

prior to this date have failed in one or more subjects, and the following Recommendation substituted:—

"That from this date the amount of the fees to be paid for re-entry to the Examinations shall be the equivalent of those to be paid for first entry—viz., for the Preliminary Examination Thirty shillings for Part I., Thirty shillings for Part II., and Two Guineas if both parts are taken together; and for the Final Examination Three Guineas. Candidates re-entering for part only of the Final Examination to pay the due proportion of the fee."

Mrs. Edwards considered it was a pity to raise the Entrance Fee at a time when it was necessary to attract as many entrants to the Profession as possible. She asked if the Finance Committee could not reconsider the matter and find any other possible way of economising.

The Chairman, in reply, said that this was only a confirmation of the decision passed in March of last year. The Finance Committee had gone most carefully into the matter; they were losing on every examination, and had to sell out to cover the cost. She considered the fee compared very well with that of other examinations; the London University had a Government subsidy which this Council had not, and it must pay its way.

Upon the recommendation being put to the vote, it was carried, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Pearce voting against it.

#### 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 a person who had falsely represented herself to be a Registered Nurse. This action was approved.

The case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities, and an application for restoration of name to the Register, were considered *in camera*.

#### Disciplinary Cases.

The case of Doris Eddy Jackson, S.R.N. 51246, was placed before the Council by Mr. Pitt. Miss Jackson was charged at Birmingham City Assizes on November 30th, 1939, and found guilty of conspiring to use instruments or some other means to bring about miscarriage. She was bound over in the sum of £10 to be of good behaviour for two years.

The Council considered the matter *in camera*, and agreed that the name of Doris Eddy Jackson be removed from the Register.

The case of Ethel Josephine Fulcher, S.R.N. 35673, deferred from Council Meeting of February 24th, 1939, after having been found guilty of petty larceny, was dismissed with a caution.

#### Future Procedure in Regard to Meetings of Council and Committees.

It was unanimously agreed to resume the Meetings of the Council and Committees, but to arrange the work of the Committees to two days only. It was agreed that in the case of an emergency the work would again be carried on by the Emergency Committee.

#### Other Business.

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Council the Insurance of Premises under War Damage Scheme, and asked permission for the Finance and General Purposes Committees to go into the matter and take action.

It was proposed by Sir Henry Gooch, seconded by Dr. Geoffrey Evans, and agreed, that this matter be carefully considered by the full Council before any action be taken.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, March 29th.

## THE TRAVELLING CLINIC, ALBERTA.

Contributed by request of Miss Olive Watherston.

The Travelling Clinic began its work in 1924 as the result of requests for various health services in isolated districts where no regular medical services were available. In the first place, small groups of patients were assembled and a doctor invited to attend. In 1924 the Department undertook such work in a small way in the northern part of the province. In succeeding years the work grew and the staff increased until the clinic became an organisation of considerable proportions.

The clinic has always been operated entirely by the Provincial Department of Health, and the cost of equipment, salaries and travelling expenses is borne by the Department. The organising of the clinics year by year, such as the grouping of school districts, preparing of supplies, other preliminary activities, the inspection of all school children in clinic areas and certain follow-up work, is supervised by the public health nursing division of the Department.

After certain preliminary announcements, a number of school districts (usually ten or twelve) are organised into a clinic area. A public health nurse precedes the clinic, inspects all school children in the area and makes recommendations to the clinic proper. The nurse also makes certain arrangements for the clinic, such as choosing a clinic centre, providing a water supply, arranging for sundry occasional equipment and supplies required. Following the survey, the itinerary of the clinic is made out and local organisations notified of the date the clinic will visit their district.

The staff of the clinic as in 1939 was a surgeon, an anaesthetist, two dentists, three nurses, and two truck drivers, one being a medical student and the other a dental student.

The usual procedure is as follows:

The clinic moves in to the clinic centre and establishes its camp and prepares the local school or hall to be used for the work.

On the first day both medical doctors and one dentist make examinations, one dentist works at the chair, and the nurses take records for the doctors and prepare for the surgical work to be done next day.

On the second day one dentist continues to do treatment work and the rest of the staff are in the operating room and the improvised hospital ward. The second dentist does extractions under general anaesthesia.

In addition to tonsillectomies, other minor surgery and dentistry, the clinic vaccinates against smallpox, and gives the first anti-diphtheritic inoculation (the treatment is completed by a member of the Department staff).

The main features of the work of the clinic are, therefore:

- Minor surgery.
- Dentistry.
- Physical and dental examinations.
- Vaccination.
- Inoculation.
- Health education.

The following is a summary of the work of the clinic for the years 1924 to 1939, inclusive:—

Number of clinics held ... ..	348
" physical examinations by physicians ... ..	38,477
" dental examinations ... ..	36,552
" operations for tonsils and adenoids... ..	8,421
" other minor operations ... ..	1,472
" dental treatments (not including teeth extracted) ... ..	19,502
" school districts served (estimated)... ..	2,750
" families served (estimated) ... ..	22,500

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