

**Recommendation 6.**

"That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each Certificate."

DR. GOODALL expressed the hope that nurses would realize that more care should be taken of Badges even than of certificates, as they were worn and easily lost. He thought they should realise that the Council thought it important. He drew attention to the 1923 Register now issued, and said it was hoped that the next edition would be out in March.

[The insignificant little Badge made in the form of a brooch is of poor construction, and is certain to be lost in large numbers. Had the Badge been solid and handsome, as it should have been, and worn as the Queen's Nurses Badge is, suspended by a distinctive ribbon, it would have been greatly valued and cared for.—ED.]

**4.—Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.**

The Report of the Mental Nursing Committee was moved by the Chairman, DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, who said he had no comment to make.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on October 1st, 1923.

II. CONSIDERED—Rules for Admission to the Register after June 30th, 1923, referred by the Council on October 19th, 1923.

REPORTED—That the Committee is satisfied with the Rules as drafted.

III. CONSIDERED—Scheme for the conduct of the State Examination so far as relating to Mental Nurses. The Committee has forwarded its recommendations to the Education and Examination Committee for inclusion in the Scheme.

IV. CONSIDERED—Reply sent by Chairman of the Council to the letter from the Secretary to the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, which was referred to the Education and Examination and Mental Nursing Committees.

REPORTED—That the Committee is in agreement with the reply sent.

**5.—Report of the General Purposes Committee.**

MISS COX-DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, moved that "her" report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on November 5th, 1923.

II. REPORTED—That extra Equipment is required for the office.

**Recommendation 14.**

That the following be sanctioned:—

6	Lock Steel Filing Cabinets	£11 7s. 8d. each.	
1	Table at a cost of	£1 10s.	
2	dozen Hand Towels		} £3 7s. 5d.
1	" Tea Cloths		
1	" Dusters		
½	" Round Towels		

III. REPORTED—That after considering the Report presented by the Examinations Officer, as to the expansion of premises required in the near future to meet the development of the educational work of the Council, it was decided that the existing accommodation is quite inadequate, and that the

following recommendation be forwarded to the Council:—

**Recommendation 15.**

"That the Council authorise the General Purposes Committee to make all necessary enquiries as to the accommodation which is required for the future and to report further on the matter."

IV. REPORTED—The subject of a Superannuation Scheme for permanent officers has been under consideration. A further report with a recommendation will be presented in due course.

**Recommendation 16.**

"That the Monday before Christmas Day be given as a holiday, and that the office be closed from Saturday afternoon, December 22nd, until Thursday morning, December 27th."

**Discussion.**

In relation to Item III, and Recommendation 15, MISS COX-DAVIES said that it was quite clear that with the Examination in front of the Council the present quarters would be inadequate well within the next twelve months. The Committee thought the engagement should be terminated at the next opportunity. The numbers for the examination were likely to be large, and in the meanwhile there was the question of the storing of documents.

MISS E. SMITH enquired whether the pressure on the space would not diminish when the work of registration was overtaken.

THE CHAIRMAN said there was no question that there was not room to store things.

REV. G. B. CRONSHAW asked the Chairman to tell the Council what he had told the Finance Committee on this subject, which had convinced it.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was going on rather uncertain ground, but it was believed that the number of nurses in the country was larger than had been thought hitherto. It was now believed that there were about 150,000 existing nurses, and at no long distance of time they would have to have 150 yards of filing cabinets. He suggested that the members of the Council should go and look at the arrangements of the Teachers' Registration Office in Bedford Square, or at those of the General Medical Council.

It was plain that looking at it even from a Registration point of view that the accommodation would not for long be sufficient. There was also the question of the heavy steel cabinets. The house was an old one, and they did not know what the floors would stand.

MISS MUSSON agreed that they would be crowded out.

MISS COX-DAVIES then moved that "her" report as a whole be adopted, and this was agreed.

**6.—Report of Uniform Committee.**

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

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on October 29th, 1923.

**II. Recommendation 17.**

That the following Uniform be adopted for Registered Male Nurses—

"White coat of linen or cotton drill to knee. Registered braid on collar, similar to the collar of the Female

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