

tion was submitted to, and approved by the Council.

SIR JENNER VERRALL hoped the Council would not be in too great a hurry to pass this. The Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association had had the question of Cottage Hospitals before it, and if the Council dealt too leniently, and he would say too carelessly, with these people they would have great difficulty in bringing pressure on Cottage Hospitals. If they were given a year of grace the Council would then have to answer the Cottage Hospitals, and would be on a sliding slope.

MISS E. SMITH did not consider it expedient to grant the year's grace. She did not think the small hospitals had tried hard enough. The training in many of the Poor Law Infirmaries was excellent. She herself had been trained in a general hospital; many Queen's Nurses who had been trained in Poor Law Infirmaries were excellently trained.

MISS MUSSON agreed with Mr. Cronshaw. She thought the words in the Committee's recommendation "on the understanding" were not enough. They should put the screw on.

MISS ALSOP said she was trained in a Poor Law Infirmary, and she was indignant at the remarks of the Deputation. She wished they had brought some of their Matrons with them.

MISS COODE said that the case of these hospitals was not the same as that of the Cottage Hospitals. It would be very discouraging to them to be refused recognition.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that all that had been said that afternoon had been said to the Deputation last week, and they replied that they would have no nurses.

On being put to the vote, the Motion to refer Recommendation 12 back to the Education Committee was carried.

The Scheme for conducting the State Examinations, as amended, was approved, and the Education and Examination Committee were empowered to carry it out.

Estimates for Printing.

In connection with Recommendation 8, relating to the printing of various documents in connection with the Examination, it will be remembered that the Finance Committee raised no objection provided that estimates were obtained from various firms of printers.

SIR JENNER VERRALL now stated that these estimates varied considerably; that of Forsaith was for £27, the others varied from £36 to £39.

THE CHAIRMAN said they had had an example of this before, and then afterwards the firm selected had said that it had not understood.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said he might be rash, but he moved—

That the lowest tender be accepted.

This was seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT.

An amendment was moved by MISS MUSSON that it be left to Sir Jenner Verrall and the Chairman to settle.

MR. DONALDSON objected. He thought it was not business-like not to accept a tender.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE inquired whether the lowest tender was by a firm of repute, and receiving an answer in the affirmative, said he should vote for it.

DR. GOODALL said it was the experience of all Committees that tenders varied very greatly.

Only six voted for the amendment, and the tender of Messrs. Forsaith was accepted.

MISS LLOYD STILL then moved the adoption of the Report, as amended, as a whole, and this was carried.

As already reported, on the conclusion of the public business the Council considered applications for registration *in camera*.

LEAGUE NEWS.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre at the Hospital on Saturday, December 1st, at 3 p.m. Miss Helen Todd, S.R.N., President, being in the Chair.

Arising out of the Minutes, Miss H. T. Baines, S.R.N. the Hon. General Secretary, reported that a letter had been received from Princess Helena Victoria, saying that Her Highness had been most deeply touched by the Vote of Condolence sent by the League at its last meeting on the death of Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian.

Mrs. Whichelow had also written thanking the League for its sympathy in her bereavement.

The President said that many of those present would regret to hear of the death of Miss Heath, formerly Sister Ophthalmic. She had been working, and died abroad, and no relations in this country were known of to whom a vote of condolence could be sent.

Miss Todd also announced that one of the principal guests at the Social Gathering in the Great Hall later would be Miss C. Reimann, of Denmark, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, who was now in this country on her way to New York, where she hoped to take her degree at Columbia University. Members interested in the affairs of the National and International Councils would be pleased to have this opportunity of meeting her.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAW 3.

The next item on the Agenda was to consider the alteration of By-Law 3.

The following By-Law framed by the Executive was carried unanimously:—

"The Executive Committee shall nominate eight members, whose consent to act has been obtained, to fill the four annual vacancies on the Executive Committee. Any member will be at liberty to propose the names of two candidates whose consent to serve has been obtained.

"These names must be sent up to the Hon. Secretary in the month of January. The voting papers shall

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