

mended that she should have another month's leave of absence.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired whether this further leave was to be on full pay of £10 10s. a week, as, with her holiday, she has already had ten weeks' leave, and she had only been in the service of the Council for two years.

MISS MACCALLUM objected to an extension of leave on full pay, as this would be paid out of the nurses' money.

THE CHAIRMAN said the nurses would not have to pay any more.

MISS E. SMITH said that the Queen's Nurses had full pay when ill.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said, "Yes, and very poor pay too."

MISS COX-DAVIES said that during a recent illness she had received full pay.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said, "Yes, after twenty years' service."

SIR JENNER VERRALL then moved that the Registrar be granted another month's leave of absence on full pay. This was seconded by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP, and carried by 18 votes to 3.

Report on the Organisation of the Office.

MISS MACCALLUM asked whether the gentleman expert who was making a Report on the organisation of the Office had yet submitted it.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the negative; the expert said he was having it typed, but if the Report had been submitted he (the Chairman) would not have had time to read it.

MISS MACCALLUM expressed the opinion that if the document was so lengthy the expert must have found a great deal to criticise.

Report of Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented its Report, and moved that it be received.

The Committee has met once—on November 9th.

I.—To recommend that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved.

II.—To recommend that the staff of the office, insurable under the Employers' Liability Act, be insured on an adjustable basis.

III.—To recommend that the insurance against risk in transit of money to and from the bank be effected at a total amount of £20,000, the limit of money involved in each journey being £500.

IV.—To recommend that £3,000 of the balance at the disposal of the Council be invested.

V.—To report that, at the present rate of expenditure for stamps, the amount required for the ensuing month will probably be £200.

The Report was approved.

Report of Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, presented its Report, and moved that it be received.

The Committee has met twice—on November 2nd and 9th, 1922.

I.—*Considered.* A letter from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, with reference to the proposed informal conference with the Education Committee (Ref. 296, 3) Minutes of Council October 27th, 1922).

The Committee decided to invite the Scottish representatives to meet the Education Committee, and two members of the Registration Committee on Saturday, November 18th, at 11.30 a.m.

II.—*Considered.* A further list of hospitals whose authorities have replied to the enquiries instituted by the Council, but whose claims to recognition have not hitherto been discussed.

Recommended (a) That the following hospitals be recognised as complete training schools: Bury, The Infirmary, Walmersley Road; Macclesfield, General Infirmary. *(b)* That the following hospital be approved as a hospital for general training, in association with a hospital for men only.—The Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road. *(c)* That in order to avoid dislocation of work and possible lack of nurses, the following hospitals be granted provisional recognition as training schools up to September 30th, 1923, and that nurses entering those schools before that date be admissible to the examinations of the Council, on the understanding that the Council will after that date consider whether the conditions of training are such as to warrant continued recognition: Redhill; Reigate and Redhill Hospital; Scarborough; Hospital and Dispensary; Monkwearmouth; Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital.

Considered. The letter of the Minister of Health, dated August 14th, 1922 (Ref. 287 (4), Minutes of Council, September 22nd).

Recommended.—That the following letter be sent to the Minister in reply. In answer to the Minister's letter of August 14th, 1922, and the letter of the Association of Poor-Law Unions, dated August 3rd, 1922, which was enclosed, the General Nursing Council desires to make the following observations. On the general statement:—

"That the syllabus, whilst creating an ideal which is desirable of attainment in the interests of the nursing profession and of the community, sets up a standard which is impracticable at the present time, &c."

and on the two final paragraphs of the letter, the Council desires to quote the following paragraph from the Preface to the Syllabus:—

"The General Nursing Council has compiled the enclosed syllabus of training in the hope that it may aid the training schools in arriving at a general standard of nursing education, and in order to inform them of the general lines of education and the standard required by the Council to be attained by the candidates."

The Council begs to submit that those words embody the policy recommended by the Association.

(a) "It should be made quite clear that the theoretical instruction and the elementary

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