

following that of the Trained Nurses, and headed with the words, "Admitted under Rule 9 (1) (g)."

THE CHAIRMAN asked Miss du Sautoy whether the Amendment, as worded, suited her.

MISS DU SAUTOY suggested that some other word than "nurse" would be preferable in relation to applicants registered under 9 (1) (g), but it was pointed out that the word nurse was used in the Rule.

MISS E. SMITH enquired whether any particulars of training were to be inserted?

THE CHAIRMAN said that, for the purposes of the Council applicants registered under 9 (1) (g) had no training.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said that she did not like the idea of the amendment. It left a nasty impression on her mind. It would hurt the feelings of many excellent nurses. Were the Council again seeking to wrongly interpret the intention of the House? They had misinterpreted it once.

MISS COWLIN supported the recommendation (to place untrained nurses, alphabetically, among the trained and certificated nurses in the General Part of the Register.—ED.). She said that for fifty years fine leaders of the nursing profession fought for Registration. Why? To establish nursing standards. The Council would run the risk of undoing all their work by accepting the amendment. For her part she considered it a bad precedent to put "trained" and "certificated" in the Qualification Column. Those who wished for such distinctions should consult the Nursing Directory.

(Miss Cowlin is evidently ignorant of the precedents of professional Registration. For instance, in compiling the Medical Register all professional qualifications possessed by medical practitioners were inserted in a column under the heading of qualifications. Miss Cox-Davies' attempt to deprive Registered Nurses of the record of their certificates was determinedly opposed by those who possessed them, and such infamous injustice would never have been agreed to by Parliament.—ED.)

MISS COX-DAVIES strongly supported Miss Cowlin's views, the State Register was established to lay a foundation.

MISS E. M. MUSSON supported Mr. Donaldson's Amendment, and said the standard set by the Council for nurses during the period of grace was a very low one. Parliament had taken the matter out of the hands of the Council. Nurses registered under the Modifications Order were not passed by the Council.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. Quite true.

MISS M. WIESE said that when the Modifications Order was passed the Council pretended to be horrified. She wished it would be as kind to trained Mental Nurses as to these untrained persons.

DR. GOODALL said that the Council did not like the Order, but it had to carry it out, as it had been advised that it was useless to fight against it.

Those who did not wish to do so should resign, and report to their constituencies.*

MISS WIESE: And if they did they would not be returned again.

MISS COX-DAVIES made no audible comment, but passed along the following note to Miss Wiese:—

"I think it is unwise to make quite so decided a statement. You can hardly gauge, perhaps, correctly the feelings of the whole Nursing Profession.—R. C.-D."

DR. GOODALL said further that Miss Musson had suggested an Appendix; that was against the intention of the Act.

In connection with the point raised by Miss Bushby he said that the new Rule would be printed in the new Register, and it would be quite easy to understand what "Registered under Rule 9 (1) (g)" meant by referring to the Rules. He was anxious to avoid any suggestion of a Supplementary Register in this connection.

On the Amendment being put to the vote a division was called for by Miss Bushby, with the following result:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT.

Independent Candidates: Mr. Donaldson, Miss du Sautoy, Miss Bushby, Miss Wiese.

College Member: Miss E. M. Musson.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

Medical Men: Dr. E. W. Goodall, Sir Jenner Verrall, Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Lay Persons: Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Lady Hobhouse, the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills, Miss Barratt.

College Members: Miss Alsop, Miss Bremner, Miss Cowlin, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Coode, Miss Lloyd Still, Miss M. E. Sparshott, Miss E. Smith, Miss Seymour Yapp.

Nominee of Fever Nurses' Association and College of Nursing, Ltd: Miss S. A. Villiers.

Recommendation 4 was then put to the meeting namely:—

"That the names of the nurses admitted under the Rules Modification Order be placed in alphabetical order among the trained nurses, but with the words 'admitted under Rule 9 (1) (g)' in the column headed 'Qualifications.'"

This was carried by seventeen votes to five.

Approval of the Report as a whole was not moved as the portion of the Report to be taken *in camera* was deferred to the end of the meeting.

[To be concluded.]

[*There are no Bye Elections under the Nurses' Registration Act, but the Council fills up the vacancy in the case of an elected member until the next General Election. As Dr. Goodall is a Government nominee the nurses have no control whatever over his actions. They are governed without consent—like other serfs.—ED.]

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