

knowledge of Gynæcological Nursing from Sick Children's Nurses?

DR. GOODALL said that in drafting the Syllabus of Training for Fever Nurses the Committee had in mind that it would serve also as an Examination Syllabus, and this had all been passed by the Council.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that Scotland had not issued an Examination Syllabus. In due course the English Council would have to meet Scotland. She thought that the General Examination Syllabus covered the ground.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK moved—

“That there be an Examination Syllabus issued for each of the Supplementary Registers.”

This was seconded and carried.

The Report was approved.

Report of Mental Nursing Committee.

Dr. Bedford Pierce, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, moved that the Report be received.

The Committee has met once—on July 12th.

1. To report that a Conference had taken place with members of the Board of Control Committee on Mental Nursing, and members of the Mental Nursing Committee and the Education and Examination Committee of the Council.

PRESENT:

Visitors: Dr. C. Hubert Bond, F.R.C.P.; Dame Louise Gilbert Samuel, Mrs. How Martyn, M.Sc., E. A. Medus, Esq., Miss M. M. Thorburn, R.R.C., Dr. Wolseley Lewis, F.R.C.S., Dr. G. F. Barham, Mrs. Pinsent.

Council Members.—Sir Wilmot Herringham (in the chair), Mr. Christian, Dr. Goodall, Dr. Bedford Pierce, Miss Swiss, Miss Worsley, Miss Seymour Yapp.

After being welcomed by the Chairman, the first point raised was:

(a) That the period (three or four years, as the case may be) laid down by the General Nursing Council for full training in nursing at a general hospital shall include a short period (e.g., four months) of experience at a mental hospital recognised for full training in mental nursing.

And the Chairman explained that this matter had been considered by the Council, which had decided that it was undesirable to include mental nursing in the three years' training, the time being already fully taken up.

The second point was

(b) That every facility, so far as is reasonable and practicable, shall be accorded to mental nurses, either at some suitable period in the course of their training as mental nurses, or subsequently to the completion of that training, so as to enable them to become fully trained in general nursing at a hospital recognised for that purpose.

And it was explained that the Council had decided that fully trained mental nurses would be eligible for registration as general nurses with two years'

additional training in a general hospital or Poor-Law Infirmary.

In connection with these subjects, an interesting discussion took place. The Visiting Committee explained their main object was to improve the status of the mental nurse and remove the prejudices that now existed in regard to them, and they appealed to the General Nursing Council for assistance.

Certain matters which were raised are to be further discussed by the Mental Nursing Committee, which, in due course, will report to the Council any recommendation it may make.

Dr. Bedford Pierce explained that the Conference had discussed the relations between general and mental nursing. Those present were anxious to raise the status of mental nursing, but no formal recommendations were made.

The Report was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

Dr. E. W. Goodall, Chairman of the Registration Committee, presented the Report.

Since the last Meeting of the Council the Committee has met four times, on June 23rd, June 30th, July 7th and July 14th.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FROM CERTAIN NURSES TRAINED AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

The Council will remember that at their meeting on April 21st last, a resolution was passed recommending the registration of these nurses subject to the approval of the Minister of Health. The recommendation was submitted to the Minister on April 27th. The result of the application to the Minister is shown in the appended letters, three in number.*

The Committee recommends—

(a) That the proviso to Rule II (1), set forth in the Registrar's letter of June 14th, 1922, to the Minister of Health be adopted by the Council and submitted to the Minister for his approval.

II. NURSES ELIGIBLE AS VOTERS AT THE ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER NEXT.

The Council had decided that only those nurses who have been registered before October 1st, 1922, shall be eligible to vote at the forthcoming Election. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that there is an impression widely prevalent amongst nurses that only those nurses whose names appear in the printed register will be eligible to vote. As the printed register is to be published as soon as possible after July 1st of this year, it is quite clear that the names of no nurses who have been approved for registration after the meeting of the Council on July 21st will appear in the printed register, though all those who are approved for registration up to the last meeting of the Council in September will be eligible to vote at the Election. In order that this erroneous impression may be corrected the Committee recommends:—

(b) That an official notice be sent to the press to the effect that all candidates who have been

* These letters were appended to the Report.

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