

replied in the affirmative. It was in relation to the Education Scheme.

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY  
MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

A letter was received from the Association of County Medical Officers of Health. It enclosed the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Salop, and pointed out that the training of Nurses and their education as Public Health Nurses was of great importance to the public, and that a thorough course of Hygiene should be included in the training of all nurses. It further pointed out that such training was in the hands of hospital staffs and was, consequently, directed to developing the efficiency of nurses in relation to their hospital service. It emphasised the necessity of making hygiene the basis of all training in nursing, and expressed the opinion that there should be no difficulty in finding time for this instruction if the drudgery were omitted from the work required of nurses in training, and only legitimate nursing duties were required of them. (Hear, hear.)

REPORT FROM ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

THE CHAIRMAN also reported that he had received a report from the Rockefeller Foundation, also emphasising the necessity for instruction in hygiene, but this advocated a special post-graduate course of a year's duration.

Statements by the Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN then made two statements.  
PART II OF THE ELECTION.

He reported on the regulations for election:—  
"For Part II of the election, some nurses will be nominated as Public Health, District, and Private Nurses. These candidates will be distinguished on the Voting Paper by the description which will appear in columns arranged for that purpose. But among the remaining candidates, there may be some who have at some time been engaged in these branches of service. Such a candidate will be eligible to represent the branch in which she has worked. This fact should be known beforehand, and, therefore, to such names there will be prefixed an asterisk or other mark, and a corresponding note at the bottom of the paper stating that the candidate is eligible to represent this or that branch."

In making this statement, THE CHAIRMAN said he considered that information should be given, on the voting sheet, of facts which may be acted on by the Returning Officer.

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED  
NURSES.

THE CHAIRMAN then said that the Finance Committee had obtained estimates for 250 lists of the names and addresses of nurses registered up to and including those passed on October 27th. The Roneo Co. would duplicate these at a cost of £200. Messrs. Butler & Tanner would print them for £240. As the Roneo Co. could not promise

delivery before a date too late to be of use, the order had been given to Messrs. Butler & Tanner.

SIR JENNER VERRALL moved that this action be approved. The list would be a great help, and he thought a reasonable help, to candidates for election.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK thought the cost ought decidedly to be incurred. The Register should have been available, but it was not yet published as it should have been, and the names and addresses of Registered Nurses who formed the constituency should be available. She seconded Sir Jenner Verrall's motion, which was then agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out that the General Nursing Council for Scotland had published a similar list, which was on sale at the price of £1 1s.

SIR JENNER VERRALL thought the principle of making a charge was a sound one. He moved that the list should be sold at a fixed charge of £1 1s. This was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW and agreed.

Letter from the Minister of Health.

[Copy.]

Ministry of Health,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.  
19th October, 1922.

SIR,—

With reference to Miss Parsloe's letter of the 10th instant forwarding copy of the scheme of election as amended at the last meeting of the Council, I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform you that before the scheme is formally approved a number of drafting alterations appear necessary. The Minister notes that in certain cases important provisions which should form part of the scheme itself have been incorporated in the forms. In one particular instance an important provision in regard to the validity of voting papers has been made a footnote to a form, though it should properly have been made a substantive rule. The suggested amendments which are indicated in the accompanying copy are with one exception matters of drafting and re-arrangement. There is, however, one point of substance to which I am to invite the attention of the Council. In the Rules as they were submitted by the Council six places out of the eleven places allotted to nurses on the general part of the Register are reserved for matrons of hospitals with nurse training schools. The remaining five places are reserved for persons who have not been matrons; but in this latter case the term "matron" is apparently used in its widest sense and is not limited to matrons of training schools. The effect of this is that a certain number of nurses on the general part of the Register, *i.e.*, nurses who are, or have been, matrons of hospitals without nurse training schools, are disqualified for election to the Council. The Minister feels sure that this is an oversight, and that it was never the intention of the Council to exclude from representation on the Council any class of nurses on the Register. The Minister is advised that it is not competent to the Council to disqualify for nomination or election any class of nurses on the Register, and any provision in the scheme which has this effect is, therefore, *ultra vires*. Subject to the adoption of an amendment to meet this point and to the acceptance by the Council of the necessary drafting alterations, the Minister approves the Rules, and will be prepared to sign them as soon as revised proofs are

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