

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the Council was not functioning in December; had it been, the question would, no doubt, have been brought before and considered by it.

MISS CATTELL supported the proposal.

Item 5 of the Finance Report was then approved.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, explaining the Balance sheet in regard to income and expenditure, said that their position in regard to future expenditure depended upon Registration fees. The Finance Committee considered it was not proper for it to draw on fees paid to the Council until the applications, which had been held up because there had been more or less of an interregnum, had been approved.

THE CHAIRMAN: "Of course, it can't."

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that her signature and that of the Chairman were affixed to cheques. With the approval of the Ministry, which she had personally consulted, she had consented to sign cheques for salaries, &c., so long as the Council had available funds in the bank; otherwise the work of the Council for the benefit of the nurses would have been stultified. But she had informed the Ministry that she would not sign any cheque if it entailed using money deposited in the bank for registration which did not belong to the Council.

THE CHAIRMAN expressed the opinion that the members of the Council might congratulate themselves that the Finance Committee had not committed a crime.

The Report of the Finance Committee was then agreed.

Rules for Conjoint Training.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the next item on the Agenda would be moved by MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK in connection with the approval of conjoint training. It was an adjourned recommendation from the Registration Committee, and he would ask Mrs. Fenwick to accept an addition. By the Act, Clause 6, the Council was required to consult with Scotland and Ireland before making any Rules with respect to the conditions of admission to the Register. He asked Mrs. Fenwick to add to her motion the words "subject to consultation with the Nursing Councils of Scotland and Ireland." People were waiting to Register for this Rule to be passed, and he thought, with this proviso, they might proceed to consider the motion.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK agreed that the addition was necessary and moved:—

(1) "That the following Rules with regard to nurses with Conjoint Training be approved, subject to consultation with the Nursing Councils for Scotland and Ireland:—

EXISTING NURSES.

"Additional sub-section of Rule 9 (1) in the case of an application for admission to the General Part of the Register.

"A certificate, or certificates, that the applicant has had a conjoint three years' training in hospitals for men only and for women only, approved by the Council,

of not less than two years, and one year, in such hospitals respectively before the 1st November, 1919."

NURSES WITH INTERMEDIATE QUALIFICATIONS.

"Additional sub-section of Rule 11 (1) in the case of admission to the General Part of the Register.

"A certificate, or certificates, that the applicant has had a conjoint three years' training in hospitals for men only and for women only, approved by the Council, of not less than two years, and one year, in such hospitals respectively before July 1924."

MRS. FENWICK said this recommendation had been up before the Council. There were not many hospitals which would be affected by the Rule, but an instance was the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, which, in conjunction with some of the Women's Hospitals in London gave a good practical training and a three years' certificate.

This was agreed.

Record of Certificates on the Published Register.

MRS. FENWICK, before moving Item (2), said it was not a recommendation from the Registration Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN said unless it was non-contentious business he thought it was out of order.

MISS COX DAVIES here stated that the Resolution which was withdrawn, that certificates should not be recorded, had stood in her name. She was prepared not to oppose any alteration in the First Schedule if there were members of the Council who placed such extreme value on this point. Miss Sparshott, who would have seconded this, was prevented by illness from being present, but Miss Lloyd Still would do so.

THE CHAIRMAN said this statement did not need a seconder, it was a personal explanation, but that it made this bit of business agreed business.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK then said the proposal to record certificates had been before the Registration Committee and negatived, she had, therefore, put the Resolution down in her own name.

MRS. FENWICK then proposed:—

(2) That the First Schedule be amended as follows:—

First Schedule.

Form of Register, Particulars to be Entered.

"Each part of the Register (General and Supplementary) shall show in respect of each nurse admitted the following particulars:—

- (a) Consecutive registered number.
- (b) Full names (in alphabetical order), and, if married, maiden name.
- (c) Permanent address.
- (d) Date and place of registration.
- (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.

In proposing the amended Schedule she drew attention to the fact that the provision to record qualifications, and the date of fulfilling such qualification, on the published Register, had been agreed

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