

## III.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## Report of the Finance Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on October 11th, 1923.

## II. Recommendation 1.

"That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved."

III. REPORTED—That as directed the sum of £4,000 (approximately) has been invested in the following securities:—

£1,450 4½ per cent. India 1950-1955 Redeemable Stock; £1,350 5 per cent. Victorian Government 1932-1942 Inscribed Stock; £1,335 13s. 5d. 5 per cent. New South Wales 1932-1942 Inscribed Stock.

IV. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 23, 24 and 25 of the General Purposes Committee Report, on the understanding that the appointments of the two clerks mentioned are temporary. (The General Purposes Committee recommended (1) that authority be asked from the Ministry of Health for an extension of time for the present temporary staff up to the end of the year; (2) that two extra clerks be engaged at a salary of £3 per week—one for the Registrar's Department, and one for the Education and Examination Department; (3) that sanction be given for the purchase of an extra typewriter at a cost of £25.)

V. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 27, 28 and 29 of the Uniform Committee—(1) That booklets (a) containing Rules and Regulations only, concerning Uniform and Badge, and (b) containing Designs and Prices, &c., of Uniform be issued free to nurses. (2) That the cost of production of both booklets be defrayed by accepting advertisements from suitable firms to be approved, in the book containing the designs and prices only. (3) That a sub-committee consisting of Miss Villiers, Miss Bremner, Miss Cowlin and Mr. Donaldson, be appointed to approve and accept advertisements.)

VI. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 21 of the Mental Nursing Committee. (That a circular letter be sent to all the Medical Superintendents of Mental Hospitals enclosing a copy of the Syllabus of Training in Mental Nursing, and giving information with regard to the Preliminary and Final Examinations, and also forwarding a Questionnaire covering information which the Mental Nursing Committee wishes to obtain prior to the recognition of Mental Hospitals in future.)

VII. REPORTED—That the Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 12 of the Education and Examination Committee. (That the scale of payments for Examiners be approved.)

The approval of the Report as a whole was postponed on account of a point which Sir Jenner Verrall desired to bring up *in camera*.

## 2.—Report of the Registration Committee.

DR. GOODALL, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met four times—on September 19th and 28th and October 5th and 12th.

II. CONSIDERED—General Nursing Council for England and Wales Rules Modification Order, 1923.

The Committee have considered several matters which have arisen in consequence of the issue of this order by the Privy Council. The new rule which was framed under this order reads as follows:—

## Rule 9 (1) (g).

In the case of a nurse who was at November 1st, 1916, engaged in actual practice and who produces the following evidences of knowledge and experience:—

(a) a certificate of good character;

(b) a certificate signed by a matron of a general hospital or an infirmary or by two medical men setting out that the applicant has been in attendance upon the sick in the capacity of a nurse for a period of not less than three years prior to November 1st, 1919; and

(c) a certificate signed by a registered nurse and by two medical men, one of whom shall be on the staff of a general hospital, setting out that the applicant has adequate knowledge and experience of medical and surgical nursing and is competent to attend upon the sick in the capacity of a nurse:

Provided that the Council may require the applicant, as a condition precedent to registration, to present herself for special inquiry before a medical officer or officers appointed by the Council.

As the whole of Rule 9 (1), of which the new rule forms a part, relates only to applicants for registration on the General Part of the Register, and as Rule 9 (1) (h), formerly 9 (1) (g), states that the applicant must in any case be a female, it is clear that the new rule does not relate to any part of the Register but the General Part.

The first question considered by the Committee was the procedure to be adopted in respect of applications made under the new rule. It appears to the Committee to be advisable, for the sake of convenience, to conform as far as possible with the procedure hitherto adopted for existing nurses.

## Recommendation 2.

"That the applications of candidates for registration under the General Nursing Council for England and Wales Modification Order, 1923, follow the same methods as those hitherto pursued for existing nurses."

The adoption of this procedure will necessitate certain modifications of the application form, and the provision of forms for the certificates specified in the new rule.

## Recommendation 3.

"That Forms I. (c), VII, VIII and IX be approved for use under the new rule."

Paper of a distinctive colour will be used.

The next question to be considered was the place in which the names of these nurses should be entered in the Register; that is, whether in a special list under the heading, "General Part of

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