

Rule 9. I. (g).

It was agreed not to admit nurses qualified for Registration in England and Wales under the Rules Modification Order, 1923 (Rule 9. I. (g)).

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership of the College were then considered, and action taken thereon.

Appointment of Chairmen of Committees.

Miss Cochrane accepted office as Chairman of the Education Standing Committee, Mrs. L. Andrews of the Political, Economic, and Legal Protection Committee, and Miss D. K. Graham of the Public Health Committee.

Report of the Finance Standing Committee.

The Report of the Finance Standing Committee was then considered.

Action was taken in reference to the appointment of a Solicitor to the College, and to the Legal Protection of Fellows and Members, and in regard to Insurance and Pension Schemes, and to a recommendation that a Leaflet should be drawn up showing Nurses what the Constitution and Objects of the College are, and the special benefits to them of Fellowship and Membership.

The Grant of Pensions.—An Important Decision.

Resolution No. 4 of the Report was as follows:—

"That the Finance Committee advises the Council to adopt the Scheme now suggested by the Treasurer for the investment of One Thousand Pounds each year to form a College Pension Fund, and thus enable, after the year 1936, the College to grant a Pension for life, each year, of £50 to a Fellow, and one for £25 a year to a Member of the College."

The Report was approved.

The Abbreviated Report of the Political, Economic and Legal Protection Committee.

A Meeting of the Political, Economic, and Legal Protection Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, on Tuesday, November 9th, 1926.

The business before the Meeting was the consideration of a letter from Miss Beatrice Kent, F.B.C.N., referred by the Council.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was elected to the Chair. The

letter contained a protest against the name of a nurse being retained on the Nurses' Register for 1926, who had been arrested for theft in October, 1925, bound over at a Police Court for the sum of £5, placed on probation for 12 months, and ordered to pay £3 3s. costs.

Miss Kent added: "I think that stern discipline in respect of offences so grave as stealing should actuate the minds of members of the General Nursing Council. Moreover it would be unfair to all State Registered Nurses who have blameless characters, to be associated with persons like Miss ——— on the State Register. Lax discipline leads to demoralisation, which is a public danger."

The President placed before the Committee details of the case, and stated that the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the General Nursing Council had dealt with the case, no report giving the name of the offender had been placed before the Council when the press was present, but it was rumoured that the Council had *in camera* placed the offender on probation.

RESOLUTION.

After full discussion the following Resolution was passed unanimously, to be reported to the Council.

Recommended—

That the Council of the British College of Nurses should communicate with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and enquire what steps it intends to take to remove the name of ———

— (No. —) from the Register of Nurses, as she was on October 13th, 1925, proved guilty of theft at Great Marlborough Police Court, bound over in a sum of £5, and placed on probation for twelve months.

The Committee made its recommendation for the following reasons:—

1. That the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council and approved by Parliament, dealing with criminal offences (felony or misdemeanour or misconduct) are well defined (Part V. Removal of Nurse from Register).
2. That the General Nursing Council is entrusted by Parliament with the responsibility of maintaining the moral standard of the Nurses' Register for the protection of the public and of the Nursing Profession.
3. That by failing to remove the name of a nurse from the Register, proved guilty of theft in a Police Court, the General Nursing Council has failed in its duty in this connection.
4. That the Committee deprecates the action of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in dealing



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Presented to the College by the President.

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