

"Form of Agreement with Tailors and firms making the Uniform."

"Form of Permit to Nurses to purchase Uniform."

III. Recommendation 27.

That both booklets be issued free to the nurses:—

(a) Containing Rules and Regulations only, concerning Uniform and Badge.

(b) Containing Designs and Prices, &c., of Uniform.

Recommendation 28.

"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."

Recommendation 29.

"That a sub-committee, consisting of Miss Villiers, Miss Bremner, Miss Cowlin and Mr. Donaldson, be appointed to approve and accept advertisements."

The Report as a whole was approved.

Advertising in Booklet Sanctioned.

THE CHAIRMAN said that a notice of motion given by Mr. DONALDSON should have appeared on the printed Agenda, but it had been notified on the typed preliminary Agenda.

MR. DONALDSON then moved in accordance with notice—(1) That Recommendation 32, Clause 2, approved at the Council Meeting of July 20th, 1923, be rescinded, and that the following be approved:—

"That the Booklet be issued free of expense to nurses, and that Nurses' Tailoring and Outfitting firms be invited to advertise and so defray the cost of printing."

MISS WIESE seconded the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN said that he found Government Departments utilized advertising in their publications.

MISS VILLIERS said it was only proposed to insert advertisements in the booklet containing the designs and prices.

The motion was carried.

Proposal to issue an Audited Balance Sheet.

MR. DONALDSON further moved:—

(2) "That in accordance with the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, Part 4, Clause 4, the Minister of Health be requested to allow the General Nursing Council to appoint their own Auditor in order that a proper Balance Sheet be prepared annually for publication."

MR. DONALDSON said that the auditing up to the present time had been very good auditing, but if the Council had its own auditors there would be certain advantages.

The motion was seconded by Miss Bushby.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that the Council was bound to have an audit by the Ministry of Health. This Government audit was done at cost price, and it would be cheaper for the Council to go on having it than to establish one of its own.

The probability was, however, that, if the Council desired to have its own auditor, the Ministry would accept the audit, and the Government audit, as such, would be dropped.

REV. G. B. CRONSHAW asked what would be the expense to the Council of having its own auditor?

THE CHAIRMAN could not say, but thought it would run into three figures.

MR. DONALDSON estimated the cost at from £50 to £80 per annum.

SIR JENNER VERRALL enquired whether Mr. Donaldson was willing to refer the question to the Finance Committee to report upon.

This was agreed.

The public business then terminated, and the Council continued its deliberations *in camera*.

Points for Nurses to note and remember from this report will appear next week.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

THE REGISTER OF NURSES.

The first issue of the Register of Nurses kept by the General Nursing Council for Scotland has been published, containing the names, qualifications, and addresses of nurses registered up to December 31st, 1922.

The Register, which is bound in Royal blue, is of an unusual shape, being 12½ inches wide and 10 inches deep, and we find it very inconvenient to handle. The type and paper are excellent.

The Register is divided into seven columns—Reg. No., Name, Address, Date of Registration, Qualification, Date of Obtaining Qualification, and Hospital in which Qualifying Training received. The dates are inserted in numerals throughout, which makes calculation necessary and is very confusing; and the qualification is given in capital letters. Under Explanations we find the following: (1) M.P.A. Medico-Psychological Association; (2) E.N. Existing Nurse; (3) N.T. Nurse in Training before issue of Rules; (4) Where a Nurse has produced a Certificate of not less than three years' training from a Training School recognised by the Council, the column headed "Hospital in which Qualifying Training Received" is filled in, where a Nurse has not produced such a Certificate the column is left blank, although she may have had hospital training.

The eighteen months covered by the Register contains in all 2,577 names. In the General Part, 2,229; Mental Part, 159; Sick Children's Part, 62; Fever Part, 121; and Nurses for Mental Defectives, 6.

As there are calculated to be at least 10,000 trained nurses in Scotland, like their colleagues in England they evidently showed much the same apathy in availing themselves of legal status, up to the end of 1922. As another issue of the Scottish Register will soon be due, no doubt some thousands are still waiting the publication of their names. The 2,577 entries show a very low percentage of uncertificated nurses—99 out of 2,229 General; 33 out of 159 Mental; 7 out of 62 Sick Children; and 10 out of 121 Fever. Only 149 uncertificated nurses out of 2,577 entries. So far good.

But we are of opinion that the General Nursing Council for Scotland has done an injustice to those

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