

Portsmouth Infectious Diseases Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses;

Twickenham Isolation Hospital, in combination with Mogden Isolation Hospital, Isleworth, be provisionally approved for a period of one year;

The provisional approval of Richard Murray Hospital, Blackhill, Co. Durham, and the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, London, be extended for a further year;

The additional scheme of affiliation between Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth, near Manchester, and Withington Hospital, Manchester; and between Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital and Guy's Hospital, London, be provisionally approved for a period of one year.

It was reported that Miss Musson (*ex-officio*), Miss Darbyshire (*ex-officio*), Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Gwatkin and Miss Villiers, have been appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the State Examinations.

#### The Test Educational Examination.

Regulations and Forms were before the Council for approval for the conduct of the Test Educational Examination.

Mr. Eason, seconded by Dr. Marguerite Kettle, proposed that notice of twelve months, instead of six months, be given to Hospitals concerning the Test Educational Examination.

The Chairman reminded the Council that a Sub-Committee was appointed in February 1932 to consider the basic standard of education for entrants to the Nursing Profession. The Sub-Committee recommended to the Education and Examination Committee that after June 1st, 1936, no candidate be admitted to the Preliminary Examination of the Council who did not possess the General School Certificate or its equivalent unless such candidate had passed a Test Examination in general education to be set up by the General Nursing Council.

On July 22nd, 1932, Council approved this recommendation which was put forward by the Education and Examination Committee and a full report of this meeting of Council appeared in the Nursing Press. It would appear that the publication of the resolution three and a half years ago had given hospital authorities ample opportunity for consideration of the matter. Proof of this was to be found in the correspondence received since that date, and the information given to members of the Council visiting hospitals in the country that the authorities were aware of the forthcoming regulation, and that in many instances requirements as to an educational standard had been adopted, and had led to improvement in the type of candidate received for training.

In June, 1935, the Council approved the necessary Rule setting up the test educational examination, and forwarded it to the Minister of Health for approval. Some amplifying Clauses were added at the Meeting of the Council in December 1935, and two slight verbal alterations on January 24th, 1936.

Lady Limerick feared that the Test Examination might affect the recruitment of nurses, as would-be probationers might be nervous of sitting for a test on Arithmetic and English after a period of a few years had elapsed since their leaving school.

The term of notice to be given to Hospital Authorities was put to the vote, and it was agreed that when the approval of the Minister of Health to the Rule had been received that the authorities of Approved Training Schools should be notified that the Rule would become operative at six months from that date, when the majority of members voted for the Rule as defined above. Amongst

those supporting Mr. Eason's amendment for the extended period of notice were Dr. Marguerite Kettle, Miss MacManus, Dr. Collins, Mr. Southwell, and Lady Limerick.

#### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's solicitor had been instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against two nurses who have falsely represented themselves to be State Registered Nurses. This action was approved.

A letter from the Deputy Secretary of the British Medical Association was considered *in camera*.

#### Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee it was agreed that the approval of the Ewell Mental Hospital be renewed for a further year, and that the Isle of Man Mental Hospital be approved as a Complete Training School for Male and Female Mental Nurses.

#### General Purposes.

The recommendation of the General Purposes Committee sanctioned by the Finance Committee that the following equipment be purchased was approved:—

Electrically operated Addressograph Machine ...	£240
Electrically operated Folding Machine ...	£54

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, March 27th.

#### Disciplinary Cases.

The case of Mrs. Margaret Mary Tomlin, S.R.N. 56740 (deferred from Council on January 24th, 1936), was again before the Council and it was resolved that her name be not removed from the Register.

The case of Miss Elsie Mabel Fidoe, S.R.N. 63272 (deferred from Council on February 22nd, 1935, when the Council postponed their judgment until February, 1936, after she had been bound over for stealing dangerous drugs from the Dispensary of the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.; the bottles containing the drugs had not been tampered with, and were returned to the hospital intact), was considered. The following Resolution was passed:—

"That the Council do now judge Elsie Mabel Fidoe, S.R.N. 63272 to have been guilty of misconduct and do direct the Registrar to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Elsie Mabel Fidoe, S.R.N. 63272."

Miss Kathleen Jannette Lewis, S.R.N. 37934, Night Sister at the Mill Road Infirmary, Cambridge, was fined £1 at the Borough Police Court, Cambridge, for stealing a pair of bedroom slippers from a colleague's bedroom, valued at 3s. 11d. Miss Lewis appeared before the Council, accompanied by her Solicitor, who pleaded on her behalf, stating the instance was a case of a practical joke played at Christmas time. Evidence of Miss Lewis's splendid record as a nurse from her training school, and subsequent posts, was before the Council.

The Council considered this case *in camera*, and after the Chairman had admonished Miss Lewis for giving way to silly practical joking, postponed judgment for a year, on the condition that she kept the Council informed of the work she was doing during that period, and expressed the hope of the Council that her behaviour would be satisfactory.

The case of Miss Daisy May Evans, S.R.N. 73172, R.F.N. 4663, was next before the Council, and the following Resolution was passed:—

"That in the case of Daisy May Evans, S.R.N. 73172, R.F.N. 4663, no further action be taken owing to lack of evidence."

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