

"That all those nurses who applied before October 1st, 1922, and who are subsequently found to be eligible for registration, be entitled to vote at the forthcoming election, and that leave be given to the Chairman of the Council to engage as many clerks as may be required to attain this end."

This was seconded by Miss COX DAVIES.

Mrs. FENWICK said that unless all nurses who applied by October 1st were registered if eligible, and be thus qualified to vote, as they had been led to believe, there would be justifiable disappointment and complaint.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said it ought to be done if feasible.

Miss MACCALLUM and Mr. CHRISTIAN spoke in support.

The Resolution was agreed.

The Report was then adopted with the exception of Item III, which was held over and considered later *in camera*.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

In the absence of the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Miss COX DAVIES moved that the Report be received.

The Report notified the selection of Miss K. E. Wint (in succession to Miss Stear, resigned), at a salary of £2 12s. 6d. per week, and of Miss Harriett Sargeant (in succession to Miss Stuart Gray, resigned), at a salary of £3 a week. Also that Miss Hilda Greig had tendered her resignation for September 16th.

It notified also that Miss Cameron, Housekeeper, left on July 26th, and that Miss Fenn, with the temporary assistance of Miss Vickers, had carried on the work.

Under Item III a recommendation was made for two additions to the permanent staff—(1) a clerk for the Accountant at a salary of £2 5s. per week, and (2) an office girl at a salary of 15s. to 17s. 6d. per week, and the temporary appointment of two clerks at £1 per week and two at £2 per week.

A Summary of the business transacted in the office was appended.

Discussion.

Under Item III the appointment of a clerk for the Accountant was sanctioned. The appointment of an office girl and four more clerks and of the other increases proposed were not approved by the Finance Committee, and the recommendations were withdrawn.

With these amendments, and in view of the decision of the Council to authorise the temporary appointment of such clerks as might be necessary to carry through the work of registration in time for the election, Miss COX DAVIES moved that the Report be adopted, and this was agreed.

Resolution.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK then moved the following Resolution, of which she had given notice:—

"That the word 'certified' approved by the Council on February 17th last, in Rule 9 (a) (New Rule), and which has presumably by inadvertence been eliminated, be reinstated between the words 'a' and 'copy' in the last sentence of the Rule, so that nurses will not be eligible for registration upon the production of uncertified copies of their certificates."

Before speaking to the Resolution, Mrs. FENWICK pointed out that the word "Rule" in the Resolution had been incorrectly typed "Rules" on the Agenda, and asked that this might be corrected.

She then said that it would be within the memory of the Council that, as passed on February 17th last, the word "certified" was agreed between "a" and "copy" making it imperative that the copies of certificates of second-hand entrants must have been "certified" before verification.

This safeguard was inserted in the printed reports of the representatives of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, *The Nursing Mirror*, and *The Poor-Law Officers' Journal*, of February 24th and 25th.

Why was it omitted in the copy of the Rule sent to the Minister for signature, and by whom?

The omission of the word "certified" made it possible for College members and other second-hand entrants to register upon *uncertified* copies of their certificates, whilst all other candidates must produce original certificates, or copies duly certified by a Justice of the Peace, Barrister or Solicitor.

THE CHAIRMAN said the press were wrong. A typewritten copy of the Rule was handed to him, which bore marks which he had made, and it did not contain the word "certified." He was prepared to swear to it.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said that not one of the representatives of the Press understood it in that way. If the copies of the certificates were not certified, then College nurses could be placed on the Register on uncertified copies of their certificates.

Miss COX DAVIES said that every certificate had been verified.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK said that if the word "certified" was not in the Resolution, then all the reporters in the room were incompetent. It was most unfair that nurses should be placed on the Register on uncertified copies of their certificates.

She then moved that in Rule 9 (A) the word "certified" be inserted before "copy."

This was seconded by Miss MACCALLUM, who spoke from first-hand knowledge of the inaccuracy of many copies of certificates submitted to the General Nursing Council.

Dr. GOODALL objected to the Resolution, and said that Rule 9 (A) had been thoroughly discussed by the Council, and that a copy could not be verified except by going to the original body.

The object of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was to exclude members of the College of Nursing from the benefits conferred by the Rule. If the Rule

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