

and nose, and venereal diseases, should be accepted with two years' general training as qualifying for admission to the examination for the General Part of the Register. She pointed out that in most training schools experience in the nursing of these specialities was already provided for. She moved an amendment to omit from Clause (I) (3) (ii) (a) of the Report (Special Hospitals) Ophthalmic, Ear and Nose, and Venereal Hospitals.

MISS CATTELL seconded.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said that a number of nurses went to these hospitals for two years' training. If they could be included it would be a great thing for the hospitals.

MISS MACCALLUM said that at Ophthalmic hospitals the patients were very largely out-patients.

MISS VILLIERS said her experience was that nurses coming from these special hospitals had not, as a rule, been well taught.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that it was probably in the mind of the Education and Examination Committee to make these hospitals pull up.

DR. GOODALL said the proposition was governed by the preceding Clause. The Council must be satisfied that the requirements for a four years' training were fulfilled by the scheme proposed. The Tuberculosis and Orthopædic Hospitals were putting forward a claim for recognition under a reciprocal scheme. If one set was to come in others should, if they could satisfy the Council that they could fulfil its requirements.

On the amendment being put to the meeting to omit from Clause I (3) (ii) (a) Ophthalmic, Ear and Nose, and Venereal Hospitals, 6 voted for it and 10 against it. It was therefore lost.

In connection with the recommendations in regard to affiliated training to qualify for the General Register, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK urged that Mental, Sick Children's and Fever training should be treated on the same basis, and a four years' affiliated training be required in each case.

Few nurses could afford to give five years to qualify for two Registers. The Council would, therefore, be encouraging specialism, instead of the one portal to the General Register for all classes of nurses, unless Mental and Sick Children's Nurses were included in the four years' affiliated training.

She moved an Amendment that an affiliated training should be for four years in every case, and to insert under subsection (a) Mental Diseases and Children's Diseases.

The Amendment was carried.

THE CHAIRMAN then put the Amendment as a Substantive Motion, when 8 voted for it and 4 against.

MISS LLOYD STILL then moved Clause II, which referred to training at the Paddington Hospital.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired how many beds there were in the Hospital, and was told by the Chairman 594. How many of these were chronic and how many acute cases? The Committee had not asked for this information. How many major operations? 480 operations in the year.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said that the training school was one of the best in the kingdom.

The recommendation of the Committee that the Paddington Hospital should be included in the list of Poor Law Hospitals was then carried.

On Clause IV (Report of Conference), subsection (1) dealing with the Examination was referred back to the Committee for a reasoned report.

Subsection (2), THE CHAIRMAN pointed out, was rather important. He might say that it was already dealt with in drawing up the instructions for examiners. In drawing these up he had explained that the attainment of a simple standard only must be expected.

In connection with subsection (3), providing that the first compulsory examination will not be held until 1925, THE CHAIRMAN stated another point was that the Council was more or less bound to provide an examination in 1924. A certain number of hospitals had begun to train in accordance with the Syllabus of Training, which was issued in 1921, and they must keep faith with them.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK considered that arrangements should be made for an optional examination in 1924. She further pointed out that unless the Minister was prepared to sign the Syllabus of Training which had been awaiting his signature for over a year, the Council would be in the same untenable position again in 1925. She moved—

“That the Chairman be requested to invite the Minister to approve the Syllabus of Training.”

This was seconded by MISS MACCALLUM and carried.

MRS. FENWICK then proposed—

“That an optional examination be arranged in 1924 for nurses who have been trained under the Syllabus issued by the General Nursing Council in 1921, and that the Preface to the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination be amended by the addition of an intimation to this effect.”

This was seconded by MISS CATTELL and carried.

MRS. FENWICK then proposed—

“That it be an instruction to the Education and Examination Committee to consider the arrangements for an optional examination in 1924, and report to the Council.”

This was seconded by MISS VILLIERS and carried.

On the proposition of THE CHAIRMAN, it was left to the Education Committee to make the verbal alterations in the Examination Syllabus referred to in the Report.

MISS COULTON enquired whether an Examination Syllabus was to be issued for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses.

MISS LLOYD STILL said this was all covered by the Examination Syllabus for the General Part of the Register.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK expressed the opinion that the Education Committee should take in hand the drafting of an Examination Syllabus in connection with the Supplementary Parts of the Register. Were the examiners to require a

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