

should be urged to defer the State Examination until 1925.

The next letter was from the Poor-Law Union, Leytonstone, the Guardians of which stated that they had had the Syllabus under consideration and had accepted it, and that they strongly objected to any curtailment.

A letter was also received from the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, saying that its Council would be glad to have an assurance, in the interests of its members, that it is not intended, by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to teach massage. On page 7 of its Syllabus massage was included in the subjects required of candidates, and members of the Society in some hospitals were being asked to give twelve lectures on this subject. If it were only intended that some lectures affording an insight into the theory underlying the practice of massage should be given, and not practical instruction, the Society expressed the opinion that a definite statement should be made on this subject.

The letters, on the motion of the Chairman, were referred to the Education Committee.

Vote of Thanks to the late Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN then said he had been asked to give Sir Jenner Verrall an opportunity of moving a Resolution not upon the Agenda.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said he desired to move a vote of thanks to their late Chairman, and it was a great pleasure to do so for three reasons; it was abundantly deserved, he was sure the Council would receive it with acclamation, and he hoped it would be unanimous.

In all public bodies there must at times be acute differences of opinion, which might be forcible and irritating, but all public bodies were ready to express their approval of good work. Before they resumed business under the new Chairman, he thought they should acknowledge Mr. Priestley's services. He had desired to be guided by strict justice and impartiality, and in season and out of season, at meetings of the Council, of committees, and in individual work, he had been at the service of the Council. As a new Body they had had to draw up Rules under the Nurses' Registration Act for the formation of the Register, for the Conditions of Admission to the Register, the Syllabus of training, the Conditions of Examination, and other details, as well as the Rules governing their own procedure. In carrying out these duties Mr. Priestley's legal knowledge had been of great value to the Council.

SIR JENNER VERRALL then moved the following Resolution:—

Resolution.

Upon the resignation of the Chairman, Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., the Council records its great regret, and its appreciation of his devotion to the work, and his unflinching courtesy in the conduct of business.

In drafting Rules for the Registration of Nurses and for the Council procedure, his advice has been invaluable and the warmest thanks are hereby tendered to him.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that to her had fallen the honour, as a member of the Nursing Profession, of seconding the Resolution. The Council had received much help from Mr. Priestley in carrying out its work.

The Resolution was then put to the meeting and carried *nem. con.*

Report of Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, then moved that his Report be received. It was, he said, signed by Miss Villiers, as he had been unable to attend the meeting.

The Finance Committee, which met on December 8th, recommended (1) that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved; (2) that the paper for the nurses' charts be obtained from paper experts, and that the printing be done by A. & E. Walter, Ltd.; (3) that the estimate of Pithers' Radiant Stoves, Ltd., be accepted for the installation of a stove in the Registration Room; (4) that the estimate of the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society be accepted for making the entries on the first thousand certificates; (5) that a grant of £2 10s. in all be given to the domestic staff at Christmas.

DR. GOODALL enquired whether item 5 was in the form of Christmas boxes or payment for extra work done.

MISS VILLIERS said it was really Christmas boxes, a good deal of extra work had fallen on the staff, and the Committee thought that the Christmas season would be an appropriate time to recognise it.

On the Chairman enquiring whether Dr. Goodall would like this item taken separately he replied in the affirmative.

SIR JENNER VERRALL then moved that the Report of the Finance Committee, with the exception of the last item, be received. This was done.

SIR JENNER VERRALL then moved that item 5 be received.

DR. GOODALL said he was not aware that any public body gave Christmas boxes. He did not think it was a good precedent to establish. If the payment was for work done that was another matter.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK supported the adoption of this item, as she had proposed it, and hoped the Council would agree to it. These three persons had proved themselves most admirable and hardworking officers, and had done much more than they were obliged to do. Later a similar proposition would come up for sanction in regard to the postmen who delivered more letters at their office than in the whole street combined. She should be exceedingly sorry if exception were taken to this recognition of courtesy and ungrudging service.

MISS MACCALLUM pointed out that the Council was a new body, entering on new premises, and the domestic staff had done a great deal of extra work most willingly.

MISS DOWBIGGIN objected to Christmas boxes.

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