

nurses may be changed not only on account of marriage, but for other reasons. The Committee has ascertained what the practice of the General Medical Council is in these cases, but it does not recommend that that practice should be followed in its entirety, as it does not advise that a special certificate certifying the change from the old to the new name should be issued to the applicant, as is the practice of the General Medical Council.

The Committee recommends—

(c) That the procedure to be adopted in the case of a change of name after registration shall be as follows:—

A nurse who changes her name whether on account of marriage or for any other reason shall immediately notify the Council of the fact, and shall furnish the Council with her marriage certificate, deed poll, or other necessary document, or with a copy thereof certified to be correct by a Justice of the Peace, Barrister, or Solicitor. She shall also send to the Council her original certificate of registration. Subject to the approval of the Council, the Registrar shall make a note over the original entry in the Register that the name has been changed, with the date of the change. The change of name shall be made in red ink on the cover which contains the registration papers. The document or documents which were presented to the Council as evidence of the change of name shall be placed in the cover. On the original certificate of registration the new name shall be engrossed immediately above the old name, and the latter shall be enclosed in brackets. The change shall be signed and dated by the Registrar.

VI. INTERPRETATION OF PARAGRAPH (e) IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

The Council will remember that at its meeting on February 3rd, 1922, certain alterations in the First Schedule to the Rules were approved. This Schedule sets forth the particulars concerning registered nurses which are to be entered on the Register. These alterations have been approved also by the Minister of Health. The Committee is now engaged in the work of preparation for printing and publishing the Register as soon after July 1st next as possible. In the course of a discussion on the subject at the last meeting of the Committee it became clear that there was a difference of opinion as to the interpretation of certain words in one of the paragraphs of the Schedule, and the Committee desires to have the ruling of the whole Council on the points of difference. The paragraph referred to is as follows:—

(e) Qualifications.—Under this heading shall appear the qualification in each case for admission to the Register (including certificate of training if any), the dates of obtaining such qualification, and the hospital or hospitals in which such qualifying training has been received and the particular words are "The dates of obtaining such qualification and the hospital

or hospitals in which such qualifying training has been received."

The first question the Committee desires a ruling upon is: Do the words "the dates of obtaining such qualification" mean the date or dates upon which a qualification (or qualifications) was granted; that is, the date, in most instances, of the termination of the period of training or experience, as the case may be, or do they mean the dates of the beginning and end of the period or periods of training or experience? The word "dates" would seem to indicate the latter interpretation, but the word "obtaining" points to the former.

The second question for decision relates to the words "hospital or hospitals." During the last two or three years many hospitals (and especially Pool Law Hospitals) have undergone a change of name. Is the name to be entered on the Register to be the present name of the hospital, or the name by which the hospital was known when the nurse received her training or experience in it?

VII. The following weekly statements showing the progress of Registration have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received week ending—

	General.	Supp.	Total.
May 20th ..	205 ..	15 ..	220
May 27th ..	169 ..	13 ..	182
June 3rd ..	174 ..	22 ..	196
June 10th ..	146 ..	18 ..	164
Total ..	794 ..	68 ..	862

VIII. Lists of 434 applicants for registration whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules are appended, as also are lists of 30 applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the rules.

The Committee recommends—

(d) That the 434 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate part of the Register.

(e) That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

LETTER FROM MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

Before discussion of the Report from the Registration Committee, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK requested the Chairman to read the following letter which she had addressed to the Council:—

To the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Dear Sir,—During the proceedings of the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on the 19th ult., you will remember that I moved a Resolution, standing on the Agenda in my name, in which reference was made to four applications for registration, passed by the Council on April 21st, as eligible, which did not conform to the Statutory Rules.

Dr. Goodall, Chairman of the Registration Committee, officially informed the Council that all these particular

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