

Charteris, and Miss Vera Natalie Esther Moss. Previous members of Committee not successful were: Mr. William Ball, Miss Lillie Snowden, Mrs. Winifred Lucy Ford; Miss Rosalie Dreyer did not stand for re-election.

It was agreed that the names of 461 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Disciplinary Cases.

The names of Clara Harley, R.M.N. 5788, and Emma Muttock, S.R.N. 41868 (now Mrs. Attwood) were directed to be removed from the Register of Nurses, having been proved guilty of stealing.

Next Meeting of Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for June 25th.

CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AND INOCULATION AUTHENTICATION.

The attention of the Minister of Health has been drawn to the difficulties which are being met in some countries by travellers from the United Kingdom who are required to prove that certificates of vaccination or inoculation carried by them are genuine. In several parts of the world certificates are not accepted unless they are endorsed by a medical officer in the Government or municipal service of the country of issue.

The general question of authenticating these certificates is being considered by the World Health Organisation with a view to international agreement, but it may be some time before such a decision is reached, and the Minister has under consideration what steps can be taken in the meantime to help travellers from this country to meet the requirements referred to.

The form of authentication which appears to be most readily accepted by health authorities abroad is that given by public health authorities and identified by a rubber stamp impression placed by them on the certificate. The Minister therefore hopes that local authorities will co-operate in this matter by making arrangements under which any person who desires to have a certificate of vaccination or inoculation authenticated for the purpose of travel abroad may have it stamped accordingly at the office of their Health Department. In view of the purpose of the authentication, described below, I am to suggest that (a) the rubber stamp used for the purpose might bear the words "Signature of doctor authenticated" and the name of the local authority, and (b) the officer of the Council who is authorised to use the stamp should be familiar with the signatures of the doctors practising in their area, or be able to compare the signature on any certificate with a list of signatures obtained for the purpose.

The purpose of the authentication is to provide proof to those health authorities abroad who desire it that the signature of the person issuing the certificate is that of a registered medical practitioner. Authenticators are not required to certify that the vaccination or inoculation has been properly carried out, or, indeed, that it has been carried out at all; the responsibility for issuing the certificate remains with the doctor signing it. This Circular does not imply any suggestion that a certificate of vaccination or inoculation issued by a registered medical practitioner requires any official supervision or control in order to be of adequate medical value. Authentication is not a requirement of His Majesty's Government. The proposals are designed as a remedy for difficulties which have in practice been met by persons from this country travelling abroad.

RECRUITMENT OF NURSES.

EXHIBITION VANS ON TOUR.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, is sending three new Mobile Nursing Exhibition Vans on tour in different parts of the country to encourage interest in and stimulate recruitment to the nursing and midwifery professions.

There is a great need for more nurses in order that more beds may be made available in hospitals for waiting patients and the burden on present nursing staffs may be lightened. More midwives also are needed to cope with the rise in the birthrate. With the start of the comprehensive National Health Scheme in July, the demand for trained nurses and midwives is likely to become even greater and more urgent. The Government is therefore using every means to attract suitable people—especially young people choosing an occupation—to take up nursing and midwifery, not only as two of the highest forms of social service, but as worth-while careers.

The three Mobile Exhibition Vans will visit towns and villages in Northern and Southern England—including the Isle of Wight—the Midlands, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

The vans are six-wheeled vehicles, each fitted out partly as an exhibition, with photographs, a nursing panorama, a skylight view into a model operating theatre, and a display of surgical instruments; and partly as an interviewing room in which persons interested—young people, parents, teachers and others—may put any questions they may wish about pre-nursing courses, opportunities for training, salaries, or other points concerning the nursing and midwifery professions. A technical nursing officer of the Ministry of Labour and National Service will be available to give advice and information that may be asked for.

So far as possible, the co-operation of local hospitals, schools, and other institutions, as well as the local authorities, will be sought in all the areas visited by the vans, and it is hoped that their visits, particularly to villages and small communities remote from the large centres of population, will do much to spread a knowledge of nursing or midwifery as a profession which acutely requires new entrants.

QUIZ CORNER.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR ANATOMY?—2.

Question 1.—Which of the following are parts of the small intestine—Trachea, caecum, oesophagus, rectum, ileum, jejunum?

Question 2.—Which of the following openings is not guarded by a sphincter muscle—Mouth, rectum, ear, urethra, pylorus?

Question 3.—Which particular groups of muscles are used by these famous men in their special activities—Y. Menuhin, Don Bradman, Bing Crosby, Henry Cotton?

Question 4.—Infantile paralysis is caused by a virus which attacks the "anterior horn cells." Can you locate these?

Question 5.—Your lungs are not the same size. Which is the smaller, and why?

The sender of the first envelope opened on June 14th containing a correct solution to the above quiz will be awarded a sum of five shillings.

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