

UNCERTIFIED CERTIFICATES.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired how many nurses had been put on the Register on uncertified certificates.

THE CHAIRMAN said none.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said she had had in her hand on the previous day a letter from the Registrar to a nurse, stating that members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., could be registered on "uncertified certificates." The Registrar had no right to send out such a letter.

MR. CHRISTIAN enquired how many arrears there were to be made up in regard to the applications of mental nurses? He knew of four who had applied for registration in August and one who had applied on May 2nd, who, so far, had not been informed as to the results of their applications.

THE CHAIRMAN asked for further information.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired who had been examining the applications?

THE CHAIRMAN said every member of the Registration Committee.

MISS MACCALLUM pointed out that the Members of the Registration Committee had been prohibited from doing so under an Instruction of the Council, and the whole power placed in the hands of the Registrar.

The list was agreed and the Report was approved.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

In the absence of the HON. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS (Chairman of the General Purposes Committee) the Report was presented by Miss COX-DAVIES. She reported in part—

The Committee has met once—on October 2nd.

I. To report that the Registrar, owing to the state of her health had been obliged on medical advice, to ask the Council for leave for two months.

The Committee *recommends*

That in accordance with medical advice and certificate the Registrar be granted six weeks' leave on full pay, and that by the end of that time, a medical report of her health be forwarded to the Chairman of Council.

III. To report the following additions to the temporary staff:—

Miss Woolley, 25-9-22, Clerk to Accountant	£117
Miss Read, 30-9-22, Reference Clerk..	104
Mrs. Alder, 3-10-22, Reference Clerk..	104
Miss Farman, 27-9-22, Filing Clerk..	52
Miss Duncan, 26-9-22, Filing Clerk..	52
Miss Coombes, 2-10-22, Office Girl..	39

Also the resignation on September 30th of Miss Mouritz, who had been replaced by Miss Willett.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP commented on the inadequacy of the salaries paid by the Council.

THE CHAIRMAN thought they were at the standard rate.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said not at the rate paid in the North.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked whether some of the temporary staff were not quite young girls.

THE CHAIRMAN answered in the affirmative. They were little girls of 15 and 16 who ran about and were very useful.

MRS. FENWICK asked how many clerical workers were now employed in the office.

THE CHAIRMAN replied: Thirty-one.

Resolution.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK then moved, in accordance with notice:—

"That the Minister of Health be requested to inform the General Nursing Council what modifications, if any, he considers advisable in the Syllabus unanimously approved by the Council for the future training of nurses in general nursing, so that it may be approved by him, and thus a standardised system may be substituted for the present chaotic condition of nursing education."

MRS. FENWICK said:—

In support of this Resolution, I would draw the attention of the Council to Section 3 (2) (a and b) of the Nurses' Registration Act, requiring that as a condition of the admission of any person to the Register that that person *shall* have undergone the prescribed training, and *shall* possess the prescribed experience in the nursing of the sick . . . and that such prescribed training *shall* be carried out in an institution approved by the Council, &c.

I claim therefore that the definition of a prescribed Syllabus of training is *compulsory* and not *permissive*, and the use of it compulsory upon the part of every Institution before its trainees are eligible for examination and registration.

On March 24th, 1921, the Rules for Examination, as recommended by the Education Committee, were adopted by the Council as follows:—

THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Miss Lloyd Still presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

RULES FOR EXAMINATION.

(1) To recommend (with reference to the form in which nurses are to bring evidence to the Council of their training):—

"That a Schedule signed by the Chairman and the Matron of the Hospital be required from every Nurse applying to enter for the State examination, certifying that she has passed through the educational curriculum prescribed by the Council and is of good character."

And in the case of Poor Law Infirmarys,

"That a Schedule signed by the Clerk to the Guardians, the Medical Superintendent, and the Matron of the Poor Law Infirmary, be required from every Nurse applying to enter for the State examination certifying that she has passed through the educational curriculum prescribed by the Council, and is of good character."

(2) To recommend the following subjects for Examination:—Anatomy, Physiology, Elementary Science (including Hygiene, Bacteriology, Sanitation), First Aid, Gynaecology, Materia Medica, Dietetics, Surgical Nursing, Medical Nursing; and

"That candidates shall be required to pass an

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