

of the annexed copy, giving special consideration to nurses who were in practice before, say, 1900. This rule was taken out of the final draft at the request of your Council, and I am asked to suggest that it might meet your Council's difficulty if a rule similar to that were now adopted in both countries. In regard to the date in the same, my Council are prepared to agree to this being either 1900 or any later date up to 1910."

Annexation referred to—

"(a) In the case of a nurse who was at November 1st, 1919, engaged in actual practice, and who was also bona fide engaged in nursing prior to January 1st, 1900, and who does not comply with the above requirements, such special evidence of knowledge and experience as may be accepted by the Council in each individual case."

(Handed to the Registration Committee by the Chairman of Council).

The Committee were of opinion that the wording of the rule proposed by the Scottish Council would make it possible to place upon the register a nurse who had had no training at all. As the Committee felt that this would not be in accordance with the wishes of the Council, they drafted the following modification to Rule 9B:—

"Notwithstanding anything in the preceding rules, the Council shall have power to consider and, if it thinks fit, to approve for registration the application of any nurse who either (a) has previous to 1910 been trained for at least one year in a hospital or hospitals not approved by the Council, and has afterwards had exceptional experience in training or superintending nurses; or (b) has previous to 1910 undergone a part but not the whole of the required length of training in a hospital or hospitals approved by the Council, and has afterwards had exceptional experience in training or superintending nurses, provided that such an application shall be referred to the Council in detail by the Registration Committee."

This was forwarded by the Chairman of Council to the Scottish Council with a view to seeing whether it met their objections. The following letter, dated October 9th, was received in answer:—

"Referring further to your letter of 20th ult., enclosing fresh draft of Rule 9B, I have now had an opportunity of submitting this to my Council.

"My Council has no comments to offer on the first part of the Rule, but in regard to the subparagraph (b) they still think that a definite period of one year's training should be insisted on. My Council have also had certain applications which they were sorry to have to refuse, but they feel that it is essential that there should be a definite standard and that the advantage of having this outweighs all other considerations.

"I shall be glad to hear from you further when the matter has been again before your Council.

"My Council do not in any event propose to pass any rule in similar terms here, but they propose to insert in Rule 21 (3) (d) after the word 'obtained' the words 'in a hospital recognised by the Council or.'"

Recommended.—1. That the following new rule be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval, and that the Minister be informed that the G.N.C. for Scotland has agreed to it:—

Rule 9B.

"Notwithstanding anything in the preceding rules, the Council shall have power to consider and, if it thinks fit, to approve for registration the application of any nurse who has, previous to 1910, been trained for at least one year in a hospital or hospitals not approved by the Council and has afterwards had exceptional experience in training or superintending nurses."

Rule 21 (3) (d) will then read as follows:—

"In the case of a nurse whose training has been obtained in a hospital recognised by the Council or in a hospital or institution not recognised by the Council under this section, evidence that the applicant has been trained for at least one year in said hospital or institution, and has been for two years subsequently before the 1st day of November, 1919, bona fide engaged in practice as a nurse in attendance on the sick, and such special evidence of adequate knowledge and experience as the Council may consider satisfactory in each individual case."

Recommended.—2. That the Council agree with the alteration of the Rule proposed by the Scottish Council.

II. *Applications for Registration.*—The following statements, showing the progress of registration, have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received during week ending—

	Gen.	Supp.	Total.
October 28th ..	235	59	294
Nov. 4th ..	274	34	308
Nov. 11th ..	267	46	313
	776	159	915

III. *Registration to November 11th, 1922:—*

Applications received	15,582
Applications approved by the Council to	
Oct. 27th, 1922	11,249
Applications for approval at meeting on	
Nov. 17th, 1922	574
Applicants ineligible (to meeting on Oct.	
27th, 1922)	645
Applicants ineligible (to be brought before	
meeting on Nov. 17th, 1922)	24
Applications withdrawn	29
Applications incomplete	3,061
	15,582

This statement does not include the additional applications, 289 in number, which were approved by the Registration Committee at its meeting on November 15th, and are to be brought before the Council at its meeting on November 17th.

Lists of 574 applicants for registration whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules are appended, as also are lists of 24 applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the rules.

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