

decided that a letter should be sent to all nurses referred to, stating that unless a reply was received from them by the end of August it would be taken for granted that they did not wish to proceed with their applications, and that the fees would be returned." The Committee recommended "that the Registrar be instructed to return the fees of all nurses who have not replied to the above communication."

All these recommendations were agreed.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The Committee reported that the following letter had been referred to it by the Chairman of the Council:—

DEAR SIR,—Having recently been appointed to the post of Assistant Matron at St. Thomas's Hospital, and no longer holding the position of Sister-Tutor, and therefore not representing that section on the General Nursing Council, I am writing to ask that you will kindly accept my resignation, in order that the position may be filled on the Council by one holding the requisite qualifications.

I deeply regret having to take this step after so short a period of work, but did not foresee at the time of election that my position would alter so soon.

The work has been full of interest to me, and I can assure you that this will not cease because I am no longer a member of the Council.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) D. S. COODE.

Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B.

After quoting Clause 6 of the Schedule to the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, regulating the procedure for filling a vacancy in the Council, the Committee stated:—

"Miss Coode was elected under the Scheme of Election in 1922, as one of the five representatives of General Nurses not being, nor having been, matrons of Metropolitan or Provincial General or Poor Law Hospitals.

"This is the first time that a vacancy has occurred in the Council, and the Council has, therefore, to consider what procedure it will in such cases adopt. At least three courses are possible. The Council might refer the matter (a) to a Standing Committee, or (b) to a Special Committee appointed for the purpose, or (c) the Council might form itself into a Special Committee. The Registration Committee think that the Council will probably prefer the last method, and therefore propose—That at the conclusion of to-day's business the Council form itself into a Special Committee for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Coode."

MISS COWLIN saw no reason for Miss Coode to resign on the grounds stated in her letter.

THE CHAIRMAN considered it probable that Miss Coode felt it might be thought two seats on the Council should not be occupied by the Matron and Assistant Matron of the same hospital, and expressed the opinion that this view might justly be held.

MISS COX-DAVIES did not think it should come into the question. The position of Sister-Tutor was as responsible as that of Assistant Matron.

SIR JENNER VERRALL strongly expressed the view that the Council would be entering on a thorny path if it took into consideration the reasons for a resignation. If a member of the Council after due consideration felt it expedient to tender his or her resignation it should be accepted. If there was subsequent criticism it would be specially unfortunate if there was opposition (so to speak) by the Council to the resignation. The only right thing to do was to accept it with regret, if regret was felt.

MISS MUSSON expressed regret at the resignation of Miss Coode, and this was endorsed by Miss BUSHBY.

As recommended by the Registration Committee the Registrar was instructed to write to Miss Coode, expressing

the regret of the Council at her resignation, and its hearty thanks for the services she had rendered.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

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

Applications received:—

During the week ending September 13th ..	47
" " " " 20th ..	52
" " " " 27th ..	62
" " " " October 4th ..	104

REGISTRATION TO OCTOBER 4TH, 1924.

Applications received	44,540
Applications—	
Approved by the Council to September 19th, 1924 ..	40,688
For approval at meeting on October 17th, 1924 ..	493
Ineligible to September 19th, 1924 ..	568
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on	
October 17th, 1924	32
Withdrawn	766
Incomplete	1,993
	44,540

The following applications were taken *in camera* at the close of the meeting:—

	By Examination.
General Register	389 including 9
Male "	1
Mental "	65
Sick Children's Register	11
Fever Register	27
	493

Recommendation 11 that the appropriate Certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and Recommendations 11a and 11b, sanctioned by consent of the Council in accordance with the request of the Chairman of the Committee, were also considered *in camera*.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, moved that the Report be received.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL here said the Council would remember that at its last meeting a number of hospitals were approved as Associated Hospitals in accordance with the Recommendation passed at the July Meeting of the Council. To his astonishment requests had been received from certain hospitals recognised as Associated Hospitals that they should be allowed to remain under the former arrangement (as Affiliated Hospitals). The conditions of this arrangement were more strenuous and the training longer, and he thought that the Council would allow those hospitals which wished to remain under the former conditions to do so. This was agreed.

MISS LLOYD STILL then reported that arrangements for the October Preliminary Examination had been carried out. Written Examination, October 14th. Oral and Practical Examinations, October 21st to 24th and 29th and 30th.

Also the following recommendations of the Committee:—

That the following Hospital be recognised as a Complete Training School for Nurses—

"Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle."

That the following Hospital be recognised as a Training School which, in combination with another Public Hospital, gives complete training under Section I (3) of the Scheme of Training—

"Medway Union Hospital, Chatham, in association with Tunbridge Wells General Hospital and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester."

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