

definition of the Certificate of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Rule 12 (1) :—

"or in the case of a nurse who holds a certificate of three years' training in a General Hospital that the person named thereon has worked for twelve months in a Fever Hospital."

VI.—REGISTRATION OF EXISTING NURSES TRAINED IN HOSPITALS ABROAD.

An application for registration as an existing nurse was received from a nurse who stated that she had been trained in the Hertford Hospital, Paris. The Committee, before entertaining the application, thought it advisable to ascertain the legality of the registration on the English Register of nurses trained abroad, and applied to the Ministry of Health for their ruling. The Ministry's letter on the subject, dated December 23rd, 1922, is appended, from which it appears that there is no legal objection to the registration of such nurses by the Council, provided that the Council are satisfied that the training afforded is in each case adequate. (See page 188.)

VII.—TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, COLONIAL HOSPITAL, SUVA, FIJI.

*Considered.*—Letter from the Colonial Office, dated January 31st, 1923, referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on February 16th. (This letter has been already circulated.)

As the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association is a Voluntary body, it cannot, we believe, be compelled by any existing laws to recognise the Suva Hospital as a training school which qualifies its nurses for the membership of the Association. The Committee suggest that should the arrangement proposed to the Department of Health, New Zealand, not be agreed to, a legal system of the registration of nurses should be established in Fiji. Then, provided that the standard of training and examination required under any such system was not lower than the standard of training and examination required under the English Act, the nurses trained in the Suva Hospital would be eligible by reciprocity to be registered on the English Register and on the register of New Zealand and such of the Australian States as possessed State Registration with reciprocity. But even were State Registration established in Fiji, though the Committee are of opinion that the position of the nurses trained in the Suva Hospital would be improved, yet those nurses would be no nearer becoming members of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, should the Association decline to receive them.

The Committee *recommend*—

(e) "That an answer in the terms of this report be addressed to the Colonial Office."

VIII.—RULE FOR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

*Considered.*—Recommendation of the Education Committee on this subject, forwarded to this Committee for their opinion.

The Committee have to report that they agree with the recommendation of the Education Com-

mittee. (See Report of Education Committee, paragraph V.)

IX.—ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AS "EXISTING NURSES" OF NURSES TRAINED IN PRIVATE NURSING HOMES.

*Considered.*—Letter from two nurses dated February 10th, 1923, referred to the Committee at its meeting on February 16th.

The late Council acting on the recommendation of their Registration Committee, declined to recognise private nursing homes as approved hospitals under the Council's rules, on the grounds that since about the year 1900 it had been generally accepted that a proper nurses' training meant training in a public hospital or institution, and those nurses who since 1900 had entered private nursing homes for training had deliberately refused to accept the standard that had been universally accepted by the profession, and further, that no evidence had been brought before them that systematic training had been carried out in such homes. The Committee can find no reason for departing from this view and *recommend*—

"(f) That a letter be addressed to the two nurses informing them that the Council do not see their way to departing from the decision of their predecessor in this matter."

X.—REPORT AS TO NUMBER OF NURSES ADMITTED UNDER RULE 9 A WHO WERE ON THE ELECTORATE FOR THE RECENT ELECTION.

This report is made in pursuance of the instructions given to the Registration Committee by the Council at their last meeting.

Total number of nurses on the Electorate, 12,097.

Of these 1,243 were admitted under the declaration of the Registrar of the College of Nursing in accordance with the rule, and less than six were similarly admitted through the League of Nurses of the Royal Free Hospital.

Copies of certificates certified by Justices of the Peace, Barristers or Solicitors were produced by 824 nurses, but it is impossible now to state exactly how many of these were approved.

XI.—APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

The following statements showing the progress of registration have been forwarded to the Minister of Health :—

Applications received during the week ending—

December 16th, 1922..	..	..	303
" 23rd "	..	..	166
" 30th "	..	..	152
January 6th, 1923 ..	..	..	344
" 13th "	..	..	361
" 20th "	..	..	360
" 27th "	..	..	344
February 3rd, 1923..	..	..	393
" 10th, "	..	..	436
" 17th, "	..	..	366
" 24th, "	..	..	313
March 3rd, 1923 ..	..	..	454

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