

Miss W. Bowling endorsed what Mr. Harper said as to the views in the Midlands. The Midlands and the North were definitely in favour of Recommendation 15—Leeds, Liverpool, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Sheffield, and she believed Manchester.

She endorsed what Miss Gullan had said. Extra teaching might be a help. Granted. But why need it entail exemption from the Preliminary Examination of the General Nursing Council?

Miss R. E. Darbyshire did not think that the question had been fully discussed in the country. She desired to see more of the first year given to pure nursing, and that those students who passed part of the Preliminary Examination before entering a hospital, should be able to count it as a credit. She expressed the view that the curriculum at present was too heavy.

The Chairman said the University Schools were by no means all against the opinion incorporated in Recommendation 15 as suggested by Dr. Eason. She was grateful to those (such as Leeds) who had given such consideration to the subject. It would be almost impossible to carry out arrangements for a divided Preliminary Examination, and the most stringent Rules would have to be drawn up.

It might be possible for the teaching equipment of some of the Training Schools to be improved, but all the Members of the Education Committee were anxious at all times to raise the standards of efficiency, and the ground-work of the teaching was given by the Sister Tutors. The pupils should be examined after they had had this instruction.

As regarded previous knowledge, every craft and every talent possessed by a nurse came into play during her nursing career, but the Chairman expressed herself as greatly opposed to too early specialisation. She would not narrow down the outlook of candidates for the Nursing Profession.

At first the Head Mistresses definitely asked that candidates availing themselves of the option to take Part I of the Preliminary Examination should be drawn only from schools approved for the purpose by the Council, but now it was asked that the examination should be open to all who desired to take it, thus making it an examination purely on bookwork. In the Leeds Memorandum it was pointed out that the effect of the parents of selected girls spending money upon an extended educational period, in full reliance that the passing of Part I of the State Examination would entitle their daughters to entry to the best Training Schools as by right, would rapidly become irresistible in practice.

There had been no demand for a divided Preliminary Examination from any of the Nurse Training Schools.

She was amazed at the emphasis which had been laid by some members of the Council upon the stress of the first year's work for probationers. The wastage in the first year was not due to this cause, but mainly to personal unsuitability.

THE AMENDMENT LOST.

Miss Musson then put the Amendment to Recommendation 15 proposed by Dr. Eason, when there voted: In favour of the amendment, 11. Against the Amendment, 13.

This Amendment in favour of dividing the Preliminary State Examination was therefore lost.

Analysis of the voting in which, on the suggestion of Miss Villiers, the names of those for and against the Amendment were recorded, is instructive.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.

11 VOTES.

Elected by State Registered Nurses.

REPRESENTING NURSES ON THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron, University College Hospital.

Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Matron, Guy's Hospital.
Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron, Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

Appointed by Government Departments.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Dr. H. L. Eason, C.B., C.M.G.	} Appointed by the Ministry of Health.
Dr. M. A. Collins, O.B.E.	
Mrs. M. H. Kettle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	

LAY PERSONS.

The Viscountess Erleigh	} Appointed by the Privy Council.
The Countess of Limerick	
Mrs. J. S. Courtauld	} Appointed by the Board of Education.
Miss E. R. Gwatkin	

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

13 VOTES.

Elected by State Registered Nurses.

REPRESENTING NURSES ON THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Chairman of the Council.

Miss R. A. Cox Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-Chairman.
Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School for Nurses.

Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., Matron, General Infirmary, Leeds.

Miss W. Bowling, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.
Miss M. Jones, A.R.R.C., Matron, Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas's Hospital.

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REPRESENTING FEVER NURSES.

Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., formerly Matron, South-Western Fever Hospital (unopposed).

REPRESENTING SICK CHILDREN'S NURSES.

Miss E. Cockeram, Matron, Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

REPRESENTING MENTAL NURSES.

Mr. J. H. Buckley and Miss K. M. Willis.

REPRESENTING MALE NURSES.

Mr. J. E. Southwell.

Appointed by Government Department.

Mr. W. H. Harper, House Governor and Secretary, Royal Hospital, Wolver- hampton.	} Appointed by the Ministry of Health.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE CARRIED BY 13 VOTES TO 10.

Recommendation 15 of the Education and Examination Committee was then moved by its Chairman.

Recommendation.

"That the Council reaffirm the decision made by the Council on July 22nd, 1932, viz., 'That the Council is of opinion that it would not be in the interests of the candidates nor of the Profession that the Preliminary Examination should be divided.'"

Dr. Eason on asking and obtaining permission to speak again, said that the voting on the Amendment showed the Council that this was not the end. He suggested that no action should be taken upon the Recommendation.

Recommendation 15 was then put to the vote and carried by 13 votes to 10.

It is a significant fact that the decision of July 22nd, 1932, made by the Council which went out of office last December, has now been reaffirmed by the present Council.

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