

5.—Report of the General Purposes Committee.
The Committee has not met.

6.—Report of the Special Committee.

Presented by the Chairman of the Council.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met twice, on March 19th and 28th.

Recommendation (17).

"That the Retention Fee Register with Card Index be retained for the present, and that the Registrar be instructed to issue before September 30th in each year a printed form notifying the nurse that her Retention Fee will be due on September 30th, in order that her name may be retained on the succeeding Register."

NOTE—Attached to this form will be a slip containing the nurse's name, registration number and the existing permanent address for correction if necessary.

Recommendation (18).

"That the present system of receiving registration fees be retained, and that a locked box be provided in which those letters which contain money but are unregistered, and therefore opened downstairs in the Assistant Registrar's office, may be sent up to the Accountant."

Recommendation (19).

Printed Register—"That a copy of the printed Register be provided with loose interleaves on which the fresh names can be entered opposite their appropriate place with all particulars ready for printing in the next Register."

Recommendation (20).

That the Assistant Registrar be instructed to act as Secretary of the following Committees:—Education and Examination Committee, Mental Nursing Committee, General Purposes Committee; her duties being to keep the Minutes, and to hand as soon as possible a copy of each Minutes to the Registrar for the purpose of making up the Agenda of the Council.

That the Examinations Officer be required to act under the supervision of the Assistant Registrar.

That nothing in the above provisions be allowed to interfere with the general right of the Registrar to be present at all Committees and to take part in the proceedings, or with the right of the Committees to require the attendance of the Registrar whenever they desire her assistance.

REPORTED—That an application having been received from Miss Finch, late Matron of University College Hospital, late Principal Matron of 2nd London Territorial Hospital, and Treasurer of the Association of Hospital Matrons, it was unanimously agreed that she be appointed temporary Interviewing Officer.

Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had to confess that his impression was that the appointment was put into the hands of the Special Committee, but it really was referred to the General Purposes Committee. This was pointed out to him by a member of the Council too late to prevent its going to the wrong Committee. He had told the lady in question that her appointment was out of order. The only thing to be done now was to withdraw the paragraph from the Report, and refer the appointment to the proper Committee. The words of the motion ("that in order to avoid delay the General Purposes Committee be empowered to interview

candidates and appoint a suitable person") quite admitted of advertising the post if the Council so desired.

MISS ALSOP enquired whether it was usual to advertise temporary appointments. She thought it would be waste of time. The appointment was an urgent one. She took exception, and she thought most people took exception to the statement that the lady appointed was a friend of the Registrar.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that a suitable lady offered her services and was appointed.

LADY HOBHOUSE enquired whether she would be in order in moving that the Council endorsed the action of the Special Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the negative. The appointment must be referred again to the right Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that in giving the General Purposes Committee power to make the appointment, the Council were anxious not to lose time, and, therefore, empowered the Committee to interview candidates, and appoint a suitable person. Apart from the question of nepotism this was a reasonable course to pursue.

MISS COX-DAVIES said it did occur to her that the appointment had been referred to the General Purposes Committee, but as the Chairman of all Standing Committees had been co-opted on to the Special Committee, she did not take exception to the action of the Special Committee.

MISS DU SAUTOY pointed out that the members of the Special Committee had had no intimation that the Committee contemplated making the appointment. It was not on the Agenda for the meeting at which the appointment was made.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was not put on to the Agenda. That was quite true. There was no question about it; the appointment must be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

MISS VILLIERS then moved, and MISS BUSHBY seconded, that the post be advertised.

On the Resolution being put to the vote, seven voted for the motion and twelve against. The motion was, therefore, lost. THE CHAIRMAN then asked members of the Committee to send in names of anyone they considered suitable for the post. He further asked leave, which was granted, to continue the present person in the post until the new person was appointed.

The Report, as amended, was then adopted.

7.—Report of Uniform Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, Chairman of the Uniform Committee intimated that it had nothing to report.

Resolution.

A Resolution, of which notice had been given by Miss Wiese, proposing that, when the Agenda is a long one, some of the business should be postponed until the next meeting, fell to the ground.

The public business was then concluded, and the Council sat *in camera* on the applications for Registration.

The Meeting then terminated.

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