

The Registrar was instructed to reply that a large number of the questions asked were not within the knowledge of the General Nursing Council, and in addition that the Council had always treated the information that it received from the Training Schools as confidential, and would not feel justified, therefore, in filling up the questionnaire even with regard to the small number of questions that it could answer. The Registrar was also instructed to forward to the International Council of Nurses a list of the approved Training Schools from whom the desired information could be obtained by sending the questionnaire direct to them.

#### RECOGNITION OF TRAINING SCHOOLS.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the following hospital was recognised as a complete Training School.

Ashton-under-Lyne Union, Lake Hospital.

The following hospitals were recognised as Training Schools, which, in combination with other Public Hospitals, give complete training under Section I (2) of the Scheme of Training.

Lewes, Victoria Hospital (In affiliation with Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings).

Preston Union, Fulwood Workhouse Hospital (In affiliation with Salford Union Infirmary).

The following hospital was recognised as a Training School for Sick Children's Nurses.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hospital for Sick Children, Moor Edge.

#### A MATTER OF URGENCY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL stated that he had given leave for the following paragraph and recommendation to be added to the Agenda as a matter of urgency.

Para. VI. Considered—A communication from the Minister of Health received too late to be included in the Agenda, enclosing suggested amendments to the Draft of the Rules for Future Nurses which had been forwarded to the Minister by Resolution of Council on May 16th, 1924.

#### Recommendation 12a

"That the amendments be approved."

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that he had looked at these amendments every way, and could not understand them. He had had considerable experience of committee business, and felt sure that if he could not understand them the man in the street could not. What was the difference between an associated and affiliated training school in the sentence, "Provided that the Council, if it thinks fit, may at the same time recognise an institution both as a complete training school and as an affiliated training school." He was in a fog.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Council's recommendations had been before the Minister, and all that had been criticised were the words of the Minister.

SIR JENNER VERRALL did not see why the difference between affiliated and associated institutions should not be made completely intelligible, and THE CHAIRMAN said that in an affiliated training school the point was that of size, the hospital might have 20 or 30 beds, and was too small to train completely. With an associated hospital size was not the question. It might have 50 or more beds, and be large enough to train nurses completely, and still be deficient in material to enable it to do so in some particulars. This was a question of material.

On the motion of Sir Jenner Verrall it was agreed "That the amendments as a whole be approved, but that certain points should be referred to the Minister."

The Report as a whole was approved.

#### Motion.

THE CHAIRMAN then called upon Miss COWLIN to propose the motion standing in her name.

"That if not elected to serve on the Education and Registration Committees, members of the Council representing definite branches of nursing, to be given the opportunity to do so as an act of grace."

MISS COWLIN asked leave to amend her motion by deleting all the words after "that," and substituting after "that" "of the twelve members forming the Education and Examination Committee, one shall be the member elected by male nurses, one the member elected by fever nurses, one the member elected by sick children's nurses, and one a member elected by mental nurses."

THE CHAIRMAN said that if a member asked leave to amend a motion of which notice had been given, he might do so only by a unanimous vote of Council. A single dissentient voice could stop it, though another member of the Council could move an amendment.

MISS MUSSON dissented. Miss COWLIN therefore moved her motion in its original form, and MR. DONALDSON seconded by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP, moved the amendment desired by Miss COWLIN.

MR. DONALDSON said the amendment was really meant to assist mental nurses, who had no representation on the Education Committee.

It was pointed out that there was a Mental Nursing Committee.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said he would be constrained to vote against the Resolution to-day, but he would prefer that the Mental Nursing Committee should be swept away, and that there should be a representative of each Supplementary Part of the Register on the Education Committee.

The Amendment was lost by 15 votes to 6, and on a Division being called for by Miss Bushby, there voted:—

*Ayes:* Misses Cowlin, Wiese and Yapp, Dr. Bedford Pierce, Messrs. Donaldson and Stratton.

*Noes:* Misses Alsop, Armstrong, Barratt, Bushby, Cox-Davies, du Sautoy, Musson, Lloyd-Still, Smith, Sparshott, and Villiers, Drs. Goodall and Smedley, Lady Hobhouse and Sir Jenner Verrall.  
*Not voting:* Miss Bremner.

A motion by Dr. Goodall to refer the question of the constitution of the Education Committee to that Committee for consideration and report was lost, Miss Musson expressing the opinion that the right principle was to allow members of the Council to vote for whom they chose.

MISS WIESE then proposed the following amendment:—

"That the constitution of the Education and Examination Committee be referred to a special Committee consisting of the chairmen of Committees."

This was seconded by Miss COX DAVIES, and carried by eleven votes to six, and, as a substantive motion, by twelve votes to eight.

#### Election of Committees.

The next business was the election of Committees, the press being asked to withdraw.

MR. DONALDSON, seconded by Miss WIESE, moved that the election should be in the presence of the press, and this was carried.

*Finance Committee* (no contest).—Misses Barratt, Bushby, Cox-Davies, du Sautoy, Musson and Villiers, Mr. Donaldson and Sir Jenner Verrall.

*Registration Committee* (no contest).—Misses Alsop, Bremner, Cox-Davies, du Sautoy and Musson, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Stratton, Dr. Goodall.

*Education and Examination Committee* (fourteen nominations for twelve vacancies; elected).—Misses Alsop, Armstrong, Bushby, Cowlin, Cox-Davies, du Sautoy, Lloyd Still, Musson, Sparshott and Villiers, Drs. Goodall and Smedley.

*Mental Nursing Committee* (no contest).—Misses Bremner, Cowlin, du Sautoy, Wiese, and Seymour Yapp, Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Bedford Pierce and Smedley.

*General Purposes Committee* (seven nominations for six vacancies; elected).—Misses Bremner, Bushby and Cox-Davies, Musson, Wiese, and Dr. Goodall.

*Disciplinary Committee* (no contest).—Misses Bremner, Bushby, Cowlin, Musson, Smith and Wiese, Sir Jenner Verrall and Mr. Stratton.

We note that though the Council are considering the question of sending a delegate to the meeting of the I.C.N. at Copenhagen, the letter to Miss Riddell conveyed no invitation to do so.

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