

First Council. The Chairman of the Registration Committee was asked to draw up a Scheme, the Chairman at that time being Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, so the present Council was not primarily responsible. The proposals as to the other seats were an effort to secure the representation of minorities, Sister Tutors, private Nurses, and so on. However, the whole thing had been turned down by the Select Committee.

(2) They were accused of evading the provision of the Nurses Registration Act that the scheme of Training shall be prescribed by Rule. That turned upon the interpretation of the Act. The Council, the Minister, his Advisers, and the Select Committee all took the same view.

With reference to the Select Committee the Council did not petition for one, and as regards the findings of the Committee the honours were equally divided.

In regard to the Registration Fee the Chairman asserted that it was not abolished but included in the examination fee. It saved the candidate trouble and the Council expense.

The form of the new certificate was more handy than the original one. The wording was the same. There was a small slip which could conveniently be sent up to the Council instead of sending up the Certificate as in Scotland. The emblems of the Council had been incorporated.

SIR JENNER VERRALL proposed that the Resolutions lie upon the table.

This was seconded by DR. GOODALL, who said it was not the custom for public bodies to receive these sort of lectures. The motion was carried.

Report of the Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, the sum of £100 for stamps was allowed, £10 for Insurance Stamps, £20 for Petty Cash, and £3,000 for Examiners' expenses be allowed.

The Committee reported that they raised no objection to Recommendations 9, 11, and 12 of the Registration Committee.

RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION (Recommendation 9).

"That the last paragraph of the Rule for Reciprocal Registration passed by Council on July 20th, 1923, and approved by the Minister of Health on October 15th, 1923, be rescinded, and the following paragraph substituted:—

"That from January 1st, 1926, a fee of 10s. 6d. be charged for any admission to any Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales of nurses registered on the Register of the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council (Northern Ireland) respectively."

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (Recommendation 11).

"That the estimate of the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Ltd., of £18 16s. 8d. per thousand for engrossing the Certificate of Registration be accepted."

THE REGISTER OF NURSES (Recommendation 12).

"That the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner amounting to £2,550 for re-setting the type of the Register in smaller type be accepted."

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 17 of the Education and Examination Committee.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

(Recommendation 17).

"That the resolution of April 21st, 1922 (para. 243) Report of Finance Committee be rescinded, and that members of the Council travelling on Council business be granted first-class travelling expenses."

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 24 of the General Purposes Committee.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

"That the Office be closed from December 24th to December 28th inclusive for the Christmas Holidays."

The Estimate of Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd. for 20,000 Best Quality Envelopes at 84s. per thousand for the new Registration Certificate was accepted.

The Estimate of Messrs. Forsaith & Co. for printing 20,000 copies of the revised Scheme for Conducting the State Examinations (£23) and 20,000 Regulations for Conducting the State Examinations (£22 17s. 6d.) was accepted.

FINAL ACCOUNT FOR 20, PORTLAND PLACE.

MR. DONALDSON further reported that the Committee had considered the final account rendered by the builders, Messrs. B. Colley & Son, Ltd., for extra work done at 20, Portland Place, to conform to the Burgh Surveyor's requirements, &c., amounting to £1,284 17s. 3d., and account for Fittings, Furniture, &c., amounting to £453 17s. 8d., a total of £1,738 14s. 11d.

He said that the account seemed rather a large one, but many small items went to swell it, in addition to the steel girders required by the Burgh Surveyor. Regarded as a whole the rent over 21 years worked out at £600. Against that the rent for which the garage was let was £120. They certainly could not rent a house in that neighbourhood and of that size for less than £1,000, and it must therefore be considered a bargain.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON (Chairman) moved that the Report be received.

RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION WITH IRISH FREE STATE.

The Committee reported that an application by the General Nursing Council for Ireland (Free State) for reciprocal registration between that Council and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales had been received. It recommended and the Council agreed:—

"That this Council agrees to accept a Certificate of Registration on the General Part or any Supplementary Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for Ireland, as sufficient evidence of fitness for admission to the corresponding Part of the Register of this Council, provided that the General Nursing Council for Ireland agrees to admit to their Register on similar terms nurses registered by this Council."

We have already reported in connection with the Report of the Finance Committee that the fee for reciprocal registration with the Councils of Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively is to be 10s. 6d.

SCHEME OF ELECTION.

The Committee recommended, and it was agreed, that the Scheme of Election (appended) as amended in accordance with the finding of the Select Committee of the House of Commons be forwarded to the Minister of Health for approval.

It also reported that the question of printing the 1926 volume of the Register of Nurses had been considered. As there are about 10,000 names to be added it was considered impossible to continue to issue it in the existing type except in two volumes. It was recommended, and agreed that it should be reset in smaller type.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

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

Applications received:—

During the week ending Oct. 10th, 1925	..	1
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