

This body of Medical Superintendents have not placed even one Matron on its selected list, and if this is allowed by the Council to go through there will be nothing to prevent other Supplementary Registers from requesting the same right, which would be most disastrous to the prestige of the Council, and the Nursing Profession. She wished to enter her protest."

THE CHAIRMAN said Miss Bushby's protest was hardly in order. It had been decided by the Council itself to ask the M.P.A. to form an Advisory Committee. It was passed and done, and it was not in order to raise the question now.

It is true the Council weakly, and, we believe, unconstitutionally, agreed to hand over certain powers with which it was entrusted by Parliament to an outside body, but even the Council did not say that it abdicated its right to criticise, and control the composition of the nominated Advisory Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The principal points in the Report of the Finance Committee, presented by the Chairman, Mr. Robert Donaldson, were:—

1. The Recommendation that copies of the 1924 Register be issued to the Police Courts, and that an estimate be obtained from the printer for the supply of 1,100 copies of the Register. This was opposed by DR. GOODALL on the ground that it would be a considerable and constantly recurring expense. He understood that the police had instructions to report convictions of nurses to the Council.

THE CHAIRMAN said that was so. The Home Office had assisted the Council by giving such instructions.

MISS WRESE said the Register in the possession of the police would not be up to date.

Ultimately the recommendation was referred back.

2. It was reported that it would be necessary to realise investments to meet the purchase price of the house, 20, Portland Place, and recommended that it be left in the hands of the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in consultation with the bankers, to decide which investments should be realised, and to pay the requisite purchase price, £5,500. This was agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN made a report in regard to the House, saying that the Council was compelled to have new premises, owing (1) to the growth of the Examination Department, which required two rooms; and (2) to the large storage room required for documents. Every Registered Nurse possessed a large file of these, about 1,000 going to a yard, in filing cabinets 2 ft. deep. They now had 40,000 files so stored, and they were so heavy they could not be put anywhere but on the ground floor. The rooms were not enough, and he did not see much chance of reducing the staff at present. Either they had to build, which would have been much too expensive, or go into business premises. The rent of a new set of flats, which might have met their requirements, would have been £1,500 to £2,000. The rent of the purchased house was £500. They enquired of agencies in Bloomsbury and Marylebone, and this house was far the most suitable; indeed, the only one to give the accommodation required.

Four recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were approved, and the Report as a whole adopted.

Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that its report be received. It was reported: "That the question having arisen as to the position of a Registered Nurse who had failed to pay her retention fee, an opinion was obtained from the Council's Solicitor. The opinion was to the effect that the name of a nurse who failed to

pay her retention fee would be excluded from both the manuscript and printed Registers, and that a nurse whose name was so excluded would not be entitled to call herself a Registered Nurse. Also that under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, a nurse was liable to prosecution if she used the title of Registered Nurse when her name was not on the Register.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

That the following statements had been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received during the weeks ending—					
February	9th, 1924	..	..	..	58
"	16th, "	..	..	..	49
"	23rd, "	..	..	..	68
March	1st "	..	..	..	75
"	8th "	..	..	..	92

Registration to March 8th, 1924.

Applications received 42,496

Applications:

Approved by the Council to February 15th, 1924	..	35,703
For approval at meeting on March 21st	..	1,205
Ineligible to meeting on February 15th	..	446
Ineligible to be brought before the meeting on		
March 21st	..	20
Withdrawn	..	355
Incomplete	..	4,767
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The following applications were considered *in camera*:—

General Part of the Register	..	861
Male	..	14
Mental	..	247
Mental Defectives	..	6
Sick Children Register	..	19
Fever Register	..	58
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		1,205

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education Committee, presented its report, which recommended:—

That the following Hospitals be recognised as Training Schools, which, in combination with other Public Hospitals, give complete training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training:—

Farnham Union Infirmary (in affiliation with Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford).

Tonbridge Union Infirmary (in affiliation with Lambeth Infirmary).

That the following Hospitals be recognised as together forming a complete Training School:—

Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Tynemouth.

Tynemouth Union Hospital (Preston Hospital).

That the following Hospital be granted provisional recognition to March 31st, 1925, as a Training School, in affiliation with the Dudley Road Hospital of the Birmingham Union:—

Warwick Union Infirmary.

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

Monsall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Manchester.

The Report was approved.

Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

Dr. Bedford Pierce, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, presented its Report, which stated that arrangements are being made to invite the Advisory Committee of the Association to meet the Mental Nursing Committee on April 2nd. Also that the difficulties that arise in relation to the Preliminary Examination for Mental Nurses had been considered, and that the Education and Examination Committee were being consulted in regard to the matter.

The Committee recommended that the following Mental

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