

Miss E. C. Pearce and Miss Lane agreed that the Rule be referred back to the Registration Committee.

Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Dr. Macaulay, and Dr. Russell Brain wished to see the Rule disposed of, and it was agreed to refer the Rule back to the Registration Committee to dispose of or alter as they thought best.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 5. Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 13; by reciprocity, 1. Total, 21.

It was agreed that 70 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that 61 applicants for admission to the appropriate parts of the List whose applications have been found to be in order be approved.

Education and Examination.

It was reported that the revision of the Syllabuses of Subjects for Examination for admission to the various parts of the Register, together with a Comprehensive Scheme of Training (referred back to the Committee by Council, September, 1944), will receive further consideration by the Special Sub-Committee set up to deal with the matter, and that it will therefore not be possible to hold the Conference as suggested on November 14th, 1944.

Continuation of approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses was considered and approved.

Applications for approval of Pre-Nursing Courses recommended by the Ministry of Education were agreed.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was agreed that the draft amendment to Rule 17 (1) be approved and submitted to the Minister of Health for approval. The rule to read as follows:—

"When it is brought to the notice of the Council that a nurse who is included in the Register (in this part of these Rules referred to as "the Respondent") has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour, or has been guilty of any misconduct, *whether her name was or was not included in the Register at the time of such conviction or misconduct*, the Registrar, after making such further inquiries relative thereto as she thinks necessary, shall lay the matter before the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the Council, which shall report thereon to the Council."

General Purposes.

It was agreed that 10 standard steel Kardex Cabinets be purchased at a cost of £258.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 391 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for enrolment, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that five representatives of the Royal College of Nursing be invited to meet members of Council on November 3rd, at 3 p.m., as requested by the Royal College of Nursing, to discuss matters referring to the Draft Syllabus and Subjects for Examination for Assistant Nurses.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, November 24th, at 2 p.m.

Disciplinary Case.

The Council then went *in camera* to consider the case of Emma Forte, *née* Hitchen, S.R.N. 34314, deferred from the last Meeting of Council, to be taken under Rule 17 (4), and directed the Registrar to remove from the Register of Nurses the name of Emma Forte, *née* Hitchen, S.R.N. 34314.

REMARKS.

Together with Dr. Macaulay we have learned with the utmost apprehension the proposal submitted by the Registration Committee for the removal from the Register of Nurses by reason of infirmity of mind or body, and advise readers to study his opinion, with which we agree.

We have consulted an official in the Registrar's Office of the General Medical Council, and have been informed "that only in very exceptional circumstances is this done."

As there is very little doubt that the adoption of the recommendation by the Registration Committee would arouse determined opposition upon the part of Registered Nurses, it is to be hoped that this will be withdrawn.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

The following persons compose the Registration Committee: Mr. J. H. Buckley, J.P., Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss D. A. Lane, Miss M. E. G. Milne, Miss E. C. Pearce, Miss A. M. Rose, Miss K. M. Willis.

U.S. NURSES' TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

The following information has been received from the British Council, for which we express thanks.

Just 90 years ago, in October, 1854, Florence Nightingale sailed for Scutari, and on Saturday (November 4th) U.S. Army nursing and medical officers, accompanied by British colleagues, made a pilgrimage to her grave, at East Wellow, near Romsey, Hants, to pay their tribute to the pioneer of military nursing.

The United States have some special links with Florence Nightingale. Her advice was asked and given during the American Civil War and she inspired Longfellow's poem, "Santa Filomena."

U.S. Army authorities, in co-operation with the British Council, arranged for representatives of the nursing and medical staffs of U.S. hospitals in a wide area of Southern England to attend the ceremony.

After short addresses at the graveside and the laying of a wreath, the gathering visited Embley Park, Miss Nightingale's home, and saw mementoes of her career, and then took tea with the Mayor at Romsey Town Hall.

PROCEDURE.

East Wellow, Near Romsey, Hants, November 4th, 1944.

2.15.—Assemble at churchyard.

2.30.—At Florence Nightingale's grave. Prayer by Capt. Bennett, Chaplain, No. 34 General Hospital, U.S. Army. Major Weenschrier, U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Miss A. Mackay, Matron, Royal Hampshire County Hospital. A wreath was laid by two U.S. Army nurses. Prayer by the Vicar of East Wellow (Rev. R. A. Simmons).

3.10.—Visit Embley Park (Florence Nightingale's home).

4.30.—Tea at Romsey Town Hall by invitation of the Mayor (Mr. R. C. Chambers).

The following British organisations represented included: the British Red Cross Society; the Order of St. John; the British Council; and the English Speaking Union.

THE FLOWER AND FORCE OF A KINGDOM.

"In truth, they were young gentlemen, yeomen, and yeomen's sons, and artificers of the most brave sort, such as went voluntary to serve of a gaiety and joyalty of mind: all which kind of people are the flower and force of a kingdom."—*Sir John Smith to Lord Burghley on the men in Flanders January, 1589-90.*

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