

Syllabus of Training had been before the Minister for months.

AMENDMENT OF PREFACE NEGATIVED.

On being put to the vote the recommendation to amend the Preface by the insertion of the following words was lost, viz. :—

"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."

DR. GOODALL, seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT, moved the recommendation :—"A Nurse presenting herself for Examination may be questioned on any of the subjects contained in this Syllabus, &c."—Carried.

DR. GOODALL, seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT, moved the recommendation beginning at "The Examination will be divided into two parts," down to the words, "It may be taken at any time after the candidate has completed one year's training."

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK thought this last sentence allowed great latitude.

SIR JENNER VERRALL thought it would be understood that it must be taken during the three years' training.

The recommendation was carried.

DR. GOODALL, seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT, then moved the recommendation beginning "The second or final examination" down to the words "those included in the Nurses' Chart attached."

DR. GOODALL, seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT, moved the recommendation beginning "For the Supplementary Parts of the Register" to the end of the Clause.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that for all the Supplementary Registers there was to be a Syllabus of Training, it had only been proposed to eliminate the Syllabus of Training in regard to the General Part of the Register.

This recommendation was amended to read as follows :—

"For the Supplementary Parts of the Register for Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, Sick Children's 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. This Examination may be taken at any time in the last three months of the training, or later, provided that the first examination has been already passed."

MISS SPARSHOTT pointed out that the addition of the words "or later" was necessary, as in the case of a conjoint training the term was for four years.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK drew attention to the fact that there might be difficulty with the General Nursing Council for Scotland in connection with the Registration of Fever Nurses, as the terms of training did not agree, the term in England being two years and in Scotland three years.

Recommendations II, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were agreed, with the insertion in 4, of the words "Sick Children's Nurses" before "and Fever Nurses."

DR. GOODALL then moved that the amended statement as a whole be adopted, and this was agreed.

(To be concluded.)

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1922.

At the above Meeting the following resolutions were passed, namely :—

That the following conditions should apply in the case of future Nurses :—

I.—For admission to the General Part of the Register.

(1) COMPLETE TRAINING SCHOOL. GENERAL OR POOR LAW HOSPITAL.

The hospital must have at least one resident medical officer, and must satisfy the Council that it furnishes adequate training material in the four main services :—medical, surgical, gynaecological, and children's diseases, and provides an adequate staff and equipment for teaching, in accordance with the prescribed syllabus, for a three years' training.

(2) AFFILIATED GROUPS OF GENERAL AND POOR LAW HOSPITALS.

There are many hospitals which are not, when each is taken separately, sufficiently large to provide adequate medical staff or equipment for training. But two or more such hospitals working together, might be able to furnish all the necessary requirements, or one or more small hospitals might be affiliated to a hospital of the kind dealt with in regulation 1 (1) above. The Council is prepared to consider any scheme for carrying out such an arrangement, but the period of training must extend over four years, and it will be for the hospitals who propose to affiliate themselves, to satisfy the Council that the requirements for a four years' training are fulfilled by the scheme proposed.

(3) RECIPROCITY BETWEEN SPECIAL, GENERAL AND POOR LAW HOSPITALS.

(1) The Council is prepared to consider schemes whereby a general hospital for men only, one for women only, and one for children only, should respectively work together to furnish the necessary training according to the prescribed syllabus. But the period of training must extend over four years, though it may be divided amongst the three hospitals as may be convenient, provided that adequate training in the four main services is assured, and that the subjects of the first year of the General Syllabus are taught in the first hospital to which the nurse goes for training, so far as they can be taught in that hospital.

(2) Nurses trained for two years in the special hospitals mentioned below (a) will be eligible for the examination for the General Part of the Register when they have undergone a subsequent two years' training in a General or Poor Law Hospital as in 1 (1). But the two years' training in the special hospital must include the subjects of the first year of the General Syllabus, in addition to the subjects special to the hospital.

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