

The Committee recommended that the following hospital be recognised as a complete training school :—

Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital, Lowestoft.

That the following hospital be recognised as a Training School which, in combination with another public hospital, gives complete training under Section 1 (3) of the Scheme of Training :—

The Hospital, Worthing (In association with the Royal Northern Hospital, London).

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 :—

Finchley Memorial Hospital, North Finchley (In affiliation with the London Temperance Hospital).

Yeovil District Hospital and Dispensary (In affiliation with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter).

East Preston Union Hospital, Littlehampton (In affiliation with Lambeth Hospital, London).

On an application from the Guardians of the Huddersfield Union the Committee recommended :—

"That the Crosland Moor Infirmary of the Huddersfield Union, be transferred from the list of 'Affiliated Hospitals' to the list of 'Associated Hospitals.'"

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, presented the Report.

The Committee reported (a) that the correspondence dealt with in the office between May 1st and May 30th amounted to 9,540 letters received, 14,635 letters despatched; (b) that the interviews numbered 550.

The other business of this Committee has been dealt with in connection with the Report of the Finance Committee.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Uniform Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, Chairman of the Uniform Committee, presented the Report.

It recommended that fifteen additional firms be authorised to make the Registered Nurses' Uniform.

It reported that an application had been received from the General Nursing Council for Scotland regarding the registration of the Uniform button and badge of that Council.

The Committee recommended :—

"That the following resolution passed by Council on September 21st, 1923, viz :—

"That this Council offers no objection to the Scottish Council adopting the same Uniform, provided they adopt a registered button, and a registered badge for the hat band,' be rescinded and the following substituted :—

'That this Council offers no objection to the Scottish Council adopting the same Uniform, provided they adopt a distinctive button, and a distinctive badge for the hat band.'"

The Report as a whole was adopted.

Report of the Special Committee of Chairman of Committees.

THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL moved that the Report be received.

The Committee reported that it had met once, and that the Chairman of Council was elected Chairman of the Committee. It further reported that the Committee felt that it would be very inadvisable to interfere with the free election by Council of the members of Committee, but that the majority felt that some inconvenience had arisen which would be obviated by the following recommendation.

"That if the Education and Examination Committee contain no representative of a special branch of training, it shall have power to co-opt an additional member of Council representative of that branch."

Discussion followed as to representation by a mental nurse, in view of the fact that there is a Mental Nursing Committee. DR. GOODALL advocated its abolition, and the appointment of a Sub-Committee, and Miss BUSHBY protested against powers of the Council being given to the Medico-Psychological Society, and MR. DONALDSON considered it important to work in harmony with that body.

The public business then concluded, and the press withdrew.

Expiration of Term of Grace.

We are asked to state that the period of grace for Intermediate Nurses, *i.e.* nurses who have completed their training since November 1st, 1919, terminated on June 30th. No nurse with intermediate qualifications will now be eligible for registration unless she sits for both the preliminary and final State Examinations.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THE REGISTERED UNIFORM.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales at its June meeting, gave permission to the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, to adopt its Uniform and Braid. It should, however, be noted that the Nurses' Registration Acts provide for the imposition of penalties upon any one who wears the protected uniform of the State Registered Nurse, and even the General Nursing Council cannot override an Act of Parliament. Therefore, if Certified Midwives in Northern Ireland adopt the Registered Nurses' Uniform, we are of opinion that they lay themselves open to penalties, the General Nursing Council notwithstanding, although they may do so in all good faith, after the pronouncement of the G.N.C.

We suggest that the Council makes it clear to the Joint Nursing Council for Northern Ireland that the permission applies only to nurses.

THE ELECTION SCHEME AND THE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

It is scarcely consistent with the dignity of a Statutory Body that the press should be its sole source of information concerning a matter which so intimately affects it as the appointment of a Select Committee "to examine the Election Scheme, and to report upon the desirability of making the adoption of the Council's Syllabus of Training compulsory."

If the members of the Council study the Parliamentary Debates they must know that the Committee has been appointed, and the terms of reference. And surely it is the duty of the Registrar to keep herself informed as to proceedings in Parliament affecting nurses and nursing, and to acquaint the General Nursing Council with matters which affect it. An enquiry at the Ministry of Health would have elicited official information to place before the Council. Even now, apparently the Council is officially ignorant that the Select Committee is to consider the desirability of making the Council's Syllabus of Training compulsory.

JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES' COUNCIL, NORTHERN IRELAND.

At a meeting of the above Council on June 19th at 118, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Lieut.-Col. Dawson, M.D., in the chair as Returning Officer, reported the return of the following in the election of the eight elected members of the new Joint Council, coming into office on June 20th :— Drs. R. J. Johnstone and W. Calwell (representing the Registered Medical Practitioners of Northern Ireland); Misses A. E. Musson, M. E. Campbell, I. V. Gawley, and M. W. MacFaddin (representing the Registered Nurses of Northern Ireland); Miss E. Douglas (representing the Midwives of Northern Ireland). Owing to the necessity of disallowing one nomination, there was still one vacancy for a Midwives' representative, which would have to be filled by co-optation.

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