their names on the Register.

III. *Leaflet Pointing Out the Advantages of Registration*.—At the meeting of the Council held on March 17th last, a recommendation from this Committee was approved by the Council that a letter in leaflet form, pointing out the advantages of registration, be sent to the authorities of Mental, Fever, and Children's Hospitals, with a request that they bring it to the notice of their staffs. Appended is a copy of the leaflet drawn up by the Committee:—

The Committee recommends

(b) That copies of the appended leaflet be sent with a covering letter to the authorities, not only of Mental, Fever, and Children's Hospitals, but also to those of General Hospitals, with the request that they bring the leaflet to the notice of the nursing staffs of their hospitals; and further that copies of the leaflet be sent to the various nursing associations and to the Press.

IV. *Proposed Regulations, &c., for the Conduct of the Election of Direct Representatives to the Council*.—The Council will remember that at its meeting held on February 17th last, it approved a scheme for the constitution, so far as the elected members are concerned, of the new Council which is to be formed in December next. The scheme was submitted to the Minister of Health, but at its meeting on March 17th the Council empowered the Chairman to ask the Minister to defer action with regard to the scheme until the system of voting had been considered and embodied in it. The Minister has agreed to this request. The Committee has prepared a set of regulations for the conduct of the election, of voting papers and of other necessary forms and papers with a view to incorporating them in the scheme already approved by the Council. All these regulations, forms, &c., are based upon those in use at the election of the direct representatives to the General Medical Council. Before, however, the Committee recommends them for final adoption by the Council, it is of the opinion that every member of the Council should have the opportunity of going through them at leisure. They are, therefore, brought before the Council at its meeting to-day. It would greatly facilitate the work, both of the Council and of the Committee, if suggestions for the improvement of these regulations and forms, or criticism in respect of them, were sent to the Committee not later than June 21st. The Committee wishes to bring the final draft of these regulations before the Council at its next meeting.

V. *Change of Name after Registration*.—The Committee has recently had before it a letter from a registered nurse who has married since the date on which she was registered. The nurse wishes to know whether she is to remain on the Register in her maiden name. This question is likely to arise frequently. Further, the names of registered

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