

II. REPORTED—That the approval of the Minister of Health had been obtained for the following :

	Letter dated.
(1) For the present permanent and temporary staff of 30 until September 30th, 1923	29.3.23.
(2) For an Interviewing Officer until July 31st, 1923	3.4.23.
(3) For an Extra Stenciller until July 31st, 1923	19.4.23.
(Miss DORA BURGESS was appointed 25.4.23.)	
(4) For an Examinations Officer	20.4.23.
(5) For two Clerks for holiday duty	3.5.23.

III. REPORTED—That Miss Finch had withdrawn her application for the appointment of Interviewing Officer in consequence of urgent family affairs which would not permit of her remaining in London until the end of July.* Applications were received from the following Ladies :—

	Training School.
Miss M. I. BURDETT, Registered Nurse	Addenbrooke's Hosp., Cambridge.
Miss JESSIE HOLMES, Not registered.	
Miss GEORGINA LORD, Registered Nurse	General Hosp., Birmingham.
Miss E. BARCLAY WILLIAMS, Registered Nurse	London Hosp.
Miss CAROLINE CATTELL, Registered Nurse	Royal Free Hosp.

Miss M. I. BURDETT has been appointed in accordance with authority given by the Council, and takes up her duties on June 1st, 1923.

IV. REPORTED—That extra equipment would be required to furnish the Examinations Officer's room.

Recommendation 13.

That the following be sanctioned :—

1 large table	at £4 15
1 typist's table	" £4 4
1 typewriter	" £25 10
3 chairs (1 revolving)	" £3 3
Filing cabinet or cupboard	

V. Recommendation 14.

"That the office be closed on Whit Monday."

The Report was approved.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR.

We learn that Mr. Sydney Pitt, of the firm of Pontifex, Pitt & Co., has been appointed solicitor to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

TITULAR LETTERS.

We regret that by a printer's error in our report last week, on page 329, under the heading, "Report of the Uniform Committee," Recommendation 17, the letters which Registered Fever Nurses are entitled to use after their names should have been printed as R.F.D. They should, of course, have been R.F.N., *i.e.*, the first letters of the full title, Registered Fever Nurse.

*We understand that these urgent affairs permit Miss Finch to remain until the end of May.

REMARKS.

MENTAL NURSING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The recommendation that circular letters be sent to all Mental Hospitals reminding Existing Nurses that they must apply for registration before July 14th next, on which date the period of grace expires, is urgently necessary, as out of some 40,000 existing Mental Nurses less than 1,500 have registered so far.

It will be remembered that during the thirty years' struggle with the Nursing Schools for State Registration, Mental Nurses took no personal or financial part in the campaign. Legal status was won for them by the Central Committee without their participation. We must, therefore, assume that the Mental Hospital authorities did nothing to encourage their male or female staffs to understand the importance of the movement, and naturally since the Act became law Mental Nurses have treated it with indifference. The majority of them know nothing about it.

Then we come to the influence of the National Asylum Workers' Union—although through its organ the Union has advised Mental Nurses to register—the majority of them are men, and we gather they strongly object (1) to the small amount of representation they have on the General Nursing Council; and (2) their objection to be governed by their employers and General Hospital Matrons.

A letter may do good if it expresses sympathetic views, but what should have been done ages ago was to have sent a personal representative to the Mental Training Schools to explain the advantages of registering as Existing Nurses during the period of grace. We know of several expert "angels" who could have done this necessary bit of propaganda, but the new Council is wedded to "no personal interference" policy—when such help would, we feel, have been sympathetically received by the majority of Medical Superintendents and Matrons.

Anyway, the Existing Mental Nurses must hurry up if they are to avail themselves of the benefit of legal status.

THE REPORT OF THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE.

The Committee recommends three different styles of uniform, but how a dress can be "uniform" if it is open to wear three styles we do not know. One style should be *de rigueur* for the approved State Nursing Uniform, and that should be worn complete, or not at all. A summer and winter material are permissible.

When we come to shoes, stockings and gloves, three colours are recommended—black, tan and grey. Imagine tan shoes, grey stockings, and white gloves, or, *vice versa*, black shoes, tan stockings and white gloves! White shirts, these may be of silk or cotton, as well as long coats, coats and skirts, and coat-frocks are suggested. We see a lady in a navy blue skirt, white blouse, storm cap, tan shoes and stockings and white gloves. How are we to realise that this familiar garb, worn by thousands of women, is a Registered

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