

It is satisfactory that the Minister is impressed with the desirability of adopting the suggestion of the Chartered Accountant who makes up the Council's ledgers that this official should also, from time to time conduct a current internal audit. We hope that the Chairman of the Finance Committee will bring up a definite Resolution on this point at the next meeting of the Council, as the Minister's letter was merely received, not referred to the Finance Committee. The Council, which has now been established nearly five years, has published no Statement of Accounts, apart from the official audit provided for in the Act, such as that published by the General Medical Council.

A STOLEN CERTIFICATE.

The fact that a Registered Nurse has applied for, and been granted, a Duplicate Certificate of Registration on the disquieting ground that her Certificate has been stolen should make nurses realise the importance of keeping this important document in safe custody. The question at once arises "to what use is the thief putting the stolen certificate?"

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.

The resignation of Miss D. S. Coode of her seat on the General Nursing Council, on the ground that she is no longer holding the position of Sister Tutor, "so that the position may be filled by one holding the requisite qualifications," is open to comment in several respects. Miss Coode's appointment as Assistant Matron at St. Thomas's Hospital in no way affected her tenure of office, her qualification for election being, as correctly defined by the Registration Committee, that she was elected "as one of the five representatives of General Nurses, not being, nor having been, Matrons of Metropolitan or Provincial General or Poor Law Hospitals." There is no provision in the scheme, under which the election of direct representatives of the nurses took place, reserving a seat for a Sister Tutor.

Moreover, a queer thing is that, at the time of her election, Miss Coode did not hold the position of Sister Tutor at St. Thomas's Hospital, a post held by Miss Gullane, but of Sister-in-Charge of the Preliminary Training School, in which her teaching duties were, presumably, limited to teaching the pupils in that School before they formally entered the Nightingale School for Training.

We do not understand the action of the Council in forming itself into a special committee to deal with the vacancy. Why not go into *camera* and do its own work?

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

We notice that the applications for Registration brought before the meeting of the Council in October were 493, and the income from this source therefore was presumably £1,035 6s. The expenditure sanctioned by the Council on October 17th amounted to £947 10s., which does not include the running expenses of rent, rates, taxes, salaries, &c.

OUT OF ORDER.

It will be observed that THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, who permitted MR. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to make an addition to its requisition for money, and Miss Musson, Chairman of the Registration Committee, to add two further Recommendations (11a and 11b), would not allow DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, to make any reference to a meeting which took place between that Committee and Members of the Medico-Psychological Association, ruling him out of order in not adhering strictly to the terms of the Report.

REPORT OF UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE.

We are of opinion that as no meeting of the Uniform Committee had been held, no Report should have been made by its Sub-Committee, no provision being made in the Rules for such Committees to report direct to the Council.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Proceedings at Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, October 3rd, 1924.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair, and twelve Members were present.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel Mackintosh, Convener of the Committee, and showed that, after receiving a deputation from Dundee Parish Council in regard to the arrangements made by the latter for increasing the amount of surgical and gynæcological cases at the East Poorhouse Hospital, Dundee, the Committee recommended that the Hospital be approved as a Training School.

Amongst correspondence dealt with by the Committee were letters from the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, pointing out that it was impossible for their Nurses to attend the Written Examination in Aberdeen on a Monday unless they travelled to Aberdeen on the Saturday. The Committee recommended that in future the Written Examinations should take place on the first Tuesday in the months of February, June and October, in place of the first Monday, as previously arranged, and that on this occasion a Written Examination should be held in Inverness, as there was no time to alter the date of the Examination.

A number of applications for recognition as Training Schools for Fever Nurses were submitted, and of these, Falkirk Infectious Diseases Hospital was recommended for recognition.

A letter was submitted from the Hon. General Secretary of the Medico-Psychological Association, stating that his Association were prepared to come to the following arrangements:—

1. That the Council should invite the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association to form an Advisory Committee to meet with the Education and Examination Committee of the Council for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the Final Examination for Mental Nurses.

2. That the General Nursing Council for Scotland should invite the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association to nominate Examiners for the Final Examination for consideration by the General Nursing Council.

3. That the Medico-Psychological Association should exempt from its Preliminary Examination Scottish Nurses who have passed the Preliminary Examination of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

The letter further stated that the Medico-Psychological Association could not agree to the suggestion that they should cease to hold any separate Preliminary Examination of their own in Scotland. The Committee recommend that this suggestion should not be insisted on, but, in agreeing to the other proposals, it should be made clear that, in the Council's view, it was undesirable that there should be two separate Preliminary Examinations for Mental Nurses. The Committee considered that certain Nurses in the first year of their training may take the Medico-Psychological Preliminary Examination, and afterwards discover that they desire to go in for another branch of nursing, in which case they would then have to take over again their Preliminary Training with a view to passing the Council's Preliminary Examination. After discussion, the Report was approved.

The Registrar submitted his report on the July Examination. This was approved, along with the arrangements for the October Examination.

The necessary amendments on the Rules in consequence of the reduction of the Fever Nurses' Training from 3 years to 2 years were approved.

The report of the Registration Committee was approved, and the names of 92 Nurses were added to the Register.

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