

In response to several letters from nurses already registered, who were now training for a second part of the Register, but would not have finished their training before July 1st, 1925, it was resolved to recommend "that no nurse who is already registered on any part of the Register shall be required to pass the Preliminary Examination."

In view of the delay that had already occurred in presenting the Rules to the Minister, the Chairman of Council asked the leave of the Committee, which was granted, to incorporate the Resolution in the Rules forthwith. It was recommended "that the action of the Committee be approved."

It was further recommended that a nurse who fails in the Preliminary Examination should be required to take the whole examination again, and not only the subject or subjects in which she has failed.

Also that the date of the Council Meeting in July be postponed until Friday, July 25th, so that, if possible, the lists of nurses who have been successful in the Optional and the first Preliminary Examination may be submitted to the Council for approval.

It was recommended that the Altrincham General Hospital be approved as a Training School for Nurses, and the Hendray Hospital, Barnsley, and the Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital, Oldham, as Training Schools for Fever Nurses.

The recommendations were approved, and the Report as a whole adopted.

Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, reported that on June 4th the Second Joint Meeting with the Advisory Committee appointed by the Medico-Psychological Association was held, and the following Resolution passed:—

RECOMMENDATION.

"That the Centres for the Oral and Practical Final Examination for Mental Nurses be the same as those for General Nurses, it being anticipated that some additional Centres may be found necessary."

It was recommended that the following Mental Hospitals be approved as Training Schools for Male and Female Mental Nurses:—*London*—Springfield Mental Hospital, Tooting, S.W. *Provinces*—Arlesey, Three Counties Mental Hospital; Basingstoke, Park Prewet Mental Hospital; Exeter, Wonford House; Cotford, Somerset and Bath Mental Hospital; Whittingham, County Mental Hospital; Worcester, City and County Mental Hospital.

Also that the following Hospitals be approved as Training Schools for Male and Female Nurses for Mental Defectives:—Colchester, Royal Eastern Counties' Institution; Dartford, Darenth Training Colony.

The recommendations were approved, and the Report as a whole adopted.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, moved that its Report be received.

The Committee placed on record an appreciation of the faithful and loyal service rendered by Miss Parsloe, and it was agreed by the Council that a letter in that sense should be forwarded to her.

The Recommendations detailed in the Report of the Finance Committee were approved.

(1) For additional equipment.

(2) That the employment of a permanent staff of 35 be recommended to the Minister of Health for approval, and that sanction be obtained for the employment of temporary clerks as supernumeraries for sickness, and to give assistance when the pressure of work demanded.

MISS COX-DAVIES said the matter had been carefully

considered, and, on the whole, the Committee were of opinion that the smallest permanent staff which should be recommended was one of 35.

(3) The recommendation of the increase in salary of the Registration Clerk from £250 to £300 passed without comment, but MISS SEYMOUR YAPP made the criticism on the recommendation to increase the salary of Miss Whiffen (temporary staff) from £3 to £4 4s. per week, that either she had been lamentably underpaid to the present, or was now receiving too big a rise.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that this lady come into the office at a time of pressure not doing such important work as at present. The work was gradually growing, and she was assisting in the compilation of the Register, and in interviewing applicants. It seemed that if they retained her services for a further period they should raise her salary.

MISS WEISE said she understood that the Assistant Registrar interviewed applicants, and MISS COX-DAVIES replied that she could not do it all.

The recommendation that the increase of salary to the Accountant from £260 to £350 (approved by the Council on December 18th, 1923, but deferred by the Minister of Health), be again recommended to the Ministry for approval, was approved.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

Report of the Uniform Committee.

MISS S. A. VILLIERS (Chairman) presented the Report of the Uniform Committee, when three more firms were authorised to make the Registered Nurses' Uniform.

The public business was then concluded and the Press withdrew.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THE REGISTERED UNIFORM.

Registered Nurses will receive with pleasure the statement by the Chairman as to the Registered Uniform. We may supplement it by stating that the Rules relating to the Registered Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses were presented to Parliament on June 25th, and unless an Address is presented to His Majesty within "the next subsequent twenty-one days on which that House has sat," Registered Nurses may wear this protected uniform and Badge. Meanwhile, as will be seen in the Revenue Account which we publish on page 163, our irresponsible General Nursing Council for England and Wales has already sold badges (costing 5s. 6d. each) to the extent of £2,077 7s., and should Parliament decide that the Registered Nurses are worthy of a more dignified emblem than the meretricious little trinket, which, as a Registered Nurse remarked, looks as if it had come out of a Christmas cracker, or that they have no right to a Badge inscribed "General Nursing Council for England and Wales," then the G.N.C. will, presumably, have no option but to recall the Badge and refund the £2,000 odd.

THE ELECTION SCHEME.

The Minister's letter, pointing out various unworkable proposals in the scheme for the Election of Direct Representatives suggested by the Council, has brought further Recommendations from the Registration Committee, which the Council turned down, to the wrath of the Chairman, who objected, not unnaturally, to some members refraining from voting. He wished them to study their Agenda, and come to the Council Meeting with a considered opinion. But that, after all, is largely a matter of the point at issue, the belief of some of the nurse members that only Matrons in active practice have opinions of any value to record. Others differ!

We hope the Registration Committee will recognise at long last that the only fair scheme to propose is that the 11

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