

IV. CONSIDERED—Further list of Sick Children's Hospitals whose authorities have replied to inquiries instituted by the Council.

Recommendation 16.

"That the following hospital be recognised as a Training School for Sick Children's Nurses:—

Evelina Hospital for Children, Southwark."

V.—*Recommendation 17.*

"That the following hospital be recognised as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses:—

Hackney Union Infirmary."

Discussion.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP deprecated probationers being accepted at Poor Law Infirmaries for surgical work. Hackney Union and Rochford Infirmary (Recommendation 15) Poor Law Infirmaries required what surgical work they had for their own probationers. She knew of no Infirmary which could take outside pupils and not do injustice to its own probationers.

DR. GOODALL said a very large amount of surgical work was done at Hackney Infirmary. He had lived near it for 24 years and knew it well.

MISS YAPP said she would take back her remarks as applying to London Infirmaries.

MISS ALSOP agreed with Miss Yapp, but said that at Kensington they managed to take probationers from small Infirmaries by dropping a few of their own.

MISS MUSSON said the Infirmaries had to satisfy the Education Committee of their ability to provide the necessary material.

THE CHAIRMAN inquired whether there was not a difficulty in combining voluntary and Poor Law training; and MISS LLOYD STILL answered in the affirmative.

The Report was approved.

4. Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Committee, moved that its Report be received.

No meeting of the Committee has been held. The Chairman will move:—

Recommendation 18.

"That the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for Mental Nurses and those nursing Mental Defectives be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Health for his signature."

Recommendation 19.

"That the Syllabus of Training for Mental Nurses and those nursing Mental Defectives approved at the Council Meeting on April 20th, 1923, be issued on the authority of the Council."

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said that, with the assistance of the Chairman, he had altered the original form of Recommendation 18 by omitting the words "and training."

Discussion.

MISS WIESE expressed regret that the Syllabus of Training in General Nursing had been scrapped.

THE CHAIRMAN said it was issued under the authority of the Council.

MISS WIESE said that the nurses would have to pay two and three guineas fees, and only by their failing in the State examination would it be known that there was something wrong in the training they received.

DR. GOODALL said that institutions could not be forced to give training if they did not wish to do so. It was up to those who advised women on the subject to recommend them to institutions where the training was good.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said arrangements were provisional to recognise hospitals of a certain size at present. After 1925 the arrangements would be stricter.

MISS WIESE said there were heaps of medical superintendents who were not interested in good training for nurses.

THE CHAIRMAN inquired whether Miss Wiese had joined in recommending unsatisfactory places for recognition.

MISS WIESE said that training under the L.C.C. and M.A.B. was good, but she knew places where it was not.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP inquired whether all Training Schools in Mental Nursing trained for the examination of the Medico-Psychological Association.

She received an answer in the negative.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that one of the objects of the State examination was that it should be known by the result of the examination whether probationers were being properly trained.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said another matter would require a rule. Every nurse presenting herself for examination would have to supply evidence of having been trained in certain ways. This would carry on the work of the Medico-Psychological Association.

The Report was approved.

5. Report of the General Purposes Committee.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met twice—on June 26th and July 9th, 1923.

II. REPORTED—That owing to the increase in the number of interviews it has been found necessary to add an assistant to the Interviewing Officer until after the period of grace. Miss Esther Evans was appointed at a salary of £3 10s. weekly from June 27th, 1923.

To meet the pressure of work (number of applications from July 2nd to 7th=2,243) four additional clerks have also been engaged—two for the Registration Department and two for the Accountant's Department (two at £2 weekly and two at £1 10s. weekly).

Recommendation 20.

"That this action be approved."

III. REPORTED—That the following extra equipment has been purchased:—

1 Plinth stand for Accountant's Room, at 18s. 6d.

6 Bentwood Chairs, at 7s. 9d. each.

1 Pigeon-hole cupboard for Registration Room, at £8 17s. 6d.

Recommendation 21.

"That this action be approved and that sanction be given for the purchase of the following:—

Another Pigeon-hole cupboard for Registration Clerk's Office, at £8 17s. 6d.

Two Card Index Cabinets for Accountant's Room, at a cost of £4 17s. 6d. each.

Shelves for the Accountant's Room.

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