

and discharge of these officials; these ladies had been appointed by the Council, and in her opinion no one but the Council had any right to discharge them. She proposed:—

That it be an instruction to the General Purposes Committee that the appointment and discharge of the clerical and domestic staff be retained in the hands of the Council.

This was seconded by Miss Macdonald.

MISS COX DAVIES moved an amendment to omit the words "and domestic."

MISS DOWBIGGIN thought this power should be retained in the case of the Housekeeper, but she doubted whether it should be in the case of the Assistant Housekeeper.

MISS MACCALLUM pointed out that both Housekeeper and Assistant Housekeeper were very responsible officials. After the Registrar left each evening the Council's house and the whole of the papers of the Council, as regards the precautions against fire, were in their hands.

MISS MACDONALD enquired why the General Purposes Committee discharged the Assistant Housekeeper, but received no reply.

DR. GOODALL hoped the Committee was not going to trouble the Council with these appointments.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said she had brought forward a proposal which she considered to be just to these responsible officials in their service.

She was of opinion that these women workers had quite as much right to protection and security of tenure as any other servants of the Council. No other Statutory Body allowed its officers to be discharged without a reason being alleged.

The CHAIRMAN said they were really domestic servants.

He then put the Resolution as amended, *i.e.*, with the omission of the words "and domestic," and it was carried by 9 votes to 4.

The Report was approved.

Report of Finance Committee.

REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, in the absence of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Report and moved that it be received.

The principal items were (1) To report that another enquiry had been received from the Ministry of Health, as to the repayment of the loan of £5,000 placed at the disposal of the Council for one year, in May, 1920. The Committee recommended that out of the balance at the disposal of the Council £2,500 be paid to the Ministry of Health, being half of the amount for which the Council is indebted to the Ministry; (2) To report on the proposals of the General Purposes Committee as follows: (a) On the proposal to appoint a Secretary to the Registrar it withheld its approval; (b) On the proposal to instal an inter-communication telephone it approved the suggestion but recommended that consideration be given to the alternative of the Council establishing its own system instead of renting such a telephone, and also advised further consideration on the ground of cost, as between two estimates. (3) To report that the Committee had received estimates

for the printing of the Register from three firms, and that it had approved the tender of Messrs. Butler & Tanner of Frome. It was thought that the size of the specimen copy was not large enough, that the paper used might be rather better in quality, and that an estimate should be obtained for a certain number of copies in stiff binding, instead of the limp paper cover.

The Committee further recommended that suitable advertisements be accepted for the Register which would help to cover the cost.

Discussion.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that the Committee withheld its approval to the appointment of a Secretary to the Registrar being of opinion that the financial position of the Council did not warrant it, apart from other considerations. It considered that the cost of producing the Register might be substantially reduced by accepting suitable advertisements.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE objected to the proposition and said he should vote against it.

On being put to the meeting it was carried.

The Report of the Finance Committee was approved.

Report of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK (Chairman of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee) presented the Report and moved that it be received.

The Committee met on Wednesday, July 5th, 1922.

I. To report that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was elected Chairman of the Committee.

II. To recommend:—

"That the Council obtain from the Courts the regular report of proceedings under which nurses may have been convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, as laid down in Rule 4 of Part V of the Council's Rules."

III. To recommend:—

"That the word 'on,' presumably inserted by inadvertance, be omitted from line 4, under 'Particulars of Charge(s)' in the Fourth Schedule."

IV. To recommend that the following names of gentlemen nominated for appointment as Solicitor to the Council be considered:—

Mr. R. A. L. Broadley, 4, Elm Court, Temple, E.C.

Mr. Theodore Goddard, 10, Sergeant Inn, E.C.4.

Mr. H. Dixon Kimber, 79, Lombard Street, E.C.

Mr. Sydney Pitt, 16, St. Andrew's Street, Holborn.

Discussion.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK moved that the four gentlemen should be asked to attend at a future meeting of the Council.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE thought the Council should ask someone to advise it on this question.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the recommendation of the Committee was entirely in order. Every member of the Council had been asked to send in

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