

Finance Committee to select the expert. This was seconded by LADY HOBHOUSE.

MISS MACCALLUM said that many nurses would object to this exclusion. There should be someone who would hold a watching brief for the nurses.

MISS COX DAVIES asked for how many nurses Miss MacCallum was speaking.

MISS MACCALLUM said that she spoke for Registered Nurses.

MISS COX DAVIES asked by what right she spoke for Registered Nurses.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the nurses had a right to help to select the firm employed on their own business, for which they would have to pay.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP did not consider that nurses were capable of making this choice.

THE CHAIRMAN expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to add a nurse member of the Council to those already nominated.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK proposed that Miss MacCallum should be added. She was an excellent woman of business.

DR. GOODALL accepted the amendment and proposed—

“That the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Miss MacCallum.”

On the vote being taken the motion was carried.

MRS. FENWICK asked that those voting for and against should be taken down.

IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION.

Miss Villiers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Peterkin, Dr. Goodall, Miss Cox Davies, Miss Sparshott, Miss Coulton, Miss Swiss, Mr. Christian, Miss MacCallum, Miss Steele, Sir Jenner Verrall, and Mrs. Eustace Hills.

AGAINST THE MOTION.

Miss Seymour Yapp and Lady Hobhouse.

MISS COX DAVIES here enquired whether the Resolution provided that a nurse should be added to the Committee of Selection or that Miss MacCallum should be.

THE CHAIRMAN informed her that it added Miss MacCallum to the Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES said that in that case she withdrew her hand.

THE PRESCRIBED SCHEME FOR THE ELECTION OF NURSE MEMBERS ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A further letter from the Ministry of Health stated that the Minister had received Sir Wilmot Herringham's letter of the 4th ult. relating to the Prescribed Scheme for the Election of Nurse Members of the General Nursing Council, and a Memorandum had been prepared by the legal department of the Ministry on points which called for further consideration. The Minister was of opinion that the method prescribed for the election of the Matrons was likely to invalidate the voting paper. The Minister considered that it would prejudice the authority of the next Council if a large number of papers were invalidated.

The Minister noted with satisfaction the marked

increase in the applications for Registration. He attached great importance to the electorate, and hoped that steps would be taken to include as many nurses as possible, and would be prepared to sanction the temporary appointment of additional clerks, under Clause 4 (2) of the Nurses Registration Act to cope with the additional work thereby necessitated.

THE CHAIRMAN asked whether it was the pleasure of the Council that this matter should be referred to the special meeting of the Council on October 6th?

DR. GOODALL moved, and it was agreed that it be referred to the Registration Committee to consider and report to the Special Meeting.

MISS VILLIERS enquired whether this decision meant that there was a prospect of nurses still getting on to the Register, in time to take part in the election whose applications still awaited scrutiny in the Office?

The next business on the Agenda was the Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that she had asked at the last meeting of the Finance Committee why the presentation of its Report was now always placed last for consideration instead of first, its place in the enumeration of Committees in the Rules, and why the little non-representative General Purposes Committee had recently been placed before it.

THE CHAIRMAN agreed, as did SIR JENNER VERRALL, that it was usual on such bodies to place first in order the Financial Report. It was agreed to conform to this arrangement.

Report of Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, then moved that the Report be received, reserving the consideration of Item VI until the Report of the General Purposes Committee had been presented.

The Committee has met once—on September 14th.

I.—*Recommended*: That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved.

II.—*Recommended*: That out of the balance at the disposal of the Council, the remainder of the amount for which the Council is indebted to the Ministry of Health, namely £2,500, be repaid.

III.—*Considered*: The Report of the Auditor.

Recommended: (1) That the Employers' Liability policy taken out for a portion of the staff be extended to cover all those for whom, under the Act, the Council is responsible—namely, those in receipt of less than £250 a year.

(2) That insurance be effected to cover any liability at Common Law which the Council might be under in respect of those in its employ in receipt of more than £250 a year.

(3) That a guarantee policy be taken out in respect of officers responsible for the collection of fees, &c.

IV.—*Recommended*: That for the ensuing

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