

not been tampered with, and were returned to the hospital intact.

Miss Fidoe had since been a patient in the Blackwell Sanatorium, near Bromsgrove, and was now in the care of two uncles. She had always borne an excellent character until this sudden lapse.

The Council deliberated *in camera*, and passed the following resolution:

"That the Council do postpone their judgment on the facts proved against Miss Elsie Mabel Fidoe, S.R.N. 63272, until February, 1936, on condition that she puts herself under medical care for the year and that before resuming any nursing work she should send to this Council a medical certificate showing that she is, in the opinion of her doctor, fit to do so."

#### Architects for the Erection of New Premises.

Messrs. Newberry & Fowler, of Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, have been appointed Architects for the erection of the Council's new premises on the site, Nos. 23 and 25, Portland Place.

#### Chairmen of Committees.

*Finance*.—Mr. W. H. Harper.

*Registration*.—Miss M. E. Sparshott.

*Education and Examination*.—Dame Alicia Lloyd Still.

*Disciplinary and Penal Cases*.—Miss S. A. Villiers.

*Mental Nursing*.—Dr. M. A. Collins.

*General Purposes*.—Miss R. A. Cox-Davies.

*Uniform*.—Miss M. E. Sparshott.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the chair, and 12 members of the Council were present, at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on February 22nd.

A letter was submitted from Miss M. L. Cameron resigning from the Council on the grounds of ill-health. Miss Cameron's resignation was accepted with much regret, and the Council resolved to minute the appreciation of her services during the time that she had been a Member of the Council.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee, and was unanimously approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, it was resolved that a letter having been received from the Graduate Nurses' Board of British Columbia confirming the agreement for reciprocal registration of Nurses, the agreement be now held as concluded.

It was agreed to recognise the Royal Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow, in combination with Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, as an affiliated Training School for the General Part of the Register.

It was arranged that a circular should be sent to all Hospitals pointing out that in certain cases Candidates appeared to have had insufficient practice in bandaging, and expressing the hope that either by models or otherwise Candidates should be given a sufficient amount of actual practice in bandaging before coming up for the Council's Examinations.

The Council considered a Statement prepared by the Registrar showing the income and expenditure of the Council last year in regard to the Examinations, and resolved that the Examination fees should not be further reduced at present.

### GOVERNMENT OF NURSES WITHOUT CONSENT.

We advise our readers to carefully study the following Report on Local Authorities' Nursing Service by a Conjoint Committee on which the Nursing Profession was not represented.

#### REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NURSING SERVICE.\*

##### JOINT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND SALARIES.

##### Proposal that Care of Chronic Sick should be a Separate Branch.

The report of the Joint Committee appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations and the County Councils' Association to investigate the question of the best method for the recruitment and training of nurses to be employed in the Public Assistance, Public Health, Mental Treatment, and Education Services has been approved by the Education Committee of the County Councils' Association so far as it relates to the Education Service. It is noteworthy that the report visualises the recognition of the care of the chronic sick as a special service with a special form of training and diploma. The report also states that the Joint Committee believe that inadequate remuneration in some areas is a factor discouraging the entry of suitable recruits to the nursing profession.

The Joint Committee was appointed following a resolution passed at the Public Assistance Conference in March, 1932, to the effect that the question of the best method of recruiting and training nurses should be referred to the Joint Public Assistance Committee of the two Associations. This resolution was duly considered, with the eventual result that the Associations unanimously decided to set up a special Joint Committee, so constituted as to enable it to deal with the recruitment and training of nurses employed, not only in public assistance institutions, but also in the public health, mental treatment and education services.

##### Constitution of Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee, as thus established, comprised the following representatives: County Councils' Association: Messrs. J. W. Black, E. W. Cemlyn-Jones, A. Jenkins and Professor J. Jones, with Dr. S. J. C. Holden, Mr. J. L. Holland, Dr. J. Middleton Martin, and Mr. J. Moss as technical advisers. Association of Municipal Corporations: Councillor Hume (Birmingham), Chairman; Councillor Brosch (Birmingham), Alderman Mrs. Keynes (Cambridge), and Councillor Mrs. Harper (Nottingham), with Dr. H. P. Newsholme (Medical Officer, Birmingham) and Dr. F. W. Ellis (Medical Superintendent, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham) as technical advisers.

For the purposes of their inquiry, now extending over several months, the Joint Committee have held six meetings and have had before them a variety of information obtained from a number of sources. In particular, they have given careful attention to the report of the Lancet Commission on Nursing and to a report by the Essex County Council with regard to the training of assistant nurses for the care of the chronic sick.

The Joint Committee recommend the adoption of the scheme set out below, and that they be authorised to confer thereon with the Ministry of Health and such other bodies as they may consider appropriate.

The scheme for the recruitment and training of nurses employed by local authorities referred to is as follows:—

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