GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Ninetieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, April 20th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the Council presided.

Correspondence.

Apologies for absence were received from Lady Barrett, C.B.E., M.D. and Miss S. A. Villiers.

Finance.

The Finance Committee recommended “that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £50 for Stamps, £15 for Insurance Stamps and £15 for Petty Cash be allowed.” This was approved.

The Committee further reported that it raised (a) objection to Recommendation 15 of the General Purposes Committee “that the quotation of Messrs. Glanvill, Ent Hou Company for insurance of squares of plate and other glass in windows, doors and fanlights throughout the Council’s Offices, at an annual premium of £5 3s. od. be accepted.” This was approved.

Registration.

The Registration Committee recommended that Silver Badges (marked “Duplicate”) be issued to three Registered Nurses, who had reported their loss a year ago. This was approved.

The Committee reported that applications approved for Registration without Examination to March 16th were 58,347: for approval for Registration by reciprocity on April 20th, 3. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to March 16th, 7,772; for approval for Registration by Examination on April 20th, 1,269. Total, 61,291.

The Council subsequently considered in camera 10 applications for Registration with the recommendation of the Registration Committee that “the 3 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order, plus 1,166 by examination, be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.”

The Council also sanctioned the re-inclusion in the Register of the names of 31 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that they had considered further a list of applications for recognition as Training Schools from Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals and recommended (1) That the Cottage Hospital, Bromley, Kent, be recognised as a complete training school. (2) That the Barton-upon-Irwell Poor Law Institution be now approved as a complete training school. (3) That the Halifax County Borough Isolation Hospital, Stoney Royd, Halifax, be approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses, and (4) That the Hyde Borough Hospital, Hyde, Cheshire, be approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses for a period of two years from April 20th, 1928. These recommendations were approved.

The Committee reported “that the Bramcote Sanatorium, Nuneaton, approved as a training school in affiliation with Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, has ceased to be a training school, and that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the continuance in another hospital of training of the probationers for the Preliminary State Examination.”

It recommended that the Bramcote Sanatorium be removed from the list of approved training schools, and this was approved.

The Committee also reported that they had considered a further list of applications for Examinerships, and recommended that the following names be added to the Panel of Examiners, and that the following be appointed Members of the Boards of Examiners.

Preliminary Examination.


Final Examination, General Register.


Miss Lane, S.R.N. (London), (in place of Miss Gullan, S.R.N.).

Miss Sutcliffe, R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary (in place of Miss Brown, R.R.C., S.R.N.).

Final Examination, Sick Children’s Nurses’ Register.


Final Examination, Fever Nurses’ Register.

C. Rundle, Esq., M.D., D.P.H. (Liverpool). For a further period of one year.


Final Examination, Mental Nurses’ Register.


E. Barton White, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Bristol). Reappointment.


Scheme of Inspection of Hospitals.

The Committee reported that they had considered the Scheme of Inspection of Hospitals, in accordance with the following resolution passed by Council on June 17th, 1927.

“that the Council hold an informal conference before the Scheme be made public, with representatives of the British Hospitals Association, Board of Control and Ministry of Health, but before such conference takes place the representatives of the Ministry of Health be consulted as to the advisability of this procedure.”

Further that the Chairman and Miss Lloyd-Still interviewed representatives of the Ministry of Health, when it was agreed that such informal conference would be advisable.

It was suggested that representatives of the British Hospitals Association, Board of Control, and Association of Poor Law Unions should be invited to attend. Invitations had been sent to these bodies and had been accepted.