

*Recommended.*—3. That the 574 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.

4. That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

*IV. Recommended.*—5. That the nurses whose cases were deferred be approved for registration under Rule 9B, if and when it receives the sanction of the Minister of Health, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.

6. That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

The particulars in respect of these applicants are herewith circulated confidentially.

V. The Committee has arranged to hold a special meeting on November 15th, in order to consider a number of applications scrutinised since its meeting on November 10th. These applications will be brought before the Council at the meeting on November 17th, and the Chairman of the Committee will ask for the special permission of the Council to present them for consideration (under Rule 44 (4)).

(During the consideration of the applications for Registration the Press withdrew.)

#### Discussion.

DR. GOODALL said that the Scottish Committee objected to Rule 9B as approved by the Council as too wide; the Registration Committee had therefore, brought up another Rule.

(Rule 9B is as follows:—

“Notwithstanding anything in the preceding Rules, the Council shall have power to consider any application for registration which shall be referred to it, in detail, by the Registration Committee as being of an exceptional character and, if it thinks fit, to approve the applicant for registration.”)

The Council had, at its meeting on July 21st, adopted in the Report of the Registration Committee a Rule which provided that some training should be required in all cases of applicants for registration, but also agreed to Rule 9B. He gave several illustrations at the time of cases of an exceptional character which would come under Rule 9B. There was no reason to suppose that either the present Council or the next would put nurses on to the Register wholesale.

As the Scottish Council did not agree to Rule 9B, the Registration Committee drafted another Rule (printed in the Report of the Registration Committee above). The Scottish Council agreed to the first half of this Rule, but not to the second.

Rule 9B as now drafted by the Registration

Committee, and agreed to by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, was as follows:—

“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.”

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that the first letter sent to the Council from the Scottish Council, which was presumably intercepted by the Registration Committee, in reference to draft Rule 9B, was dated August 10th. The letter was not reported to the Council either in September or October. The new draft Rule ought not to have been sent to Scotland before being submitted to the English Council; she considered it entirely out of order. She asked (1) Why this important letter from the Scottish Council has been withheld from the Council? (2) Who gave the Registration Committee power to alter Rule 9B and refer it to the Scottish Council before it had been placed before, and agreed to, by the English Council?

DR. GOODALL said this letter from Scotland had not been reported before in order to facilitate business. He presumed the Council were not going to suggest that when they passed a Resolution, and referred it to a Committee to deal with, that the correspondence should come before the Council, thus holding up the business. It was a matter which ought to be dealt with in one or two months. The Registration Committee had not committed the Council in the smallest degree. It was the usual method of business.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK pointed out that the Chairman of the Registration Committee had not answered her questions, and again asked: (1) Why the important letter from Scotland, dated August 10th, was not brought before the Council until three months after it had been received? and (2) Why the Registration Committee had altered Rule 9B and submitted it to the Scottish Council without the consent of the Council? Such methods of business entirely ignored the authority of the Council.

The questions remained unanswered.

On the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN, the Council offering no objection, DR. GOODALL moved to insert in Rule 9B the words “in a hospital recognised by the Council or” before the words “in a hospital or hospitals not approved by the Council.”

The Rule was then approved.

Miss SUISS pointed out that the Rule gave special privileges to Matrons, but the CHAIRMAN said that the amended Rule had just been passed, and she should have raised the point before.

The Report of the Registration Committee was then approved.

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