

to by the Council, and incorporated in the first draft Rules sent to the Minister of Health in July, 1920, and had presumably been agreed to by him. The Scottish and Irish Rules contained the same provision, and it had been, no doubt, by inadvertence that it was omitted from the printed draft Rules for England and Wales finally adopted by the Council and signed by the present Minister of Health in July, 1921.

Mrs. FENWICK proposed that the amended Schedule be substituted for the First Schedule as at present incorporated in the Rules.

Miss MACCALLUM seconded. It was within her knowledge that many nurses were waiting to register until this point had been settled. She hoped notice would be given in the public press as well as the nursing press of the amended Schedule if agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN then put the motion to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed. The Rule will therefore be submitted to the Minister for his approval and signature.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK then moved Resolutions (3), (4) and (5), which, she said, were purely formal, but necessary. They were:—

(3) That the applications of the candidates for Registration which have been carefully scrutinised, and which conform to the Statutory Rules, be approved, although they have not been before the Registration Committee, as failing a quorum, that Committee has been unable to carry on its work since November.

(4) That applicants who have complied with the requirements set forth in the Rules, whose applications for Registration are approved by the Council, shall have their names entered by the Registrar in the appropriate parts of the Register, and shall be granted a certificate, and that authority is hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council thereto.

(5) That consent be given for the Certificates to be inscribed by the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Ltd., at the cost of £15 per thousand.

In relation to (3), Mrs. Fenwick said that 1,535 applications and references had been carefully scrutinised by herself as Chairman of the Registration Committee, with the help of the Registrar and of Miss Villiers, Miss MacCallum, and Mr. Christian, who had given time to this important part of the Council's work. The references of two of the applicants had not been received, those of the Lady Superintendents of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, but their certificates had been inspected, and as they were ladies who had had long and honourable nursing careers, and were well known to members of the Council, she asked that they might be included. The 1,535 applications were then approved.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether men applying for registration had sent their marriage certificates.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK replied in the negative. Men did not change their names.

THE CHAIRMAN said his impression was the provision was limited to women, because only women changed their names.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE said that was good sense, but he was not sure that it was not obligatory

on men according to the Act. Would the Chairman give a ruling that male registered nurses did not come under this provision?

THE CHAIRMAN had no hesitation in doing so.

Miss MACCALLUM said that the names of three nurses working in the United States of America had just been passed. Might their certificates be sent to them at once? They were risking imprisonment and fines so long as they were unable to produce a State Certificate of registration.

THE CHAIRMAN said that was not a matter for the Council, but for instructing the Registrar, when they would be sent at once.

In reference to her proposal that the certificates should be inscribed by the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK reminded the Council that it had been agreed this should be done by a Certificate Clerk. It was very expert work. The first 1,000 inscribed by the firm had been most satisfactory.

It was then put to the meeting and agreed.

The motion standing in the name of Mr. CHRISTIAN, "That a solicitor be appointed to the General Nursing Council," was withdrawn.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Miss VILLIERS (the Chairman) then presented the Report of the General Purposes Committee.

Notices of Motion.

Dr. GOODALL gave notice that he would move: That the following Rule be inserted after Rule 9:—

"Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding Rule, the Council may accept in place of a certificate, a copy of the certificate certified by a Justice of the Peace, Barrister, or Solicitor, to be a true copy thereof, or where the applicant is a member of any organised body of nurses, recognised for this purpose by the Council, a declaration signed by the Secretary or other responsible officer of that body, that on admission of the applicant to membership the certificate or a certified copy thereof was produced to that body."

Dr. GOODALL gave notice for Miss Coulton, who was not present, that she would move: That the following Rule be substituted for Rule 43 (2):—

"Each of the foregoing Committees (other than the Standing Committee of the whole Council) appointed in the years 1920 and 1921, shall go out of office on the date of the first Ordinary Meeting of the Council next after the date on which this Rule comes into operation, and new Committees shall be appointed by the Council at that meeting. Thereafter the said Committees shall be appointed annually at the first Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of January. Each Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy which occurs on any of the Committees shall be filled up by the Council at such next meeting of the Council as may be convenient."

Miss COX-DAVIES gave notice that she would move:—

"That it be an instruction to the Registration Committee to examine only those cases which are reported to them by the Registrar as being doubtful,

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