

examination upon all the subjects included in the Syllabus issued by the Council"; and

"That the State Examination covers two days, the first day of two sessions to be devoted to written papers.

"The second day of two sessions—one consisting of a *viva voce* examination and the second an examination on practical nursing."

On June 3rd, 1921, the Council agreed to a letter to be circulated, which incorporated the following provisions:—

"The Council proposes to require as a condition of the admission of any person to the Register that that person shall have undergone *the training prescribed in the Syllabus* issued by the General Nursing Council, and, as evidence that such person possesses the prescribed experience in the nursing of the sick, that she shall produce to the Council certified statements that she has been trained in the subjects laid down in the Syllabus, and shall have been able to pass the examination of the Council which will take place from time to time."

The Committee also recommended:—

"That, in order to show that the prescribed training has been given, a system should be adopted similar to that of Medical Schools and the information conveyed to the Council by means of certificates certifying that the candidate has received training in the subjects laid down by the Council in the Syllabus."

Prescribed training is defined in the Syllabuses for admission to examination and registration for the four supplementary parts of the Register. Prescribed training qualifying for admission to the General Part must also be defined, and in justice cannot be less comprehensive than the curricula for the training of Male and Sick Children's Nurses.

The Resolution was seconded by Miss Cattell.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether the Minister had given any reason for delaying to sign the Syllabus.

MISS LLOYD STILL said it was understood the Minister was not prepared to give his sanction to the Syllabus of Training.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the Minister wished to have the Examination Syllabus before him before approving the Syllabus of Training.

MISS LLOYD STILL further said that the Syllabus had not been "scrapped," but it was desired to postpone it as a temporary measure.

DR. GOODALL thought that if the Minister was going to tell the Council that he did not approve of part of the Syllabus, it was not timely.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Examination Syllabus had been sent to the General Nursing Council for Scotland, so far he had not received it back again.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said this was the first time they had heard of Scotland blocking the way.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Examination Syllabus under the Rules had to go to Scotland. It had not been returned, but he had recently had a request for fifteen copies, so that apparently the General Nursing Council for Scotland was still

considering it. He had asked for copies of their Examination Syllabus.

Re SCRAPPING OF THE SYLLABUS.

MISS MACCALLUM said that, with regard to the scrapping of the Syllabus, there was one point of view that she thought had not been taken into consideration. The Council was not merely a fifth rate debating society, but a State Council. Whether the members liked it or not, they had to give to the nurses (present and future) an account of their stewardship and of the money that had been under their control. If they scrapped the Syllabus of Education, it would become a matter of recorded nursing history that the heads of the Training Schools in England and Wales were so incompetent that, after holding upwards of fifty meetings, at a cost to the nurses which must run into something like four figures, the only result of this work was a Syllabus lying in the office of the Minister of Health for fifteen months, which he had not yet signed. She pointed out that this was a preposterous position for the Council to place itself in, especially as Scotland and Ireland had been able to arrange their own business satisfactorily, England and Wales alone being incapable of defining the Syllabus of "prescribed training" required under the Act.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said she had something to say on this subject. She was the only person on the Council who objected to the form of the Syllabus of Training while accepting the substance.

There was no question of scrapping the Syllabus. A letter had been sent to Boards of Guardians from the Council stating that the Syllabus was compulsory, and certain bodies made objections. The Examination Syllabus was then published and that appeared to please everyone. Then the Chairman of the Council recently told a Deputation from the Association of Poor Law Unions that this Syllabus was not compulsory, but only a model.

The only person who had ever made an objection to the Syllabus was herself and not Miss Lloyd Still. It was her Syllabus, and she only asked for its postponement, not that it should be scrapped. Such nonsense!

On the Resolution being put to the vote, the Chairman announced six were in favour, and seven against.

MRS FENWICK asked for the names to be taken when the voting was as follows:—

Ayes: Miss Villiers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Macdonald, Miss Seymour Yapp, Miss Cattell, Miss Coulton, Miss MacCallum, and Mr. Christian.

Noes: Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Miss Dowbiggin, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Peterkin, Dr. Goodall, Miss Swiss, Miss Worsley, Miss Coulton, Dr. Smedley, Sir Jenner Verrall.

Not Voting: Miss Lloyd Still, Miss E. Smith, and Dr. Bedford Pierce.

MRS. FENWICK: "What a pity people have not the courage of their convictions!"

Re BREACH OF THE RULES.

MISS MACCALLUM said she wished to bring before

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