

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS WIESE enquired whether the present was the right time for her to bring forward some points in regard to the Preliminary State Examination, and upon the Chairman replying in the affirmative, said that she realised the result of the Examinations as a whole were very satisfactory, but certain complaints had been made to her:—

(1) That candidates had been asked questions on subjects not in the Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination, but from the Second Part, Section 5.

(2) Mental nurses had been asked: (a) to prepare a setting for an immediate appendix operation; and (b) to prepare a setting for the catheterisation of a male patient.

MISS WIESE moved:—

"That the Education and Examination Committee be requested to consider complaints as to questions asked in the Preliminary Examination."

This was seconded by MR. DONALDSON, who said further that he considered it most unfortunate that there should be no mental nurse upon the Education Committee. He himself had not put his name down for it as he had not the time, but MISS WIESE had put down her name each time, but had not been elected.

MISS WIESE further said that candidates for examination had to hand in their schedules, and there had been instances of those who had not brought them being asked by the examiner: "Where do you come from?"

THE CHAIRMAN said that nurses were not supposed to hand in their schedules.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that it would be helpful if a member of the Mental Nursing Committee were on the Education Committee. Questions had been asked in the examination which were not in the province of the first year nurse. The Education and Examination Committee were doing their best to rectify this, and had also instructed the examiners to put their questions in more simple form.

She also suggested that a vote of thanks should be sent to the centres and to the hospitals for their hospitality.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Council was very grateful for the kindness it had received, and had already written to the hospitals to thank them, but it might be well to take the present opportunity of thanking them publicly.

MISS LLOYD STILL, as Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, then moved that the Report be received, with the exception of Recommendation 8. (This concerned the recognition of five hospitals as complete Training Schools.)

The Second Preliminary State Examination.

The second Preliminary State Examination was held on October 14th, Written Paper; and on October 20th to 24th, and 28th to 30th, Oral and practical.

1,378 candidates entered.

1,319 sat for the Examination.

59 failed to attend owing to various causes.

Results.—Passed, 1,110; failed, 209.

The Committee further recommended that the following hospitals be recognised as Training Schools which, in combination with another public hospital, give complete training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training:—

Birmingham and Midland Homœopathic Hospital and Dispensary in affiliation with London Homœopathic Hospital.

Brixham Cottage Hospital (in affiliation with South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth).

And under Section 1 (3) of the Scheme of Training:—

Grimsby and District Hospital (in association with Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby).

Enfield and Edmonton Isolation Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London, as a Training School for Fever Nurses.

On Recommendation 12, which provided that the New End Hospital, Hampstead, and St. Luke's Hospital,

Bradford, should be recognised as Training Schools for Male Nurses, MR. STRATTON inquired what teaching the male nurses received in these institutions, and were any teachers appointed to instruct them?

MISS LLOYD STILL proposed, and it was agreed, that this Recommendation should be referred back to the Committee for further information.

Other Recommendations adopted were:—

That the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, be recognised as a Training School in association with the St. Marylebone Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, London.

That the provisional approval granted to the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, be continued till March 25th, 1925.

That the recognition granted to the Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, be continued for one year from September 30th, 1924.

The Report as amended was agreed.

Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

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

The Committee reported that the third Joint Meeting with the Advisory Committee, appointed by the Medico-Psychological Association, was held on October 1st, and the following resolution was passed in connection with the Final Examination for Mental Nurses:—

"That the oral and practical part will consist of an oral examination of thirty minutes (fifteen minutes to each examiner), and an examination both oral and practical in Mental Nursing lasting twenty minutes."

As this involved an alteration in the Rules passed by the Council previously, it was decided to recommend as follows:—

"That the fourth paragraph of Section II (ii) (b) (2) (Final Examination for Mental Nurses) of the Scheme for Conducting the State Examinations which was passed by the Council at its meeting on November 16th, 1923, viz:—

"The oral and practical part will consist of an oral examination of 20 minutes, and an examination both oral and practical in Mental Nursing lasting half-an-hour,"

be rescinded, and the following substituted:—

"The oral and practical part will consist of an oral examination of thirty minutes (fifteen minutes to each examiner) and an examination both oral and practical in Mental Nursing lasting twenty minutes."

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said the reason for the proposed alteration was that the practical part of Mental Nursing was relatively small, and it was, therefore, considered better to reverse the time allotted.

The Committee further reported that several matters affecting the examination of mental nurses had been discussed and communications made to the Education and Examination Committee thereon.

It recommended that the following hospital be recognised as a Training School for Male and Female Mental Nurses:—

Warwick County Mental Hospital, Hatton.

The Committee reported that 23 mental hospitals had not yet replied to enquiries instituted by the Committee.

On the suggestion of SIR JENNER VERRALL it was decided to delete the word "replied," and insert the words "completed their replies."

The Report as amended was adopted.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, presented the Report, which stated that Miss MacKirdy, Examinations Officer, was taken ill on November 2nd, and underwent an operation. Her progress was satisfactory.

The Recommendations of this Committee have already been dealt with in the Report of the Finance Committee.

Report of the Uniform Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, Chairman of the Uniform Committee, presented its Report, which stated that 44 more firms had been authorised to make the Registered Nurses Uniform.

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