

Correspondence and Interviews.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the Correspondence dealt with in the Office between December 1st and December 31st amounted to 3,919 letters received, and 6,685 letters despatched. The interviews numbered 79, and the interviews for the year 1925 numbered 3,830.

Motion.

In accordance with notice MISS COX-DAVIES then moved—

“That when the Council having had under consideration all the evidence of a *prima facie* case, proceeds to take action thereon the Solicitor to the Council shall always be in attendance.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stratton.

MISS COX-DAVIES said that it was not necessary for her to say much. There were three main duties before the Council in connection with disciplinary cases, (1) To preserve the purity of the Register; (2) To protect the public; (3) To see that the accused person had justice.

SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM said he was sure that the intention of the Resolution was excellent but he was not sure about the wording. It might be read to mean that the Solicitor should not be in attendance until the Council proceeded to take action in regard to a case, whereas they were guided by his advice throughout. He moved an amendment which was accepted by MISS COX-DAVIES, and the Motion was carried in the following form:—

“That when the Council proceeds to take action upon any case reported to it by the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee the Solicitor to the Council shall always be present at the meeting and at any subsequent meeting at which such case is discussed.”

Election of Committees.

The Council then proceeded to elect the Standing Committees for the ensuing year with the subjoined results:—

Finance:—Miss Bushby, Miss Cox-Davies, Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Mr. Donaldson, Miss du Sautoy, Sir Wilmot Herringham, Sir Jenner Verrall, Miss Villiers.

Registration:—Miss Alsop, Miss Bremner, Mr. Donaldson, Miss du Sautoy, Dr. Goodall, Miss Price, Mr. Stratton, Miss Wiese.

Education and Examination:—Miss Alsop, Miss Armstrong, Miss Bushby, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss du Sautoy, Dr. Goodall, Sir Wilmot Herringham, Miss Lloyd Still, Dr. Smedley, Miss Sparshott, Mr. Stratton, Miss Villiers.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases:—Miss Bremner, Sir Wilmot Herringham, Lady Hobhouse, Miss Smith, Mr. Stratton, Sir Jenner Verrall, Miss Villiers, Miss Wiese.

Mental Nursing:—Miss Bremner, Miss Cowlin, Mr. Donaldson, Miss du Sautoy, Sir Wilmot Herringham, Dr. Bedford Pierce, Dr. Smedley, Miss Wiese.

General Purposes:—Miss Bremner, Miss Bushby, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss du Sautoy, Dr. Goodall, Miss Wiese.

MISS WIESE drew the attention of the Council to the fact that there was no representative of Mental Nurses on the Education Committee.

Notice of Motion.

MISS COX-DAVIES gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council she would move that it should appoint a Deputy Chairman. For the first time it had a Chairman not resident in London, and she thought such an appointment desirable.

MISS BUSHBY asked whether such an appointment would be in conformity with the Rules.

THE CHAIRMAN said the Council was not now discussing the question, but only receiving notice of the proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

Disciplinary Case.

The Council then proceeded to discuss *in camera* a disciplinary case (the fourth) and the press withdrew

It will be noted that Miss Cox-Davies is under a misapprehension in stating that for the first time the Council has a Chairman not resident in London. The late Chairman, Sir Wilmot Herringham, at the time of his appointment to that position, and for the greater portion of his term of office, lived out of London, but no doubt found membership of a London Club a convenience.

Miss Musson also lives out of London, but, in the same way, belongs to, and makes use of, a London Club.

We presume that Miss Bushby, in her question, was referring to Rule 31 of the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, which, under the heading "Procedure of Council and Committees" (Chairman) defines the procedure to be adopted in the absence of the Chairman of Council as follows:— "In the event of the Chairman not being present at any meeting of the Council, the Council shall appoint a Chairman to preside at that meeting." A different method, therefore, requires the approval of the Minister of Health, and the sanction of Parliament.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES DURING 1925.

	Council.	Finance.	Regis- tration.	Educn. and Examn.	E. & E. Sub. Comm.	Discip. and Penal.	Mental Nur- sing.	Ment. Sub- Comm.	Joint Comm. (Ment.)	Gen. Pur- poses.	Unif- form.	House.	Special Comm. of Chairmen	TOTAL.
Possible Number	11	10	15	17	9	5	8	1	3	9	8	5	1	102
Sir Wilmot Herringham	10	7	7	14	5	3	3	—	1	7	—	4	1	62
Miss Alsop	10	—	10	15	8	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	45
Miss Armstrong	10	—	—	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Miss Bremner	8	—	10	—	—	4	5	—	1	5	8	3	—	44
Miss Bushby	11	7	—	15	7	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	1	53
Miss Cowlin	9	—	—	10	1	4	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	31
Miss Cox-Davies	10	8	12	15	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	3	1	60
Rev. G. B. Cronshaw	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Mr. Donaldson	11	10	14	—	—	—	7	1	3	—	6	5	1	58
Miss du Sautoy	11	9	13	14	—	—	7	—	2	—	4	—	—	60
Dr. Goodall	11	—	15	16	3	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	53
Hon. Mrs. Hills	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Lady Hobhouse	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Miss Lloyd Still	8	—	—	11	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	28
Miss Musson	10	9	13	13	4	4	—	—	—	7	5	—	1	66
Dr. Bedford Pierce	6	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	13
*Miss Price	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	11
Dr. Smedley	6	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Miss Smith	8	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	11
Miss Sparshott	9	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Mr. Stratton	11	—	12	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
Sir Jenner Verrall	6	5	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	13
Miss Villiers	11	8	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	1	44
Miss Wiese	11	—	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	35
*Miss Wilson	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	6	4	—	—	5

* Not on Council for whole year.

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