

Syllabus. The Minister would suggest to the Council that it is more consonant with the dignity of a Statutory Body to rely, so far as the provisions of the Act allow, on their own authority in preference to invoking his sanction in matters in which there is no statutory necessity to do so. In the Minister's opinion it is better that the Council should take the responsibility of issuing on their own authority such instructions or recommendations as to the course of training as they may from time to time consider it desirable to issue for the guidance of the Nurse Training Schools. For these reasons the Minister is not at present prepared to issue a compulsory Syllabus of Training, and he would, therefore, advise the Council to revise their proposals in the light of the considerations already set out, and submit for his sanction, and for inclusion in the Rules, a Syllabus indicating the subjects in which candidates are to be examined.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. A. ROBINSON.

The Chairman,  
General Nursing Council.

#### The Vote in the House of Commons.

LADY HOBHOUSE here asked the Chairman to give an explanation as to how the matter stood in regard to the vote on Dr. Chapple's motion, praying His Majesty in Council to modify Rule 9 (i) (g).

The CHAIRMAN said that according to the Act of Parliament the Rule was not in operation unless and until it was signed by the Minister of Health.

An Address was presented in the House of Commons on June 13th praying His Majesty to modify the Rule. The effect of this would be to entirely remove the discretion vested in the Council by Act of Parliament. That had not yet gone before the Privy Council. The General Nursing Council had nothing whatever to do with it until an Order in Council was made.

The CHAIRMAN thought it preferable not to state what he had said to the Minister that morning and what he intended to do.

MISS COWLIN proposed that the matter should be discussed *in camera*.

MR. DONALDSON considered it a question of public importance which should be discussed before the press.

MISS COX-DAVIES asked the Chairman whether the Council could best assist him by discussing or not discussing it.

The CHAIRMAN said that he did not understand the legal position. He was obtaining Counsel's opinion as to the position in which the King in Council would be placed by the Address.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether any opportunity would be afforded of explaining the view of the Council.

MISS DU SAUTOY enquired what *was* the view of the Council.

The CHAIRMAN said the view of the Council was expressed in Rule 9 (i) (g).

The CHAIRMAN said further that the question was if an Order in Council were given what legal steps would be possible.

MISS SPARSHOTT stated that Dr. Chapple had spoken without the authority of the College of Nursing, the College was supporting Rule 9 (i) (g).

The CHAIRMAN said he hoped the College was taking steps to make its views known.

MISS COX-DAVIES said it had done so.

MISS LLOYD-STILL said that the Chairman of the College was dealing with the matter.

MISS E. SMITH asked how long the modified Rule would have effect, seeing that the period of grace ended on July 14th.

The CHAIRMAN was understood to say that did not matter.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said that the Nursing Profession had an idea that the General Nursing Council could do everything. She said further 15,000 members of College had petitioned the Council of the College against the condition which Dr. Chapple's amendment if enforced would bring about, so, of course, the College Council did not support it.

#### REPORTS.

##### 1. Report of the Finance Committee.

In the absence of its Chairman the Report of the Finance Committee was presented by Mr. Donaldson, who moved that it be received.

IV. REPORTED—That the sum of £5,000 is available for investment, and that the Registrar was instructed to ask the Bank for advice to lay before the Council.

REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 14 and 15 of the General Purposes Committee, to Recommendation 20 of the Uniform Committee's Report, and to Recommendation 6 of the Registration Committee.

##### Recommendation 2.

That the sum of £200 for general postage for the ensuing month be allowed and £20 for insurance stamps.

CONSIDERED—Paragraph IV of the General Purposes Committee's Report.

##### Recommendation 3.

That a qualified bookkeeper be engaged till the end of the year at a salary not exceeding £3 ros. per week.

(This being in the nature of an amendment, was held over for consideration with the Report of the General Purposes Committee.)

CONSIDERED—Paragraph V of the Uniform Committee's Report.

##### Recommendation 4.

(a) "That the badges be issued direct from the factory to the nurses after authority has been given by the Registrar, and that the nurses forward their application for the badge along with the money to the Registrar."

(b) "That the price to be charged to the nurse be 5s. 6d., including badge, engraving, and registered postage."

#### Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN reported on IV that "the Bank" recommended investing the £5,000 in Local Loans standing at £68—£69 per cent. or L.C.C. securities.

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