

## (3) GENERAL AND FEVER.

*Four years' training will be necessary.* Either two years' training in an approved Fever Hospital and two years' subsequently in a General or Poor Law Hospital,\* or

Three years' training in a General or Poor Law Hospital and one subsequently in an approved Fever Hospital.

Before any General or Poor Law Hospital or group of Hospitals can be approved, they must be prepared to submit to the General Nursing Council a full description of their training material, the amount of experience each training nurse is assured, and, in the case of Grouped Hospitals, the hospital where it is to be obtained, and to give evidence of educational facilities and of the existence of systematic arrangements whereby the attendance of each training nurse at a series of lectures on the prescribed subjects is assured. Such material will be scrutinised by the General Nursing Council, and each General or Poor Law Hospital or Group of Hospitals will be accepted as a training school on its own merits, or refused recognition.

The General Nursing Council considers that it would be greatly in the interests of the training of nurses if preliminary training schools could be instituted in various centres throughout England and Wales.

II. To report that in accordance with the instruction of the Council, the Committee addressed the following question to the Medical Superintendent of Paddington Hospital:—

"The Council wished to be informed whether the female nurses at the Paddington Hospital had adequate opportunities for nursing both medical and surgical cases in the male wards."

The following reply was received:—

"The Female Nurses at Paddington Hospital have ample opportunities for nursing both Medical and Surgical cases in the Male Wards. We are at present employing a certain number of trained Male Nurses, but this in no way affects the work of the Female Nurses, as the former are engaged solely for the reason that we have not yet been able to get a *sufficient number* of Female Probationers to carry on the work of the Hospital. Thus, I think, it is quite clear that a Probationer at present gets as much experience as she would were there no Male Nurses. As our number of Probationers goes up, the Male Nurses will gradually be dispensed with, except for the Male Observation Ward."

The Committee recommends that Paddington Hospital be included in the list of approved Poor Law Hospitals.

III. To report that the Scheme for the appointment of Examiners and the Conduct of Examinations is now under consideration.

IV. To report that a Conference was held on Thursday, July 13th, at 1, Wimpole Street, to which were invited representatives of training

schools both of the larger and smaller groups, and of the Association of Poor Law Unions. The Conference was attended by about 250 representatives and by many members of the Council.

The Chairman explained that the object of the Conference was to discuss the Examination Syllabus drawn up by the Education and Examination Committee of the Council.

On the Preface, the following amendments were moved:—

(1) Proposed by Dr. Wolseley-Lewis and seconded by Dr. Pearn:—

"That the examination be divided into two parts; the first examination covering the subjects of Elementary Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene, to be the preliminary examination for admission to the Register or any Supplementary Register.

"Training for this examination may be taken at any hospital (general, mental, fever or children's) certified by the General Nursing Council as affording proper facilities."

A large number of those present spoke on the amendment, which was carried.

(2) Proposed by Dr. Candler and seconded by Dr. Brander:—

"That the standard to be reached be indicated in the Preface."

This amendment was carried.

(3) Proposed by Mr. T. Percival and seconded by the Rev. P. S. G. Probert:—

"That the Preface be amended by the addition of an intimation that the first compulsory examination will not be held until 1925."

This amendment was also carried.

I. Under the heading of "Elementary Anatomy and Physiology" no changes were proposed.

II. Under the heading of "Hygiene," "Disposal of Refuse," it was proposed to omit "and disposal of sewage on a large scale."

With a few verbal amendments which have been incorporated in the draft now submitted to the Council, the rest of the Syllabus was approved.

#### Discussion.

MISS LLOYD STILL, in explaining the conditions of admission to the Register, emphasised that for admission to any one part of the Register three years' training was necessary. The training for Fever Nurses, which was for two years, was the only exception.

For admission to two parts of the Register, the General Part and a Supplementary Part, the training was for five years; that for Fever Nurses, which was for four years, being the only exception.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK deprecated requiring a five years' training from Sick Children's Nurses and Mental Nurses for admission to the General Part of the Register, for they should be admitted with four years' training on the same terms as Fever Nurses.

It was proposed that two years' training in special hospitals, including those treating ophthalmic, ear

\* As in I (1).

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