

## VII. REGISTRATION TO JULY 15TH, 1922 :—

Applications received .. .. .	8,516
Applications approved by Council to June 16th, 1922 .. .. .	5,291
Applications for approval .. .. .	1,325
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	6,616
Ineligible .. .. .	454
Applications withdrawn .. .. .	23
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	7,093
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	1,423
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1. Awaiting completion of form ..	327
2. Awaiting Rulings .. .. .	26
3. Awaiting information (Mental)	24
Note 1. 4. Awaiting application for refer- ence .. .. .	465
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	1,423

Note 1.—These applications all date from July 5th.

Note 2.—These include cases dating from December, 1921.

Note 3.—These have all been received since July 10th.

Applications of 1,325 applicants were approved for registration.

**Discussion.**

In connection with the proviso mentioned in Clause I, a letter was received from the Minister of Health stating that he would be prepared to give his approval to a Rule in the terms set out in the letter received from the Registrar after such a Rule had been adopted by the General Nursing Council.

The Registrar, instructed by the Registration Committee, submitted the following amendment to the proviso set out in a former letter from the Minister for insertion at the end of Rule 11 (1) :—

Provided also that the Council may accept as sufficient, a certificate that the applicant has had not less than two years' training before November 1st, 1919, in a General Hospital approved by the Council having one or more resident medical officers, if the Council are satisfied that the applicant has been employed in the service of the hospital as a nurse in attendance on the sick for a period of not less than one year beyond the period covered by the certificate, but immediately following it.

On Clause III, Dr. Goodall stated that the question dealt with arose out of a letter received from Miss Herbert at the last meeting.

The inclusion under the present rules, as eligible for Registration, of Superintendents or Head Nurses appointed by the Ministry of Health prior to November, 1919, was provided for in deference to the Ministry of Health. He did not agree with Miss Herbert's argument based on the fact that the words, "trained" and "training," are not

mentioned in the Act. The Act left the Council to decide on the admission of nurses to the Register "under conditions which appear to the Council to be satisfactory for the purposes of this provision."

DR. GOODALL then gave examples of three groups of cases in which nurses with a certain amount of training, and large subsequent experience, would not find themselves on the Register.

He moved Recommendation III (c) of the Committee :—

That the following new Rule be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval :—

Rule 9 (B).—Notwithstanding anything in the preceding Rules, the Council shall have power to consider any application for registration which shall be referred to it by the Registration Committee as being of an exceptional character, and, if it thinks fit, to approve the applicant for registration.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK moved to insert after "referred to it" the words "in detail"; with that proviso she approved of the new Rule which provided that the Council—not the Registrar or the Registration Committee—should adjudicate on these exceptional cases.

DR. GOODALL intimated his willingness to accept the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether it was the pleasure of the Council to permit him to do so.

The Council having signified its consent, the Rule as amended was voted upon and carried with one dissentient.

On Clause IV (d), DR. GOODALL said that the scheme for the Election of Direct Representatives was based on that in use by the General Medical Council. The Council was much indebted to the G.M.C. for the information placed at its disposal. The Rules of the General Nursing Council in this connection were complicated, but he did not see how this could be avoided. When Dr. Addison appointed the first Council he did his best to see that all sorts of branches were represented upon it, and it was no doubt in the minds of those who drew up the Act that this policy should be continued.

The Scheme was then presented and discussed in detail, the Council resolving itself into a Committee for this purpose. The recommendation of the Council that the Rules concerning the conduct of the election be forwarded to the Minister of Health was approved. When the Minister has approved the Scheme we shall place it before our readers, as it is of the utmost importance that they should study it and understand clearly the method of voting when the election is held.

Clause IV (d) was then adopted.

**THE PRINTED REGISTER.**

DR. GOODALL then moved V, "That the specimen pages of the printed Register now submitted be approved." He said that the names of hospitals and asylums had to be entered in the pages. It was also proposed to include a title page

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