

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee

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RECOGNITION OF TRAINING SCHOOLS.

V. CONSIDERED—Further list of General and Poor Law Hospitals whose authorities have replied to inquiries instituted by the Council.

Recommendation 10.

"That the following Hospitals be recognised as complete Training Schools:—

- East Surrey Hospital, Surrey. (Provisionally to September 30th, 1924.)
- General Hospital, Jersey, C.I."

Recommendation 11.

"That the following Hospitals be recognised as Training Schools which in combination with other Public Hospitals give complete training under Section I (3) (ii):—

- National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic. (In Affiliation with Royal Hants County Hospital.)
- South London Hospital for Women, Clapham Common. (In Affiliation with Westminster Hospital and Hampstead General Hospital.)
- Chelsea Hospital for Women. (In Affiliation with Middlesex Hospital.)

LETTER FROM REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NORTH CUMBERLAND AND DURHAM OF BRITISH HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION.

VI. CONSIDERED—Letter to the Registrar from the Hon. Secretary of the Regional Committee for Northumberland and Durham of the British Hospitals Association, dated November 1st, 1923, containing the following resolution:—

"That this Regional Committee protests most strongly against the action of the General Nursing Council in declining to approve the smaller hospitals in this area as Training Schools for Nurses, and unanimously urges that steps be immediately taken to secure their recognition."

and stating that the Regional Committee most strongly support the action which is being taken by the smaller hospitals in sending a Deputation of representatives to meet the Committee.

Referred to the Committee by the Chairman of Council.

REPORTED—That the Committee had an interview with representatives of the following hospitals:—Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland; Durham County Hospital, Durham; Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool; Ingham Infirmary, South Shields; and Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees. The Hospitals have so small a number of medical beds that their medical training cannot, in the Committee's opinion, give the amount of the experience which the Council has hitherto considered to be required in the interest of the sick. The Committee had previously proposed to the authorities of the Hospitals that they should form a scheme of affiliation in order to get more medical training for their nurses. The deputation, however, represented all the voluntary hospitals in the County

of Durham, and they are all under the same disadvantage. There is no possibility of affiliation to any neighbouring voluntary hospital, and though there are one or two well-equipped Poor Law Infirmarys the prejudice against combining with them for training purposes appears to be extremely strong.

At the same time, if these Hospitals are not recognised as Training Schools, it might lead to wholesale resignation of their probationers, which would be a very serious hindrance to the nursing of the sick in the County.

The Committee therefore recommend that these hospitals should be granted provisional recognition for one year to December 31st, 1924, on the understanding that they will, during the interval, use every effort either to increase their own medical work or to make arrangements for obtaining the necessary training elsewhere.

Recommendation 12.

"That a letter in that sense be addressed to the authorities of these hospitals."

Recommendation 13.

"That there be no meeting of the Education and Examination Committee on the Tuesday preceding Council Meeting."

Discussion.

MISS LLOYD STILL pointed out that the Scheme for conducting the State Examinations was divided into four parts. (These are defined in Recommendation 8.)

In regard to the Examination Areas, it was agreed to add after the word "Cardiff," in the Western Area, "or Swansea," as an alternative.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE expressed the opinion that if the Examinations were taken only at these Centres it would not be satisfactory so far as Mental Nurses were concerned. Many Mental Nurses were in training in remote places, and again in some places Mental Hospitals were congregated together. Thus, in Mental Hospitals round Epsom he supposed there were some 2,000 nurses. It seemed unnecessary to bring nurses from Epsom to London for their Examination instead of sending an Examiner to Epsom. Again, there were no Mental Hospitals at Leeds, but there were four at York. He thought when they came to grips with the Scheme it would have to be modified, and that it should be understood that the Examinations should be held at these Centres or others if necessary. (The Scheme permits of Examinations being held at other Centres, at the discretion of the Council.—ED.)

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW inquired whether a candidate who obviously knew nothing was to stand opposite to the examiner for twenty minutes.

MISS COX-DAVIES was of opinion that the candidate might be paralysed for the first quarter of an hour, and retrieve herself in the last five minutes.

In regard to the Final Examination, SIR JENNER VERRALL thought the provision that where there were two questions only one *must* be answered should read only one *need* be answered, and moved this amendment.

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