

February 16th, 1923. (This is the same letter as is referred to in Paragraph III, but as the letter dealt with two subjects, the Committee have dealt with it under two headings.)

At the meeting of the Council held on November 17th, 1922 a letter was read from Sir James Michelli, Secretary of the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, in which he pointed out that there were 63 nurses who had during the years 1899 to 1909 received 2½ years' training at the "Dreadnought" Hospital and six months at the Soho Hospital for Women, and that these nurses were ineligible for registration under the Council's rules, while a number of nurses had actually been registered in accordance with the rules after one year's training only, not more than six months of which would have been devoted to nursing women; and he asked that the cases of the 63 nurses should be reconsidered. This letter was referred to the Committee, who, after consultation with the Scottish Council, recommended to the Council for its approval the following rule, which is Rule 21 (3) (d) of the Scottish Rules:—

Rule 9 C.—In the case of a nurse whose training has been obtained in a hospital recognised by the Council or in a hospital or institution not recognised by the Council under this section, evidence that the applicant has been trained for at least one year in said hospital or institution, and has been for two years subsequently before the 1st day of November, 1919, *bona fide* engaged in practice as a nurse in attendance on the sick, and such evidence of adequate knowledge and experience as the Council may consider satisfactory in each individual case.

This rule was approved by the Council at its meeting on December 15th last, and submitted to the Minister of Health for his sanction. The Minister, however, for reasons given in his letter, does not see his way to approving this rule, although he sympathises with the object the Council have in view; but he suggests that that object may be met without raising any controversial issues by the adoption of a proviso to Rule 9 (1) (b), a draft of which is embodied in his letter. The Committee are of the opinion that a proviso in the sense of that drafted by the Ministry will meet not only the particular cases in question, but other similar cases and therefore recommend—

(b) That the following proviso to Rule 9 (1) (b), be, after consultation with the Scottish Council, submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval:—

Provided that the Council may approve for the purpose of this part of this rule any hospital which proves to their satisfaction that it provided adequate training in general nursing, either separately or in conjunction with other hospitals, and such approval may be limited to such periods as the Council may determine.

It will be noticed that this proviso is not in the same words as the Minister's draft, as the words, "not being a general hospital" have been omitted and the word "general" has been inserted before the word "nursing."

The Chairman, with the consent of the Committee, has already forwarded the draft of this Rule to the Scottish and Irish Councils and has

received from the Scottish Registrar a statement that the Scottish Council offers no objection to the draft proposed.

V.—INTERMEDIATE FEVER NURSES: METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD CERTIFICATE.

Considered.—Letter from the Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, dated January 23rd, 1923, referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on February 16th, 1923.

The anomaly to which the Clerk to the Board draws attention is as follows:—

By Rule 9 (6) (c) a nurse who has had not less than three years' training in a General Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary approved by the Council and has subsequently had not less than one year's training in a Hospital for Infectious Diseases approved by the Council before the 1st November, 1919, is eligible for registration as an "existing" nurse, on the Supplementary part of the Register for Fever nurses. But there is no similar rule provided for "intermediate" nurses. Consequently, no nurse who has had a three years' general training and subsequently a year's special training in a fever hospital, if such training has commenced after October 31st, 1918, is eligible for registration on the fever nurses' register. Yet nurses with two years' fever training and one year's subsequent *bona fide* practise before November 1st, 1919, or July 14th, 1925, are eligible as "existing" or "intermediate" nurses as the case may be. Moreover, it may be pointed out that the Council propose to recognise for the registration of future nurses on the supplementary fever nurses' register, three years' training in a general hospital or Poor Law Infirmary followed by one year's training in a fever hospital. In order to end this anomaly the Committee recommend—

(c) That, after consultation with the Scottish Council, the following rule, to be inserted after the present Rule 10 (6) (b), be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval.

Rule 10 (6) (c).—A certificate that the applicant has had not less than three years' training in a General Hospital approved by the Council for training having one or more resident medical officers, or in a Poor-Law Infirmary approved by the Council for training which is recognised by the Minister of Health for the training of superintendent nurses, and has subsequently had not less than one year's training in a Hospital for Infectious Diseases approved by the Council, as aforesaid, before the 14th July, 1925:

Provided that a nurse who has been trained for the period aforesaid in a General Hospital approved by the Council not having any resident medical officer, or in a Poor-Law Infirmary approved by the Council not recognised by the Minister of Health for the purpose aforesaid, and has subsequently had not less than one year's training before the 14th July, 1925, in a Hospital for Infectious Diseases approved by the Council, may be admitted to the supplementary part of the Register containing the names of fever nurses if she satisfies the Council that she has adequate knowledge and experience of the nursing of the sick:

and (d) that after consultation with the Scottish Council, the approval of the Minister of Health be sought for the insertion of the following words after the words "probationer at a fever hospital" in the

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