

MISS WORSLEY thought the Deputation would not ask them to believe that six months' surgical work in a small nursing home or small hospital would afford sufficient experience for a nurse in training.

MISS MACCALLUM thought that Poor Law Institutions fell into two categories, those in districts where there was not a large training school connected with a Voluntary General Hospital, which usually got a fair proportion of acute work, and those in the neighbourhood of General Hospitals, where the large proportion of cases were poor old people, senile cases, &c.

An institution which had 18 nurses in training where there were only 15 major operations in the year could not be regarded as affording surgical training.

The question in regard to a Resident Medical Officer was not whether he happened to live one side or other of a boundary wall, but whether he was going to give up his whole time to the work of the Institution.

SIR JENNER VERRALL enquired whether the Rule referred to had been abrogated. What did putting their house in order mean? Did Mr. Percival claim that if an Institution had not a Resident Medical Officer it had something equally good?

MR. PERCIVAL replied that in some Poor Law Institutions where there were many acute cases there was no Resident Medical Officer. In some Institutions chronic patients were removed from the hospital to the infirm wards. What did putting their house in order mean? In some instances Guardians were satisfied that if time were allowed something more could be done to improve the nurses' training.

The Syllabus of Training in General Nursing

THE CHAIRMAN then said that the Deputation had put their case before the Council; now he was going to ask them a question. Some time ago the Council had sent up to the Minister a Syllabus of Training in General Nursing which it had compiled, asking him to sign it. Why had the Association of Poor Law Unions written to the Minister asking him not to sanction this Syllabus which had been compiled in the hope of assisting the Training Schools?

MR. PROPERT said the Association should have had notice of this question.

THE CHAIRMAN said then he should take it they had not a leg to stand upon. The Syllabus was nothing but a model for the help of the Training Schools.

MR. DAVEY said the Deputation had no instructions from their Association on this point.

MR. PERCIVAL enquired whether he understood correctly that examiners would not know whether a nurse was trained on the Syllabus or not.

THE CHAIRMAN said that no nurse coming up for examination would be asked whether she had been trained on it or not. It was a mere model.

MR. PERCIVAL said that they wrote to the Minister for the reasons stated in their letter.

THE CHAIRMAN said there was no earthly reason why such a model should not be circulated.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP enquired whether the Association did not think that the Syllabus would be compulsory, and was understood to receive a reply in the affirmative.

THE CHAIRMAN thought they might confess they were under a misapprehension.

MR. DAVEY pointed out that the letter he had written to the Minister of Health by direction of his Association, intimated that it was only fair to state that some of their objections had been removed by the publication of the Syllabus of Examination.

THE CHAIRMAN asked the Deputation whether he might say to the Minister that the Association's letter had been sent under a misapprehension?

CANON GLOSSOP said that he did not fully understand about the Syllabus. It would be a wide training for a medical man. Its scope was not sufficiently clearly defined.

MISS LLOYD STILL said the Syllabus had been referred to as a model. It had been so compiled that it could be taken in a deeper or an elementary sense. It was arranged so that the subjects should be taught in the first year by a Sister Tutor, who would be able to consider, and suit her instruction to, every type of nurse, those who had not had much education before entering a hospital as well as those who were well-educated.

This concluded the proceedings, and the Chairman stated that the Council was much obliged to the Deputation for their attendance, their suggestions would be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

THE REV. P. S. G. PROPERT having expressed the sincere thanks of the Association for this opportunity of conferring with the Council, the Deputation withdrew.

Regulations for the Election of Nurse Representatives on to the General Nursing Council.

When the Council assembled for the Afternoon Session the Regulations for the Election of Nurse Representatives on to the General Nursing Council were first considered.

Report of Registration Committee.

DR. GOODALL (Chairman of the Registration Committee) presented its Report, and moved that it be received. The Committee met on September 29th and considered, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, the suggestion made by the Minister of Health with respect of the Regulations for the conduct of the Election of the Council which had been submitted by the Council to the Minister for his approval.

The Committee recommended that some of these suggestions be adopted, and the regulations had been recast. It was proposed to make the Returning Officer responsible for the conduct of the elections and to instruct him to make the return to the Council.

The Committee recommended:

"That the regulations for the conduct of the

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