

Bushby, Miss du Sautoy, Miss Wiese, Mr. Donaldson.

*Not Voting.*—Mr. Stratton.

On Item III, DR. GOODALL said that the changes proposed in connection with the Scheme of Training for future fever nurses were mostly consequential, but drew attention to certain principles involved in retaining the two years' training for fever nurses, which was what the late Council originally proposed. When the proposal was referred to Scotland and members of the English Council met representatives of the Scottish Council, the latter explained that included in their three years' course was the nursing of tuberculosis and experience in Child Welfare. The Metropolitan Asylums Board would find it quite impossible to work the Scottish plan. At present, therefore, there could not be any reciprocity of fever training with Scotland.

On Item IV, DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether the Council would not be departing from the principle of one examination. Surely it would be unwise to get this passed for children and—

THE CHAIRMAN here interposed to ask DR. BEDFORD PIERCE to put what he meant in writing. He hadn't the wildest idea.

#### FEE FOR SCOTTISH NURSES UNDER RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT.

On Item V, THE CHAIRMAN asked whether the Council was prepared to stand by the original Resolution of the Council.

MISS BUSHBY, in doing so, said that many Scottish nurses would come down and enlarge the English Register, causing expense in regard to clerical work in keeping it up, and in additional printing and paper. It was proposed that Scottish Nurses should be charged half fees, but those in the South of Ireland—now a Free State—would have to pay the same fee as the English and Welsh nurses. Was it just?

MISS COWLIN supported Miss Bushby.

MR. DONALDSON said the Nurses would already be on the Scottish Register.

On being put to the meeting, eleven voted in favour of the Committee's recommendation, and three—Miss Bushby, Miss Cowlin, and Mr. Stratton—against it.

On Item VII it was agreed to add to the last paragraph, "and that the temporary arrangements of the General Hospital be approved by the General Nursing Council."

On Item XI (2), MISS COX-DAVIES moved that the salary offered should be reduced to £375. DR. SMEDLEY suggested "not more than £400," and this was agreed.

MISS MUSSON pointed out that special experience would be needed.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that the new officer on paper, and in fact, would be under the Registrar and Assistant Registrar.

It was agreed that the Education Committee should select and send a list of six to the Council.

The report was adopted.

(To be concluded.)

#### PROTECTED UNIFORM AND BADGE.

The question of the Uniform and Badge for State Registered Nurses was considered on March 16th by the Committee appointed by the Council. The following suggestions were put forward, and Nurses are invited to send their criticisms to the Registrar, at the Offices of the Council, 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W. 1, before *Friday, April 13th*. Communications must be marked "*Uniform*" on the envelope:—

UNIFORM.—To consist of—

COAT.—Long coat, tailor-made; colour, indigo blue; material, serge; buttons, round button with rose in centre and lettering round (England and Wales).

OPTIONAL.—Coat and skirt of same material; coat frock of same material.

HAT.—Velours for winter; straw for summer; storm cap.

SHOES AND STOCKINGS.—Black.

GLOVES.—White.

BADGE.—A badge is to be worn, but *only* on the registered uniform. The pattern will be decided later.

LETTERING.—It was decided that there should be no letters on the shoulder straps of the uniform.

#### PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.

The annual general meeting will be held at the "Plane Tree," 106, Great Russell Street, W.C.1 (near Y.M.C.A. Central Building, Tottenham Court Road), on Friday, April 6th, 1923, at 5.30 p.m. Admission by 1923 Membership Card, paid up to date.

Owing to the fact that only 40 members have been nominated for election to the Council, a ballot has been rendered unnecessary.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

##### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN NURSES APPROVE THREE YEARS' COURSE OF TRAINING AND ASK FOR STATE DIPLOMAS FOR NURSES.

The National Association of Italian Nurses held a National Convention for Nursing at Milan on March 8th and 9th.

A very large number of doctors and nurses attended the Convention and many papers were read, after which a Resolution was passed to ask the Government to establish Training Schools with a three years' course in large hospitals, and to establish a State Diploma for Nurses.

This Resolution was voted unanimously. All the Matrons of the Training Schools in Italy attended the Convention (except one), as well as the Directors of several hospitals, and the Directresses of the Courses in Public Health.

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