

which was seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT, was carried, *i.e.*, that Regulation 4 should become Regulation 3, with the addition of the words "written and" before "practical," and that for the word "will," in the first line, be substituted the words "may also" before "be held."

SIR JENNER VERRALL, seconded by MISS COX-DAVIES, proposed that the word "centre" be substituted for the word "place." Agreed.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW enquired whether it was intended to hold quarterly examinations in the fourteen centres agreed upon, and it was decided to alter Regulation 2 to intimate that they will "if required" be held quarterly.

Under No. 6, DR. BEDFORD PIERCE proposed that it should be provided that candidates for the examination should not apply before the first day of January, April, July and October in each year, nor after the first day of February, May, August and November.

This was seconded by the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW.

MISS LLOYD STILL did not think this necessary as the dates would have to be advertised.

After a question by SIR JENNER VERRALL, the CHAIRMAN suggested that they should ask the Examinations Officer (who was present), as they "wanted it clear."

(We were surprised to note that this salaried official did not rise to reply to the Chairman of the Council.)

MISS MUSSON thought the proposal confusing. MISS COWLIN thought it a strain on the nurses' brains.

On DR. BEDFORD PIERCE'S amendment being put to the meeting, 10 voted for it, and 12 against it. The amendment was, therefore, lost.

Under the heading "Certificate of Instruction" MISS LLOYD STILL proposed to insert, as an additional note, the words "A special form is issued for the use of candidates who have previously entered but failed to qualify."

Under No. 7 the CHAIRMAN proposed to provide that the signatories to the Examination Schedules should be the Matron, Superintendent Nurse, or a person acting in a similar capacity. Agreed.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE proposed, and REV. G. B. CRONSHAW seconded, to add in regard to the examination "And each candidate will be notified of the result."

(The question was raised of the necessity for notifying successful candidates, and the Chairman asked the Examinations Officer if it were not a fact that examinees who had successfully passed the London University Examination had entered again under the impression that they had failed. The Examinations Officer said that this was the case.)

The motion was then carried.

On Regulation 10, the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW questioned the adequacy of a three hours' paper with two questions in anatomy, two in physiology, and two in hygiene as a means of ascertaining the knowledge of a candidate in the Preliminary Examination.

MISS LLOYD STILL thought it was very difficult for some candidates to express themselves on paper.

DR. GOODALL said he did not agree with Mr. Cronshaw; he thought a three hours' paper, with two questions on each of the subjects mentioned, quite enough. It was a Preliminary Examination, and a great deal of evidence of nursing knowledge would not be required.

THE CHAIRMAN asked MISS LLOYD STILL what was done at present, and was informed that the custom at St. Thomas's Hospital was to give a two hours' paper on each subject.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said they must realise that the Examination would be weaker than that to which mental nurses were subjected at the present time; indeed, it would be distinctly inferior to that to which they had been accustomed for the past twenty years.

MISS VILLIERS pointed out the importance of an oral examination. Some nurses who were not good on paper were better in an oral examination.

SIR JENNER VERRALL remarked he was interested in what Miss Lloyd Still had said. The Council was running the risk of its being discovered that they were going to depreciate the examinations of nurses. It was just as difficult to find out the knowledge of the candidate in a preliminary examination as in a more advanced one. If they only gave a three hours' paper and two questions in each subject he affirmed it was absolutely impossible to discover the knowledge of the candidate. It was not fair treatment of the examinee; it was a very serious matter.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP differed from Sir Jenner Verrall. She had been examining nurses for some years, and she knew the knowledge of candidates could be discovered by the method suggested, dovetailing in with a *viva-voce* examination.

MISS COWLIN thought there should be a written examination in the first principles of nursing.

MISS MUSSON agreed with Miss Cowlin. She also agreed with Sir Jenner Verrall, and was of opinion there should be an oral examination as well as the written one.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW moved as an Amendment to Regulation 10 that there should be two papers, each of two hours' duration—one in Anatomy and Physiology, and one in Hygiene and the Principles and Practice of Nursing.

SIR JENNER VERRALL seconded, and MISS DU SAUTOY supported the Amendment.

MISS COX DAVIES said she was much under the impression that an Oral Examination was originally arranged for. She would like to know when it was taken out.

MISS MUSSON considered that a practical examination should be held in the practice of nursing, and an oral examination in all the other subjects, and this was incorporated in the amendment, which was carried.

MISS ALSOP said she did not see how it was to be done. She did not think the Council realised the difficulties of small places.

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