

appeared that a mistake had been made by the Registration Committee of the G.N.C., and that she was eligible for registration under Rule 9 (1) (e).

Upon the advice of the Council, Miss Hayward asked to have her qualifications reconsidered by the General Nursing Council, and had now received a letter from the Registrar in the following terms:

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales,
20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

8th October, 1927.

DEAR MADAM,

Your letter of the 4th instant was placed before the Registration Committee at its meeting yesterday.

I am instructed to inform you that the Committee has reconsidered your application for registration and has authorised your registration under Rule 9 (1) (e), which is as follows:

"A certificate that the applicant has had not less than two years' training in a Hospital for Women approved by the Council, together with evidence of one year's subsequent training in a General Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary approved by the Council as aforesaid prior to the 1st November, 1919."

The entry in the Register from henceforth will read: "Cert. 1914-1917. New Hospital for Women, London. Trained 1918-1919, Loughborough General Hospital."

Yours faithfully,

MARIAN S. RIDDELL,
Registrar.

A letter from Miss E. T. Hayward was considered expressing her thanks to the Secretary of the College for the trouble taken upon her behalf—by which she had now been classed, as she had a right to be, as a trained nurse in the Register, and not under the obnoxious Rule 9 (1) (g) with untrained persons.

Miss Hayward's application for membership of the College was reconsidered and she was elected.

The Council took exception to the statement upon the part of the Registrar that the Registration Committee had "authorised" the registration of Miss Hayward. The General Nursing Council is the statutory authority under the Act and Rules responsible for the registration of nurses—and the duty of the Registration Committee is to recommend to the Council, and not to "authorise" the registration of applicants.

The Secretary was directed to acquaint the General Nursing Council with this expression of opinion. The President pointed out the benefit resulting, as proved in the above case, of vigilance in protecting the interests of registered nurses. Without advice it was very improbable that Miss Hayward's case would have been reconsidered by the Registration Committee of the G.N.C., and justice done to her.

Independent Candidates for Election on the General Nursing Council.

The Council was informed that the following ladies were seeking election on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to represent the following classes of nurses:

General Part of the Register: Miss C. C. du Sautoy.
Sick Children's Part of the Register: Miss A. M. Bushby.
Fever Nurses' Part of the Register: Miss S. A. Villiers.
Mental Nurses' Part of the Register: Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C.

The Council decided to support the candidature of these four ladies, and to recommend registered nurses to vote for them.

A letter was read from Miss Alice Cattell strongly advocating that a thoroughly trained and experienced private nurse should be nominated to stand for election. It was pointed out that the private nurse representative on the present Council was only partially trained in a Scottish hospital, was uncertificated, and the conduct of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in nominating her for election had been severely criticised by thoroughly trained English private nurses, who resented her presence on the G.N.C., their governing body.

After discussion the Council decided to support the candidature of Miss Ellen Edith Fowler, Cert. St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, an experienced private nurse, who was willing to stand for election, as she had time to attend to the duties.

It was reported that Annie, Viscountess Cowdray, had given a very large sum of money to finance the election campaign of members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., nominees of which were being put forward as candidates to fill every vacancy but one on the General Nursing Council. The Council expressed strong disapproval of this interference with the electorate upon the part of the laity, as calculated to depreciate the integrity and purity of the ballot.

Report from Miss Graham, Lecturer.

A most interesting and encouraging Report was presented by Miss Graham of her visits to various hospitals and institutions, where her offer to speak to the Nursing Staff on the Constitution and Aims of the British College of Nurses had been accepted by the Matrons, many of whom had received her most courteously. The Sisters and Nurses, who attended the meetings, had shown a most intelligent interest in the policy of the College, and many had applied for membership. Miss Haswell remarked that Miss Graham's policy in advocating the principles of the College of Nurses, studiously avoiding any allusion to opposing opinions and tactics, was the greatest factor in her success.

The President, in thanking Miss Graham for her successful work, expressed the opinion that open discussion and liberty of conscience were imperative in the uplift of every profession, and that any attempt to deny them in our Nursing Schools was doomed to failure.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications were received from 88 candidates for election as Fellows, and from 27 candidates as Members, and from one Member to be transferred as Fellow; 7 were not elected and 1 was referred.

The Secretary was directed to affix the Seal of the College to the Diplomas of the 116 candidates elected after Obligation.

Standard of Qualifications and Examinations.

The consideration of standard qualifications and examinations for Membership and Fellowship of the College was referred to the Education Committee.

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