

in 1924, unless Training Schools were to be placed in the position of having made a contract which they were unable to fulfil. The Government had held up the Syllabus for so long that the Council owed some consideration to those nurses who entered for training in 1921 on the understanding that they would be able to go up for the State Examination in Nursing in 1924. If a compulsory examination could not be held in that year then an optional one should be held.

MISS POTE HUNT (Rochester), Miss Musson (Birmingham), and Miss M. STEELE (York) supported Mrs. Fenwick's proposal for an optional examination in 1924.

MR. TOM PERCIVAL moved that the first compulsory examination should not be held till 1925.

REV. P. S. G. PROPERT seconded.

When put to the vote Mr. Tom Percival's resolution was carried unanimously.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was evident, as Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK had pointed out, that some steps would have to be taken to hold an optional examination in 1924. The Council would endeavour to arrange it for the convenience of the nurses, and to keep faith with them.

Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.

The Examination Syllabus was then considered *seriatim*.

Under the heading, "Excretory System," exception was taken to including the structure of the kidney. Were nurses to be required to be acquainted with the structure of the kidney as seen through the microscope?

MISS LLOYD STILL was of opinion that the microscope should be used in teaching pupils the structure of the kidneys.

DR. GOODALL said that several well-known text-books for nurses explained it. Elementary text-books did go into the microscopic structure. As a matter of fact, in a number of hospitals training for the examination of the Fever Nurses' Association nurses, were so taught. Only one hospital objected, and it was because of bad training on the part of that hospital.

On this point being put to the meeting it approved of retaining the word "structure."

DR. VOELCKER (Middlesex Hospital) thought that there were certain omissions in the Syllabus and other little details which could not be dealt with in a meeting like the present one. He accepted the spirit of it, but would be sorry if it were brought out exactly in its present form.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that in bringing out the Syllabus of Examination, the Education Committee had endeavoured to make it simple. If Dr. Voelcker would put his suggestions in writing they would receive consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Committee wanted to understand what Dr. Voelcker wanted included in connection with the kidneys. He gathered that it was the position, structure, urinary passages and bladder.

DR. BRUCE (Southwark Infirmary) presumed that the Syllabus was a skeleton only.

In connection with the sub-heading, "The Skin," DR. VOELCKER pointed out that the functions of the skin were not only excretory. He moved the insertion of a new heading, "Cutaneous System"; in this separate section should be included the structure and function of the skin and glands. This amendment was seconded, but on being put to the meeting was lost.

DR. BRANDER (Hackney Infirmary) said that those responsible for the education of nurses were always up against the difficulty that in training they had to meet the demands of modern medicine and surgery, while many of those presenting themselves for training were not highly educated. He congratulated the Education Committee, which had taken this fact into consideration. It lay with the examiners to determine how much candidates should be expected to know.

Hygiene.

Under the heading, "Hygiene," DR. MARSDEN criticised some of the points included.

MISS MUSSON moved that the "Disposal of Sewage on a Large Scale" should be omitted, and this was carried.

A motion that "Elementary Hygiene in the Tropics" should be included in the Syllabus was lost.

Theory and Practice of Nursing.

DR. CANDLER thought the method of giving intravenous injections should be included, and took exception to the phrase, "Counter irritation . . . by leeches."

In connection with a suggestion for the inclusion of massage in the Syllabus, MISS LLOYD STILL pointed out that provision was made in the Syllabus of Training for reference to it in a general way, as were experience in the nursing of children mentioned by MISS LUARD as necessary, and First Aid in Poisoning, referred to by another speaker.

Under the heading of "First Aid in Emergencies," DR. VOELCKER proposed that Asphyxia should be included, and this was agreed.

Medical Nursing.

Under the heading, "Diseases of the Blood and Organs of Circulation," Miss Musson enquired what it was intended should be understood by the word "fevers"; did it mean pyrexia?

DR. VOELCKER pointed out that under this heading no diseases of the blood were mentioned. He suggested that anæmias and lukæmias should be inserted. This was seconded, but, on being put to the meeting, was lost. The deletion of the word "treatment," the last under this heading, was approved. Under the heading, "Diseases of the Urinary Organs," Miss Musson suggested the omission of the word "fits."

There was, she also pointed out, no mention of functional nervous diseases which nurses, especially private nurses, were very much up against. She also pointed out that diseases of the eye and ear were not specially medical, and ultimately it was agreed to include these in the Section of Surgical Nursing.

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