

The Motion was then put to the meeting, when six voted for it, and eight against it.

The original recommendation was then put to the meeting, and carried by eight votes to six.

NURSES IN THE PRISON SERVICE.

DR. GOODALL then moved Item II, relating to the question of the training of nurses in the Prison Service.

MISS MACCALLUM thought the question required very careful consideration. At present the trained nurses employed in prisons did mostly wardresses' work, and those who did midwifery might also have to attend to dirty septic wounds.

MR. CHRISTIAN said that in Male Mental Prisons after three months' lectures and no examinations men were passed on to the nursing staff.

The Registration Committee were empowered to meet a small deputation of the Prison Officers' Representative Board.

EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWO NURSES DISFRANCHISED

Under Item "Registration to December 9th, 1922"—

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired why 1,492 applications were in suspense; 802 of these were received before October 1st and, therefore, the applicants were eligible to vote in the forthcoming Election. Why was it proposed to deprive these applicants of registration, and of this right, as provided for in the following Resolution, moved by the Chairman of the Registration Committee, seconded by Miss Cox-Davies, and supported by Mrs. Fenwick, Sir Jenner Verrall, Miss MacCallum, and Mr. Christian at the meeting on September 22nd?—

"That all those nurses who applied before October 1st, 1922, and who are subsequently found to be eligible for registration, be entitled to vote at the forthcoming Election, and that leave be given to the Chairman of the Council to engage as many clerks as may be required to attain this end."

THE CHAIRMAN replied that he had been informed by the Ministry that new voters should not be introduced in the middle of an Election.

MRS. FENWICK said it was a most unfortunate and arbitrary pronouncement on the part of the Ministry with which she did not agree; it was a fresh Election, the 802 nurses had conformed to the Rule, and had a right to be registered and to vote. Nurses were treated as if they had no civil rights.

DR. GOODALL said this was a matter on which he agreed with MRS. FENWICK.

The Report was then adopted as a whole, Mrs. FENWICK and others voting against its adoption.

Report of the Mental Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, reported that the Committee had met once, on December 6th, and that there was not a quorum, those present being DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, and MR. CHRISTIAN. These members recommended:

(1) The provisional approval until the year 1925 of all Mental Hospitals now approved by the Medico-Psychological Association, provided there are at least fifty beds available for gaining experience in Mental Nursing. Hospitals of less than this number of beds to apply individually for approval, and satisfy the Council that they possess adequate facilities for training.

It was further recommended that a circular letter be sent round to all Mental Hospitals as soon as the Minister has approved of the Syllabus of Mental Training setting forth the requirements of the Council in respect of the training of Mental Nurses.

Also that the proposed Rule, by means of which a nurse trained for two years in an approved special hospital will be eligible for examination for the general part of the Register when she has undergone a subsequent two years' training in a General or Poor Law Hospital, should apply conversely to a General Nurse who subsequently takes up Mental Nursing.

It was proposed that Dr. Smedley be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Mental Nursing Committee.

That the Syllabus of Training for Mental Nurses be now issued on the authority of the Council when signed by the Minister, and that it be reprinted.

That in the Preface, page 1, the last paragraph be amended to read:

"The first Preliminary Examination conducted by the Council will be held in 1924, and the first Final Examination in 1925, and thereafter," &c.

Discussion.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE pointed out that the list of approved hospitals included four licensed houses, two in London and two in the provinces. He was aware it was the practice of the Council not to recognise houses run for profit, or under proprietary management, but pointed out that in these cases the patients were there under Statutory Authority and that these licensed houses were some of the best in the country.

The Report was approved.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX-DAVIES presented the Report of the General Purposes Committee in place of the Hon. Mrs. Hills.

The Committee reported that Miss Fenn and Miss Wilson, the Housekeeper and the Assistant Housekeeper, were leaving the service of the Council on December 16th, and Miss Clare Brett and Miss Hanbury-Williams had been appointed in their place.

The Committee also recommended that the Office be closed from the evening of Friday, December 22nd, to Wednesday, morning, December 27th, for the Christmas holidays. An extra day's holiday to Thursday, 28th, was granted.

Other Business.

THE REMISSION OF FEES OF MALE NURSES.

Mrs. Fenwick read two paragraphs from the

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