

with the certificate and the guinea fee of another nurse. She retained the fee and returned the certificate to the owner, and the applicant complained to the Council of the disgraceful condition in which her certificate had been returned. It was found that the Council had never received the certificate, and the nurse to whom it had been entrusted confessed on her death-bed what she had done.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that perhaps the members of the Council not resident in London were not aware how greatly the efficiency of the Office Staff was taxed just before the end of the period of grace.

SIR JENNER VERRALL and DR. GOODALL supported the recommendation that the bonus recommended should be granted to Miss Davies.

The Report as a whole was then approved.

#### 5.—Report of the Uniform Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, Chairman of the Uniform Committee, moved that the Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on September 12th, 1923.

II. CONSIDERED—Letter from General Nursing Council for Scotland, referred from Council Meeting on July 20th, 1923.

##### *Recommendation 18.*

That a reply be sent in the following sense to the Scottish Council:

“That this Council offers no objection to the Scottish Council adopting the same Uniform, provided they adopt a registered button, and a registered badge for the hat band.”

##### *III. Recommendation 19.*

“That the booklet of instructions be issued free, it being the feeling of the Committee that it is the legal responsibility of Council to issue directions.”

##### *IV. Recommendation 20.*

“That the following estimate from Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for the supply of the Booklet of Instructions regarding the uniform be accepted:—

5,000 at	£5 15 0	per 1,000.
10,000 at	£4 7 6	“
15,000 at	£4 0 0	“
20,000 at	£3 15 0	“

V. REPORTED—That a further estimate for the production of the blocks for the illustrations for the booklet is being obtained and will be submitted at a later date.

##### *VI. Recommendation 21.*

“That the charge to the nurses for the woven badge should be 6d. each.”

##### *VII. Recommendation 22.*

“That the design of the storm cap submitted by Mr. Boyd Cooper and approved by the Committee be accepted.”

##### *VIII. Recommendation 23.*

“That permission be granted to incorporate details of the Foreign Uniform in the booklet to be issued.”

#### Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN said that Recommendation 19 was out of order and had been inserted on the

Agenda by mistake. If it was desired to alter a previous decision of the Council, notice to rescind that decision must be given in time for its insertion on the Agenda giving the Council 10 days' notice. It would have to be brought up at the next meeting of the Council.

MISS VILLIERS said this would cause further delay.

THE CHAIRMAN said this was unavoidable, and in any case the Rule as to the uniform would have to be laid before Parliament, which was not sitting at present.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired whether the Uniform Committee were satisfied that the one decided upon was the best possible. He had had a paper sent to him severely criticising it.

THE CHAIRMAN enquired whether he had sent it on to the Uniform Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE replied in the negative.

THE CHAIRMAN said it would have been kind to send on these criticisms for consideration.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said that he supposed everyone would have seen the paper. It was THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh—that! THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. [The only nursing paper edited by a Registered nurse.—ED.]

#### Other Business.

MISS WIESE enquired whether a nurse was required to pay a Retention Fee before her name had appeared on the Register.

THE CHAIRMAN said that a nurse was entitled to have her name published in the Register once on payment of the Registration Fee of £1 1s. He hoped the new Register would be out in the course of the next few days. There had been delay owing to the publication of two Registers in six months.

MISS WIESE complained that the applications of Mental nurses were not dealt with as quickly as might be. Owing to this, some Mental nurses working under the London County Council were losing 16s. a month.

THE CHAIRMAN referred Miss Wiese to Mr. Donaldson, who was dealing with these applications.

MR. DONALDSON said he had done all that had been given him. A good many applicants were to blame, as they gave the names of referees without asking their consent, and this caused delay.

MISS WIESE said that one month only 29 Mental nurses were registered.

MR. STRATTON said that a man accepted two or three months ago had not yet been notified of his acceptance.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW raised the question of Rules for Examiners. He concluded these would be brought forward.

MR. DONALDSON spoke of the delay in supplying the uniform. The nurses were anxiously waiting for it.

THE CHAIRMAN agreed it was dreadful.

The public business then terminated, and the Council went into *camera* on the Registration Report.

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