

Lists of 1,859 applicants for registration, whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules, are appended, as also are lists of 92 applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the rules.

The Committee recommends:—

(b) That the 1,859 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.

(c) That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

IV.—The Committee has arranged to hold a special meeting on October 26th in order to consider a number of applications scrutinised since its meeting on October 20th. These applications will be brought before the Council at the meeting on October 27th, and the Chairman of the Committee will ask for the special permission of the Council to present them for consideration (under Rule 44 (4)).

Discussion.

On Item I DR. GOODALL said that the Registered Uniform, Badge, and Letters were matters in which the nurses were personally concerned, the Committee therefore recommended that consideration should be deferred until after the election of the new Council, when they could instruct their representatives.

THE CHAIRMAN said that Miss MacCallum had a Resolution on the Agenda on this point, and invited her to move it.

Resolution.

DISTINGUISHING LETTERS.

MISS MACCALLUM moved:—

That Nurses registered on the General and Supplementary Parts of the Register be authorised to use the following distinguishing letters after their names:—

S.R.N. (State Registered Nurse).—Nurses registered on the General Part of the Register.

S.R.M.N. (State Registered Male Nurse).—Nurses registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses.

S.R.M.N. (State Registered Mental Nurse).—Nurses registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.

S.R.C.N. (State Registered Children's Nurse).—Nurses Registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses of Sick Children.

S.R.F.N. (State Registered Fever Nurse).—Nurses Registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

In doing so, she said that the matter of distinguishing letters was of great importance to Registered Nurses, and in Courts of Law would differentiate them from those unregistered.

MISS MACDONALD seconded the Resolution.

SIR JENNER VERRALL pointed out that the letters suggested for Male Nurses were the same as those for Mental Nurses.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked why the Registration and Uniform Committees had failed to deal

with these important matters which were well in hand when the former Committees were displaced and superseded with scant courtesy? Already much valuable time and money had been expended considering them, and there was no valid reason why the present Council should be prevented doing its work as recommended by the Registration Committee. The new Committees had done nothing to carry out the provisions of the Act in this connection.

THE CHAIRMAN enquired whether "S.R.N." could not be used by men as well as women?

MISS MACCALLUM replied that the Register of Male Nurses was a Supplementary Part, they were not eligible for the General Part of the Register.

DR. GOODALL did not agree with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick that nothing had been done. The question had been considered at a meeting of the Council on May 19th, on the Report of the Registration Committee, and had been turned down. He was against the Resolution and should oppose it, but would give a pledge that the Uniform Committee would consider it.

MRS. FENWICK said the Uniform Committee had nothing to do with the important question of what titular letters might be used by nurses on the Register after their names. The question had been referred to the Standing Registration Committee.

On Miss MacCallum's amendment to omit the words "and letters" from the recommendation of the Registration Committee, and to defer the whole question of uniform, badge, and letters until the new Council was in office, six voted for the amendment and twelve against.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked that the names might be taken down, when there voted—

For Miss MacCallum's Amendment.—Miss Villiers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Macdonald, Miss Cattell, Miss MacCallum, and Mr. Christian.

Against the Amendment.—Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Miss Dowbiggin, Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Steele, Miss Seymour Yapp, Miss Peterkin, Dr. Goodall, Miss E. Smith, Miss Coulton, Miss Worsley, Miss Suiss, Dr. Smedley, and Dr. Bedford Pierce.

SIR JENNER VERRALL did not vote.

Applications received before October 1st, 1922.—Commenting on the applications received before October 1st, DR. GOODALL said: These cases have been dealt with in order of their reception. The last cases dealt with were those received on September 30th. In all cases the testimonials were applied for on or before October 19th. In a certain number of cases the answers have not yet been received, but it is hoped that they will be received in time for the applicants to be passed at the next Council meeting on November 17th, and these applicants will all have the right to vote, and voting papers will be sent to them. But they cannot be included in the lists which will be supplied to candidates for election to the Council, since these lists will by that time have been printed, and, it is hoped, distributed.

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