

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP supported the Committee's recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN considered that not to afford her the full opportunity was taking away a chance from the nurse.

SIR JENNER VERRALL considered that the candidates should be given freedom, and, having answered the essential questions, should have the opportunity of getting credit for answering others if they so desired.

MISS COX-DAVIES said they were dealing with nurses of varied classes of education, and was of opinion that it should not be permitted.

THE CHAIRMAN reminded her that the Examination was not a competitive one.

The amendment to alter the word "must" to "need" was not seconded.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE inquired whether the Draft Regulations for the Preliminary Examination referred to the different parts of the Register.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE thought that, in view of the Conference which the Council had agreed to hold with the Board of Control, and with representatives of the Medico-Psychological Association, it would be better to defer adopting the Clause as to Mental Nurses until after the Conference. He considered it required more thought.

THE CHAIRMAN reminded him that the Mental Nursing Committee had forwarded its recommendation to the Education and Examination Committee for inclusion in the Scheme. He could withdraw them and defer the part of the Scheme relating to Mental Nurses for a year if he liked.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said he withdrew any objection.

#### Appointment of Examiners.

In connection with the appointment of examiners, MISS COWLIN pointed out that it took two or three years to make an expert examiner.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Committee felt no hospital could be persuaded to give up its teachers for this work for more than a year.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that their re-election was possible, but it was extremely unlikely that even a generous Committee would spare its teachers for a longer period.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP strongly advocated that the recommendation that "A List of Teachers has been prepared" of "nurses who are engaged in teaching at the Training Schools approved by the Council," should be amended by the insertion of the words "or have been" before "engaged." She considered retired Matrons and Nurses might make valuable Examiners, and some desirable persons might even be willing to resign their present appointments if the Examiner's post were permanent, but they could not otherwise afford to do so.

THE CHAIRMAN said there would be no difficulty in forming a Panel of Permanent Examiners.

MISS MUSFON seconded the amendment, and presumed that Assistant Matrons, Sisters, and so forth would be included.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Scheme included "other teachers of practical nursing."

MISS VILLIERS said she felt strongly that the Examiners should be nurses in active work.

MISS SPARSHOTT thought that in the earlier period they would do well to include retired teachers.

THE CHAIRMAN said the motion was to insert after the word "teachers" the words "past or present . . . who are "or have been" engaged in teaching.

Fifteen Members of the Council voted for this amendment, which was therefore carried, as follows:—

**A list of Teachers, past and present, has been prepared, comprising both Medical Practitioners and Nurses, who are, or have been, engaged in teaching at the Training Schools approved by the Council. Any such Teachers will be eligible to be appointed as Examiner for such subjects as he or she teaches or has taught, etc.**

THE CHAIRMAN then asked the Examinations Officer, who was present, whether a form of application for Examiners had not been submitted to the Council last time.

MISS MACKIRDY replied in the affirmative.

THE CHAIRMAN, after referring to the forms, said this was not so.

#### Standard of Examination.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW expressed anxiety as to an even standard being maintained from one examination to another. It must depend on the Education and Examination Committee, and he was anxious it should feel enormously responsible that the standard was kept right, and that its members should be asked to look at some of the papers.

#### Temporary Recognition of Hospitals.

On Clause VI MISS SEYMOUR YAPP took strong exception to the recommendation of the Education Committee to recognise certain schools in Northumberland and Durham temporarily, on representations of a Deputation from the Regional Committee of the British Hospitals Association. She considered they should affiliate with Poor Law Training Schools, and that this would break down professional snobbery and do the Nursing Service all the good in the world. She appealed to the Council to send back Recommendation 12 "that a letter in that sense (temporarily recognising the hospitals) be addressed to the authorities of these hospitals," and moved a Resolution to this effect. If the Council took a firm stand the hospitals would accede to its decision.

This was seconded by MISS BUSHBY, and supported by MISS COWLIN. The General Nursing Council could bring weight to persuade the small hospitals. Nothing else would do so.

THE CHAIRMAN remarked that the deputation spoke almost insultingly about the Governors of Poor Law Hospitals.

MR. CRONSHAW said he would be satisfied that the recommendation should go for one year, provided that within that period a scheme of affilia-

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