

Remit: That, as many hospitals are demanding a fourth year from the student nurse, a proper curriculum should be outlined for this nurse, including such subjects as: "Sanatorium Treatment of Tuberculosis," "Clinical Welfare" or "Maternity Nursing," "Nursing of Neuro-pathic Patients" (the subjects to be elective). Dietetic, X-ray and Administration.

Miss Muir:

"The training is three years and the fourth year is optional. The qualified nurse finds the fourth year the best year of her hospital service. During that time she is able to take more responsibility; has the opportunity of doing what we can term a staff nurse duty, and understudies more or less the Sister, and we consider that the fourth year is the period in which we can select promising pupils for suitable promotion to charge duty later on. The fourth year is of great value; she is preparing to take her midwifery training, and as so many of them do, to take her Plunket training, and return possibly to hospital training after having obtained these certificates. Some of them desire to take the post-graduate course and get that tuition over before they decide what work they are prepared to carry on. The general opinion among staff nurses is that their fourth year is the best year of service, and they are very often waiting a few months in their fifth year before finally leaving the hospital service for some other branch."

Miss Moore:

"The fourth year is supplementary to the other years. What they have not had in the third year they get in their fourth year. I feel that the fourth is the test for administrative ability, but in return she should have some added certificate for that year. In three years she should have finished her training. In Christchurch they are doing practically what is suggested."

Miss Goldsmith:

"Napier gives maternity training during the fourth year."

Miss Muir proposed, and Miss M. Bagley seconded:

"That during the fourth year, wherever possible, the student nurse gets added responsibility and administrative experience as suggested."—Carried.

Remit: "That registered nurses in private practice for two or three years be accepted on the staffs of hospitals for a refresher course of six months as fourth-year nurses."

Miss Muir:

"In regard to that remit, as far as we are concerned, that has been done, but not in the capacity of the fourth-year nurses. The invitation is sent to the nurse, and she is a free lance."

Miss McKenny suggested that the words "fourth-year nurses" be deleted.

Miss Moore proposed, and Miss Bagley seconded:

"That registered nurses in private practice for two or three years be accepted on the staffs of hospitals for a Refresher Course of six months."—Carried.

Mrs. Tracey-Inglis moved a vote of thanks to Miss Nutsey.

The meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

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ROUND TABLE ON PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, AT THE AUCKLAND HOSPITAL, Friday, 4th October, 1929, at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Bagley, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals in the Chair:

"I have been asked to take the chair to-night at this Round Table on Public Health Nursing, and I fully appreciate the honour. I propose to say a few words on the matter of Public Health Nursing. Public Health Nursing has for its object the establishment and maintenance of perfect citizens. The branches of Public Health Nursing are:—

1. Midwifery, which is an essential service.
2. School Nursing, which is designed to carry on the work commenced by the School Medical Service.
3. Infant Welfare Nursing.
4. District Nursing, which has a great preventive scope.