

VII. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to the following recommendations of the Education and Examination Committee:—

(1) "That the Fee for the Preliminary Examination shall be £2 2s., and that for the Final Examination £3 3s.

(2) "That the Fee for the Optional Examination in July, 1924, shall be £3 3s."

VIII. REPORTED—That in the advertisement for an Examinations Officer the salary was placed at £350, rising by £10 a year to £400, and that it was stated that preference would be given to a Registered Nurse.

#### IX. Recommendation (4).

"That the salary of the Assistant Registrar be raised to £400 per annum, and that of the Registration Clerk to £300."

Commenting on Item VIII, Sir Jenner Verral laid emphasis on the recommendation that if two applicants were equal a Registered Nurse would have the preference. [Unless both candidates are Registered Nurses they cannot be equal.—ED.]

The Report was then agreed.

### 2. Report of the Registration Committee.

Before calling on the Chairman of the Registration Committee to move the Report, the CHAIRMAN said that a letter, which he proceeded to read, had been received from the Ministry of Health relative to the position of Ireland in relation to the Nurses' Registration Act.

The letter (dated April 9th) was as follows:—

I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to your letter of February 20th enclosing correspondence with the General Nursing Council for Scotland, in which question is raised as to the position of Southern Ireland.

I am to explain that the question at issue has now been settled by the Irish Free State (Consequential Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1923, which was made on the 27th ultimo. Article 2 of that Order provides that (subject to certain specific exceptions) references to the United Kingdom or to Ireland in enactments passed before the establishment of the Free State are, in the application of the enactment to any part of Great Britain and Ireland other than the Free State, to be construed as exclusive of the Free State. It will be seen, therefore, that the Free State is ruled out of Section 6 (3) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, but the Nursing Council would presumably regard it as satisfying the requirements of Section 6 (2).

In conformity with this letter the CHAIRMAN asked the CHAIRMAN OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE to amend Recommendation 5 on page 3 of the Agenda. After some discussion the following Amendments were adopted.

In line 4 of the Recommendation the words "or by the General Nursing Council for Ireland" were deleted.

In line 10 the word "original" was inserted before "entry."

In line 11, before "Register," the word "former," was substituted for "first."

In line 12 the words "the Council for England and Wales" were substituted for "this Council."

In line 13, before Council, the words "the said" were substituted for "this."

DR. GOODALL, Chairman of the Registration Committee, then moved that the Report be received.

It was reported that the Committee had met four times.

#### RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

In connection with Reciprocal Registration with His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom it was reported that the following are the Dominions, or parts of Dominions, providing for the registration of nurses under some public authority:—

*Canada.*—Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia.

*South Africa.*—Cape, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange Free State.

*Australia.*—Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia.

*New Zealand.*

*Canada.*—Registration Authorities have been communicated with. No replies received except from New Brunswick, the rules of whose registration authority do not admit of reciprocal registration.

*South Africa.*—A Consolidating Bill is under consideration which will provide for the establishing of a Single Register of Nurses for the whole Union.

*Australia.*—No regulations in Queensland under which action can be taken. Further inquiries are being made of Western and South Australia as to whether recent Acts have yet been made operative by means of regulations.

*New Zealand.*—The Council at its meeting on October 6th agreed to reciprocal registration with this Dominion. But only nurses with a three years' certificate are eligible. As the New Zealand Register has only one category of nurses, New Zealand nurses who register in England must be placed in that part of the English Register for which their qualifications entitle them.

#### RULE FOR RECIPROCITY WITH SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Council the Education Committee recommended the adoption of a Rule for reciprocal registration with Scotland and Ireland. The adoption of the recommendation, however, would have involved the rescinding of a certain previous resolution of the Council, and in such cases ten days' notice must be given. As the prescribed notice had not been given, the moving of the recommendation was postponed till this meeting of the Council; but to save time, the Scottish Council were consulted as regards the terms of the Rule. The Scottish Council replied, and in their answer stated that they understood that the English Council approved the suggestion that there should be an agreement between the Councils that the Registrar of the Council with whom a

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