

Spoilt by Voter—Clue to identity given. (<i>All General Votes.</i>) (<i>Included in Total Voting papers.</i>)..	30	
Total spoilt votes ..	355	
		325
In other cases the Ballot Paper was partially spoilt, but these could not be counted as the rest of the paper was valid, and was kept among the valid papers.		
Too late	101	
		8,722

In a few cases, as will be observed, two voting papers were enclosed in one Identification Envelope by nurses having double qualifications.

W. P. HERRINGHAM,
Returning Officer.

January 31st, 1923.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that he had drawn up the Statement directly after the Election, but had added one or two little details after the receipt of the letter from the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER "REPORT ON SYSTEM."

DR. GOODALL then moved:—

(1) "That a Special Committee of the Council be appointed to consider, report, and make recommendations to the Council upon Messrs. W. B. Peat & Co.'s 'Report on System.'"

DR. GOODALL said that his reason for moving this was that it was a matter which concerned the whole Council, and also because most of the Committees had their time fully occupied.

MISS WIESE asked how much the Report had cost.

THE CHAIRMAN replied that the Council had not yet had the bill.

The Resolution was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, and carried.

(2) "That this Special Committee consist of the General Purposes Committee, together with the Chairmen of the other Standing Committees."

This also was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, who considered the proposal very appropriate.

MR. F. W. STRATTON inquired whether the Council could not wait to constitute this Special Committee until after the Standing Committees were formed. There might not be a nurse as Chairman of any of these Committees.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE moved to add "or other member appointed by the Committee."

MISS VILLIERS inquired whether the appointment would in this case be permanent, and THE CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative.

DR. GOODALL said he made the proposal because the Chairmen were conversant with the work of the Committees, and consequently no one was better able to conduct the work of the Special Committee.

Eventually, by consent, DR. GOODALL added to

the Resolution the following words, drafted by THE CHAIRMAN:—

"Or such member as may be appointed by each of the Committees for the purpose."

The Resolution was carried with this addition.

(3) "That the Chairman of the Council be Chairman of this Special Committee."

This was seconded by MISS COX DAVIES and carried.

(4) "That the quorum of this Committee be four."

This was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW. MISS VILLIERS expressed the opinion that the quorum was rather small. She thought five would also be a more convenient number in the case of an equal vote. This proposal was accepted by DR. GOODALL, and the quorum fixed at five.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

THE HON. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS then moved:—

"That the General Purposes Committee be increased to six, of whom three will form a quorum."

The motion was seconded by DR. GOODALL.

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out that the proposal meant the amendment of Rule 43, which would have to go to the Minister for his approval.

MISS VILLIERS asked what would happen if six people were appointed and all came to a Committee before the Minister had approved the proposal?

THE CHAIRMAN thought it a very unlikely contingency.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

Election of Committees and dates of Meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN then said the next business was the election of the Standing Committees, further that the names of members of the Council who had been nominated for each Committee would be submitted, where there were more names than vacancies, and the Council were asked to place a cross against the names of those they desired to be returned on the ballot papers.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said he thought it undesirable that one member should be on a great many Committees, but if the voting were taken in this way it made it rather difficult for the members of the Council to decide.

THE CHAIRMAN said the procedure could not be altered. He also stated that Lady Hobhouse did not desire nomination as she had met with a bad accident.

The following members of the Council were then elected members of the respective Committees:—

FINANCE.

(Eight members) Miss A. S. Barrett, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Cox Davies, Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Mr. Robert Donaldson, Miss C. C. du Sautoy, Sir Jenner Verrall, Miss S. A. Villiers.

REGISTRATION.

(Eight members) Miss Alsop, Miss Cox Davies, Miss Cowlin, Mr. Donaldson, Miss du Sautoy, Dr. Goodall, Miss Musson, Miss Villiers.

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