

THE CHAIRMAN then put to the meeting the amendment to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Amendment.

"That recommendation 5 be referred back to the Finance Committee with the instruction to carry out the original recommendation."

The voting was even, and he therefore declared the amendment not carried.

The recommendation of the Committee was then put to the meeting, and the voting being again even he declared it not lost.

With the exception of Item VI (General Purposes Committee), SIR JENNER VERRALL then moved that the Report be agreed, and this was carried, so that advertisements will not be inserted in the forthcoming issue of the Register of Nurses.

Education and Examination Committee.

A meeting of Members of the Education and Examination Committee was held on September 14th, at which the members present were insufficient to form a quorum. At the request of the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Lloyd Still, Dr. Goodall (who was present at the meeting) presented the following statement to the Council:—

STATEMENT.

I.—*Considered*: A letter from the Secretary of the Association of Poor Law Unions.

Recommended: That the Council grant an interview to representatives of the Association.

II.—*Considered*: (1) The resolutions passed by the Council at its last meeting.

(2) The recommendations of the Conference of July 13th reported to Council at its last meeting.

(3) Letter from the Minister of Health with enclosure (circulated).

Recommended: (1) That the Preface to the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of General Nursing be amended as follows:—

PREFACE.

It is thought sufficient for the present to issue this Syllabus of Subjects for Examination with the Nurses' Chart attached as a guide to training.

A Nurse presenting herself for Examination may be questioned on any of the subjects contained in this Syllabus, and in the Nurses' Chart attached to it.

The Examination will be divided into two parts. The first or Preliminary Examination will cover the subjects of Elementary Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene (sections I and II of this Syllabus), and will be taken by all nurses alike, whether training for the General, or for a Supplementary part of the Register. It may be taken at any time after the candidate has completed one year's training. The second or Final Examination will differ according to the part of the Register to which the candidate is seeking admission. For the General Part of the Register it will cover the remaining subjects of this Syllabus (sections III, IV, V, and VI) and those included in the Nurses' Chart attached. For the Supplementary Parts of

the Register for Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, and Fever Nurses, the Examination will in each case cover the subjects contained in the Syllabus drawn up for the special training proper to that part and in the Nurses' Chart or Schedule attached to it. For the Supplementary Part for Sick Children's Nurses the subjects of Examination will be those of the Syllabus for General Nursing and the Nurses' Chart attached, exclusive of those subjects which belong to the section on Gynæcology. This Examination may be taken at the end of the third year of training, provided that the first Examination has been already passed.

(2) That the first Preliminary Examination be held in July, 1924, and the first Final Examination in July, 1925.

(3) That for the benefit of nurses now in training for the General Part of the Register who may desire to take a State Examination, the Council hold an Examination covering all the subjects of the General Syllabus, and of the Nurses' Chart attached to it, in July, 1924. And that should a sufficient demand be shown, similar examinations for the Supplementary parts also be arranged.

(4) That the Syllabus of Training for the Supplementary parts of the Register for Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, and Fever Nurses respectively be considered the Syllabus for Examination for that part.

(5) That Rule 10 be amended by the substitution of 1925 for 1924 in line 3 of the rule.

Discussion.

I. THE CHAIRMAN, in connection with a letter from the Secretary of the Association of Poor Law Unions, reminded the Council that the Education and Examination Committee had had great difficulty in making up its mind as to the standard to be required of Poor Law Hospitals, and had got down very low, but it had said that to obtain approval as a training school such hospitals must have one Resident Medical Officer. They had had a special interview with the Ministry of Health, and, at the time, thought they were of the same opinion. Now they were told this was not so. They were also told by poor law people that some Poor Law Hospitals not having a Resident Medical Officer gave a better training than some which had. He had on the table a letter on the same topic. He hoped the Council would have an interview with the Association.

MISS VILLIERS said, that as Matron for many years of a hospital under the jurisdiction of the Local Government Board, now the Ministry of Health, it was always understood that she might not engage for service there nurses trained in a Poor Law Infirmary which had not a Resident Medical Officer. She would not think of doing so.

MR. CHRISTIAN said that some Poor Law Institutions having a Resident Medical Officer had a lower standing than some having a visiting medical staff.

THE CHAIRMAN asked whether the Council would wish to have an interview with representatives of the Association of Poor Law Unions on October 6th. This was agreed, and MISS COX DAVIES formally

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