

Education Committee and the Examination Committee to go through.

This was agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN said that they were not being furnished to the press, because they were not in their final form till they had been approved by the Minister.

II.—Correspondence.

LETTERS FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

The first letter received was one from the Ministry of Health dated October 6th.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to your letter of July 30th, forwarding for approval a Syllabus of subjects for examination for the certificate of Fever Nursing. In reply I am to state that the Minister will be prepared to approve the Syllabus by scheduling it to the Rules, subject to the following points:—

(a) The Minister would be glad if the Council would consider the desirability of including acute pneumonia and encephalitis lethargica in the Syllabus.

(b) It is presumed that the inclusion of venereal diseases is intended to secure that candidates shall have a general knowledge of the symptoms and treatment of these diseases, and would not in itself be regarded as qualifying candidates to undertake the special nursing of patients suffering from venereal disease.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) P. BARTER.

Dr. Goodall proposed, and it was seconded by Miss Villiers, and agreed:

That the Council agree with the suggestion made by the Minister of Health that the subjects of acute pneumonia and encephalitis lethargica be included in the Syllabus of subjects for examination for the certificate of Fever Nursing.

In regard to Clause (b) of the Minister's letter, Miss LLOYD-STILL said that it was intended to give candidates a general insight into venereal diseases, with a view to their own protection from infection and that of other patients; it was not intended to give them instruction that would make them absolutely competent in the nursing of these diseases.

THE CHAIRMAN thought that those nurses who intended to specialise in the nursing of venereal diseases should take a four or six months' course.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said that the Council had no control as to whether nurses were competent to undertake this special form of nursing; it was for employers to satisfy themselves.

DR. GOODALL pointed out that the Minister's enquiry referred to the Syllabus of Examination in Fever Nursing, not General Nursing.

He moved that the Council agree with (b). This was seconded by Lady Hobhouse, and carried by 15 votes to 1.

MISS DU SAUTOY drew attention to the word treatment in the Minister's letter. Treatment did not come within the province of a nurse.

THE CHAIRMAN said he should think the Minister understood very little about it.

DR. GOODALL said a nurse should understand something of the treatment prescribed, although its prescription was outside her province.

Approval of Rule re Reciprocal Registration.

A further letter was received from the Minister of Health notifying that he had approved the Revised Rule for Reciprocal Registration and enclosing a copy duly signed as under:—

[To be inserted in the Book of Rules.]

RULE FOR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

"Any person whose name is included in the General part of the Register kept by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, or by the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council (Northern Ireland), or in any Supplementary Part of the same, except the Supplementary Part containing the names of Fever Nurses, shall on making application to the Registrar of this Council, and paying the prescribed fee, and on production of a certificate issued by the Registrar of the Council on whose Register the said person is registered, to the effect that her name has been entered and is included in such Register, and of a complete copy of that entry, be entitled to be admitted to the corresponding part or parts of the Register of this Council.

"The fee for registration in the Register of the Council for England and Wales under the above Rule shall in each case be one-half of the fee charged by the said Council for a first Registration."

I approve this Rule to replace the rule approved on November 14th, 1921, and entitled: "Nurses registered in Scotland and Ireland."

(Signed) W. JOYNSON HICKS,
Minister of Health.

LETTER FROM THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A letter from the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, dated October 12th, printed below, was referred to the Mental Committee and to the Education and Examination Committee:—

SIR,—At the quarterly meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, held on the 29th ultimo, the following resolutions were passed, and I am desired to bring them to the notice of the General Nursing Council:—

"That the Association accepts the Syllabus of training for mental nurses as laid down by the General Nursing Council, since in order that a mental Nurse may become registered, she must pass the examinations of the General Nursing Council."

"That it be recommended to the General Nursing Council that at the examinations held by the Council a certain percentage of marks for ward work should be given to mental nurses and added to those obtained at the examinations."

"That the General Nursing Council be asked to appoint a Mental Hospital matron holding the double qualification to act as an examiner at all examination centres for mental nurses."

"That male mental nurses should be granted the same facilities for obtaining general training as female mental nurses."

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) E. C. MACAULAY,
Honorary Secretary.

Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., &c.,
Chairman, The General Nursing Council
for England and Wales.

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