

10. Approval of questions by General Nursing Council.

11. Rules for conduct of Examinations (instruction to Examiners).

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IV.—FINANCE.

18. Expenses of buildings and sundries connected with Examinations.

19. Fees to Examiners.

20. Candidates' Fees.

21. Salary of Examination Officer and Staff, if appointed.

Discussion.

MISS COX-DAVIES moved Item II.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether this meant that the Syllabus was compulsory.

The answer was in the negative.

MR. DONALDSON thereupon moved an Amendment—

"That the Syllabus of Training be returned to the Minister with the request that he will sign it."

This was seconded by MISS WIESE.

MISS DU SAUTOY said the late Minister of Health had mentioned possible modifications in his letter to the Council.

MISS MUSSON said the Syllabus of Examination was compulsory, was it worth while to stand out about the Syllabus of Training?

SIR JENNER VERRALL explained why he was not going to stand to his guns any longer. He had voted before to make the Syllabus compulsory, but the preface issued with it said that the General Nursing Council had compiled it "in the hope that it may aid the training schools in arriving at a general standard of nursing education, and in order to inform them of the general lines of nursing education and the standard required by the Council to be attained by candidates." That was not the language one used when one wished to make a thing compulsory. Therefore, though he had voted last time that it should be compulsory, he did not intend to do so now, though it was possible that he might on another occasion. The Minister was within his right to say that he would not sign it in its present form.

MISS BUSHBY said the Children's Syllabus had been signed by the Minister, or, if not, he would be asked to sign it, as well as the Syllabus of Training in connection with each of the Supplementary Registers, including the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

REV. G. B. CRONSHAW said he had examined the so-called Examination regulations on which nurses had to be examined. He thought it would be found that in order to comply with these they

would have to know what was contained in the Syllabus of Training.

MISS DU SAUTOY said: "Mr. Chairman, does not the fact that under the Act candidates for admission to the Register are required to have undergone the 'prescribed training' carried out in an institution approved by the Council, necessitate a compulsory Syllabus of Training?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "If you ask me I say 'No,' but that is a question which can only be decided by the High Courts."

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP considered that the Chairman has not given a correct interpretation of the Act to the deputation from the Association of Poor Law Unions.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had quoted the Preface to the Syllabus of General Training and had given his interpretation in all good faith. He took the Preface, and he did not see that it was possible to interpret it in the sense that the Syllabus would be compulsory.

MISS COWLIN considered it illogical for the Syllabus of Training to be signed for children's training and not for general training.

MISS BUSHBY asked, though the last Minister was not willing to sign what about the present one?

On MR. DONALDSON'S amendment being put to the meeting there voted:—

For the Amendment.—Miss Bushby, Miss du Sautoy, Mr. Stratton, Miss Wiese, Mr. Donaldson.

Against the Amendment.—Miss Villiers, Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Miss Bremner, Miss Musson, Miss Sparshott, Miss Alsop, Miss Seymour-Yapp, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss E. Smith, Miss A. S. Barratt, Dr. Bedford Pierce, Dr. Smedley, Dr. Goodall, Sir Jenner Verrall, and the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills.

Not Voting.—Miss Cowlin.

The amendment was therefore lost.

MISS VILLIERS then moved:—

"That the Minister be asked to point out what modifications he thinks it is desirable to make in the Syllabus of Training."

In moving her amendment, Miss VILLIERS expressed the opinion that judging from the amendments made by the Minister to the Children's Syllabus, the modifications would not be serious.

THE CHAIRMAN said he felt inclined to say a word, which he had intended to write, on the general position of the Council. He thought the Council should remember it is in exactly the same position with regard to the nursing profession as the General Medical Council is in regard to the medical profession. Speaking under correction by Sir Jenner Verrall, the General Medical Council was charged precisely with the same duties—to see that the standard of education and training is maintained and raised, and to see that the Register is kept pure. If he was not mistaken, the General Medical Council had absolutely no compulsory powers whatever, except in regard to a licensing body whose examinations are not satisfactory to that Council. It had no other compulsory powers

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