

science subjects included in the syllabus are intended to be treated in a brief and elementary outline only."

The Council begs to quote from page 3 of Syllabus:—

2. "Scientific terms are used for convenience, as being more comprehensive and less misleading, but are intended to be interpreted especially in the first year, in a simple and elementary way, and as much as possible in direct relationship to practical details.

3. "Bacteriology may be desired as a separate subject by more advanced schools, but in the submitted scheme it can find place under Elementary Hygiene or Theoretical Nursing (and for that reason is included under both headings) and will be dealt with by both physician and surgeon in the senior courses of lectures."

(b) "The column 'Elementary Science' including sanitation, hygiene, and bacteriology, should be substituted by a column limited to elementary hygiene (personal and general) and bacteriology."

The Council begs to submit that, as the subjects are to be taught in an elementary way (see under *a*), there is no need to repeat the word "Elementary" in connection with Hygiene in particular, nor does the Council think that the substitution of the words "General Hygiene" for "Sanitation" will make the syllabus either easier or more intelligible.

(c) "The elementary science subjects should be deleted entirely, it being obvious that the inclusion of optional subjects will inevitably lead to confusion and a variation in the standard of training, and will result in complications so far as the examinations are concerned."

The words "optional subjects" (see syllabus for second year, foot of third column) are used of the second and third year's work only.

The Council desired to indicate in what ways training might be extended beyond the usual limits if it were so desired. It sees no reason why schools should not be allowed to extend their teaching if the teachers or nurses or both desire it. Such extension will have no bearing on the examinations, since the subjects of examination remain unaltered.

(d) "If it is not thought wise to delete the Metric System entirely, the knowledge required should be limited to the value of the gramme, litre, and c.c."

The Examination Syllabus contains the following items: "Weights and Measures" (p. 7), and "Value of the cubic centimetre, the litre, the gramme" (p. 9). This sufficiently explains what is meant.

(e) "The item 'Pharmacology' should be defined, showing exactly what is expected of the candidate."

The Syllabus of Subjects for Examination under the following headings: "Weights and Measures,"

"Lotions in Ward Use," "Administration of Drugs; Hypodermic Injections" (p. 7), and the paragraph on *Materia Medica and Therapeutics* (p. 9) shows "exactly what is expected of the candidate."

(f) "The 'Notes of Biology, Histology, Chemistry of Physiology' as separate items should be deleted on the ground that the syllabus includes as much Chemistry of Physiology as a nurse need know."

The Clause (see Syllabus for second and third year, top right-hand corner) is inserted as a reminder to the instructor that in the practical teaching of medical nursing, the theoretical teaching which the nurse has received in her first year should be referred to and shown in application.

(g) "The formidable appearance of the syllabus might be substantially reduced by combining for the purpose of lectures subjects which appear twice in the different columns, and give the impression that separate lectures on these subjects must be included in the course to be given under the separate headings."

The Council begs to quote the following sentence of the Preface (p. 2, lines 5-7):—

"The distribution of the material does not necessarily indicate a series of individual lectures, but rather a grouping of the subject matter," and also to refer to explanatory note 3 quoted above.

The Council begs to submit that no serious misapprehension need be feared under this heading.

The Report, with one slight amendment, was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

DR. E. W. GOODALL, Chairman of the Registration Committee, presented the Report, and moved that it be received.

Since the last meeting of the Council, the Committee has met once—on November 10th.

I. *Considered*.—Proposed draft Rule 9B. (a) Draft Rule 9B. Ref. 277. Minutes July 21st, 1922. (b) The following letter, dated August 10th, from the Scottish Nursing Council, in reference to draft Rule 9B. referred to them:—

"Referring to copy of new Rule 9B, passed by your Council, the matter was considered at a meeting of my Council held yesterday, and I was instructed to inform you that my Council consider the rule is much too wide in its scope and leaves no standard at all. My Council feel that such a rule would greatly reduce the status of the register both in England and Scotland, and my Council is not prepared to pass any similar rule. After the concessions made by both Councils with a view to securing a uniform standard for the two countries, my Council feel that it would be a matter for great regret if the present rule is finally approved by your Council.

"You may remember that my Council were throughout desirous of having a rule on the lines

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