

Also that the Committee has considered the scheme for the training of Mental Nurses in force in Queensland, referred by the Registration Committee, and is of the opinion that it is sufficiently near to that approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to justify the Council in making arrangements for reciprocal registration with the Government of Queensland.

CONSIDERED.—Further list of Mental Hospital, whose authorities have replied to enquires instituted by the Council.

On the recommendation of the Committee the following Hospitals were recognised as Training Schools for Male and Female Mental Nurses:—

Ipswich, Mental Hospital.

Huddersfield, Storthes Hall Asylum, Kirkburton.

The Committee reported that it is making application to the Training Schools for Mental Nurses for the names of their teachers, preparatory to forming a Panel of Examiners for the Final Oral and Practical Examination for Mental Nurses.

Also that the Committee thinks it probable that the number of Mental Nurses applying to sit for the Final Examination in July, 1925, may be so small as to cause serious pecuniary loss to the Council. The Committee, therefore, recommended:—

“That Recommendation 15 of September 21st, 1923, be amended so far as it relates to the following paragraphs for Mental Nurses, by the addition of the following words:—

“(a) Paragraph III (1). ‘Provided that the Council authorise the Mental Nursing Committee to reduce the Board of Examiners by one Medical Examiner, if it is found that the number of candidates is so few as to justify the reduction, the Board then being composed of two Medical Examiners and one Nurse Examiner.’

“(b) Paragraph IV (3). ‘That where the number of candidates at a Centre is less than 18 the practical part of the Final Examination shall be conducted by two Medical Examiners and one Nurse Examiner.’”

In reply to a question from Miss Musson Dr. Bedford Pierce expressed the opinion that three Examiners could manage eighteen candidates in a day—not more.

MISS DU SAUTOY asked why seeing that the Examination was one in Nursing it was proposed to have two medical and only one Nurse Examiner.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said there were three periods of the Examination, two of which were conducted by medical men and one by a nurse. The Council had already approved the principle.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, moved that the Report be received.

The Committee reported that Miss COX-DAVIES had been re-elected its Chairman.

Also that the sub-letting of 12, York Gate until March, 1926, had been put into the hands of Agents.

The other items in the Report have already been dealt with in that of the Finance Committee.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Uniform Committee.

MISS VILLIERS, Chairman of the Uniform Committee, moved that its Report be received.

The Committee reported that Miss Villiers had been re-elected its Chairman.

It recommended that 37 more firms be authorised to make the State Registered Uniform.

The Report was approved.

The Opening Ceremony at 20, Portland Place, W.

The Chairman of Council stated that the Committee (presumably the House Committee.—Ed.) thought the Council would wish its new House to be opened by a Royal

Personage. The Queen could not come, but Princess Mary had consented to do so, and the Queen had graciously said that she would visit the Council's House later on. The day fixed for the opening ceremony was Saturday, April 4th. The public business then concluded and the Press withdrew.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

We wonder why the House Committee which, according to the official return for last year, met fifteen times, never reports to the General Nursing Council, and when the Council appointed it.

The attendances were as follows:—Sir Wilmot Herringham (who is *ex-officio*), 13; Miss Bremner, 15; Miss Cox-Davies, 11; Mr. Donaldson, 14.

The Statutory Rules for the Procedure of Council and Committees prescribe the Standing Committees and provide that “Each Committee other than the Standing Committee of the whole Council, and the Education and Examination Committee, and the General Purposes Committee, shall consist of eight members of the Council, and the quorum shall be four.” It would appear, therefore, that the methods in regard to this Committee are most irregular, and apparently the Ministry of Health has taken no action to require the General Nursing Council to conform to the Statutory Rules.

THE STATUTORY REGISTER.

We notice that Mr. Donaldson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, drew attention to the increasing cost and bulk of the Register, and said that “something would have to be done.”

Both these things are inevitable, as more and more nurses register, but we hope that nothing will be done to depreciate the Register. The Nurses' Act is a Registration Act, and Registration is what they pay for, although the Council at the present time has over-ridden the Act and abolished the Registration Fee.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We think the Council is strictly constitutional in the reply it has sent to the International Council of Nurses in respect to appointing a Delegate to attend the forthcoming Congress in Helsingfors, which it realises it was not invited to do. Its dignity, as a Statutory and Judicial Body, will be best maintained by conserving its autonomy, as the General Medical Council does.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Note of Proceedings at the Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on January 30th, 1925.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair and 11 Members were present.

The report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh and was approved. Amongst the matters dealt with was an Application from the Glasgow Eye Infirmary for approval of a scheme of affiliated training by which Probationers would be trained for one year in the Glasgow Eye Infirmary and three years in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow. The scheme was approved.

The arrangements made by the Registrar for the holding of the Preliminary Examination in February were approved, and arrangements for the Final Examination to commence in October were further discussed.

The report of the Registration Committee was submitted by Miss Gill, the Convener of that Committee, and was approved. The report showed that the names of 114 Nurses were recommended for admission to the Register.

The report of the Uniform Committee which was sub-

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