

The Report, as amended, was then adopted as a whole.

#### Report of Registratio Committee.

DR. GOODALL, Chairman of the Registration Committee moved that the Report be received.

Since the meeting of the Council on November 17th the Committee has met twice—on November 24th and on December 7th.

I.—APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN NURSES TRAINED AT THE SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, GREENWICH, AND AT A HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, DURING THE PERIOD 1899-1909.

*Considered:* Letter on this subject, dated October 27th, 1922, from Sir James Michelli, Secretary, the Seamen's Hospital, addressed to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, and referred to the Registration Committee by the Council on November 17th, 1922. Copies of the letter have been circulated to all the members of the Council.

(1) *Recommended:* That the following Rule be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval, being Rule 21 (3) (d) in the Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland:—

Rule 21 (3) (d). 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;

and that the Minister be informed at the same time that as this is one of the Scotch Rules, it will not be necessary to forward it to the General Nursing Council for Scotland for approval.

II.—*Considered:* Letter from the Medical Commissioner of the Prison Commission asking that a small deputation might be received to discuss the question of training of nurses in the Prison Service.

(2) *Recommended.*—That the Registration Committee be empowered to meet a small deputation of the Prison Officers' Representative Board.

III.—APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION. The following statements showing the progress of registration have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received during		Gen.	Supp.	Total.
week ending :				
Nov.	18th .. ..	210	42	252
„	25th .. ..	226	34	260
Dec.	2nd .. ..	181	41	222
„	9th .. ..	289	28	317
		906	145	1,051

IV.—REGISTRATION TO DECEMBER 9TH, 1922.  
Applications received .. .. . 16,633

Applications approved by the Council to	
Nov. 17th .. .. .	12,112
Applicants ineligible to Meeting on Nov. 17th .. .. .	669
Applicants ineligible, to be brought before meeting on Dec. 15th .. .. .	24
Applications withdrawn .. .. .	38
Applications in suspense .. .. .	1,492
Applications incomplete .. .. .	2,298
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Lists of 24 applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the Rules are appended.

#### Discussion. Rule 21 (3) (d).

DR. GOODALL said that Recommendation (1) was made because the General Nursing Council for Scotland objected to Rule 9 (B) of the English Council; moreover 9 (B) did not cover the nurses described by Sir James Michelli. If the Council adopted the Scottish Rule it could go to the Minister at once without having to be sent to Scotland.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired whether this Rule was not in opposition to, and would not practically annul, Rule 9 (1) (B), which required evidence that the applicant had had not less than one year's training in a General Hospital, or Poor-Law Infirmary?

Did the present proposal include training in military hospitals, special hospitals, and private nursing homes? If this was the case it would flood the Register with V.A.D.s and semi-trained specialists, who were not general nurses. It was a most serious thing for the general trained nurses who had registered under the present Rules. The Council ought to protect those nurses who had already paid for admission to the General Part of the Register on the understanding that those whose names were placed upon it should have a minimum general training and experience. This Rule would give specialists the right to register on the General Register.

Mrs. FENWICK proposed:—

“That the Rule be referred back to the Registration Committee for further consideration.”

Mrs. Fenwick expressed the opinion that a new Rule less injurious to the interests of the nurses on the General Register might easily be drafted.

The Resolution was seconded by MISS VILLIERS, and supported by MISS MACDONALD.

DR. GOODALL objected. It surprised him that members of the Council who had agreed to Rule 9 (B) were now objecting to this Rule. No injustice would be done to nurses by passing the Rule. He saw no signs of the Scottish Council flooding the Register with V.A.D.s.

No reply was made by Dr. Goodall to Mrs. Fenwick's question as to the inclusion of Military Hospitals and Private Nursing Homes as training schools.

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