

The Ministry further point out a legal objection to the proviso to the rule as submitted by the Council and suggest that it may be removed by the adoption of one of two alternatives. The Committee is of opinion that the second alternative is the best.

Recommendation 6.

That the Ministry be informed that the Council prefers the second of the alternatives, and that the Rule be redrafted as follows:—

“ Any person whose name is included in the General Part of the Register kept by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, or by the Joint Nursing and Midwives’ Council (Northern Ireland) or in any Supplementary Part of the same except the Supplementary Part containing the names of Fever Nurses, shall on making application to the Registrar of this Council, and paying the prescribed fee, and on production of a certificate issued by the Registrar of the Council on whose Register the said person is registered, to the effect that her name has been entered and is included in such Register, and of a complete copy of that entry, be entitled to be admitted to the corresponding part or parts of the Register of this Council.

“ That the fee for registration in the Register of the Council for England and Wales under the above Rule shall in each case be one-half of the fee charged by the said Council for a first Registration.”

III.—*Issue of Duplicate Certificate for Registration.*

Recommendation 7.

“ That in accordance with Rule 14, a Certificate (marked “ duplicate ”) of her registration on the General Part of the Register be issued to Miss Frances Maude Cammidge on payment by her of a fee of 10s.”

IV.—*Applications for Registration.*

The following statements have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received:

During the week ending June 9th, 1923	..	1,141
“ “ “ “ 16th “	..	1,219
“ “ “ “ 23rd “	..	1,328
“ “ “ “ 30th “	..	1,582
“ “ “ “ July 7th “	..	2,243

V.—*Registration to July 7th, 1923.*

Applications received 36,106

Applications:

Approved by the Council to June 15th	..	21,065
For approval at meeting on July 20th	..	3,237
Ineligible to meeting on June 15th	..	947
Ineligible, to be brought before meeting on		
July 20th	..	31
Withdrawn	..	85
Incomplete	..	10,741
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General Register	..	2,893
Male	..	14
Mental	..	185
Sick Children’s Register	44	
Fever Register	..	101
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		3,237

(DR. GOODALL here stated that the applications during the week ending July 14th were 4,345, some of which were duplicates. Thus the Registrar is in arrears with 15,086 applications.)

VI. (To be taken *in camera*).

Lists of 3,237 applicants for registration, whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules, are appended, as also is a list of applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the rules.

Recommendation 8

“ That the 3,237 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.”

Recommendation 9.

“ 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.”

Discussion.

MISS COX-DAVIES enquired how many had applied under the Chapple Amendment.

DR. GOODALL said it was impossible to say accurately, but less than 3,000 altogether.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP asked whether they were eligible to come on the Register.

THE CHAIRMAN replied: “ As the law is at present, yes.”

Supplementary Report of Registration Committee.

In view of the statement made by the Chairman of the Council at the Council Meeting on June 15th (see para. 369 of the Minutes), the Committee decided to take the advice of the Council’s solicitor as to whether Counsel’s opinion should be obtained on the position created by the action of the House of Commons.

The Committee have since been informed that on July 7th, H.M. the King, by the advice of the Privy Council was pleased to order that the amendment to the Rules made by the General Nursing Council and approved by the Minister of Health should be modified in accordance with the terms of the Address presented to His Majesty by the House of Commons.

The Committee present the following report on the situation created by the alteration of the Rules.

One of the principal objects, if not the principal object, of the Nurses’ Registration Act, 1919, was the protection of the public from the danger of the unskilled and inexperienced woman who styled herself a trained nurse. The existence of large numbers of these women was well known to those who knew the nursing profession from the inside. The sole justification many of them had for calling themselves trained nurses was the fact that they had spent a few months or at the most a year or two in a hospital where little (if any) systematic training was given, the experience to be gained was limited or special, and an incomplete knowledge of nurses’ work was picked up. Further, it is certain that quite a large number who laid claims to the title of nurse had had absolutely no hospital training or experience at all.

When the General Nursing Council proceeded to frame the rules for admission of existing nurses to the Register they had chiefly in mind their duty to the public, and amongst the most important of the

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