

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and eighth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, December 20th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1., the Chairman, Miss E. M. Mussson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting the Council to appoint a delegate to the Annual Congress of the Institute at Margate in June, 1930, and that a reply had been sent, as she thought would be the wish of the Council, that as the General Nursing Council is a Statutory Body it was not its practice to appoint delegates to such Congresses.

Finance.

The Bills and Claims submitted for payment by the Finance Committee were approved, and the sum of £100 for stamps and £15 for Insurance stamps was allowed.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee two applications from Registered Nurses for duplicate Silver Badges, lost more than a year ago, were granted.

Applications for approval for Registration from 11 Nurses were granted, 3 by Reciprocity to the General Part of the Register and 8 Fever Nurses to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by examination.

The application of 16 Nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included in the Register were granted.

The Registration Committee reported that the numbers of successful candidates at the October Examinations who had been approved by it for registration on October 29th were as follows:—

General Register	1,274
Supplementary Part of the Register for—	
Male Nurses	3
Mental Nurses	20
Sick Children's Nurses	77
Fever Nurses	127
Total	1,501

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that the Swindon and Highworth Union Hospital in affiliation with Southmead Hospital, Bristol, be approved Complete Training Schools for Nurses. Also that the Glan Ely Hospital, Fairwater, near Cardiff, be approved as a Training School in conjunction with the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and the provisional approval granted to the Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, which expires on December 31st, 1929, be extended for a further year from that date.

It was also recommended that the names of Examiners whose applications for Examinerships had been considered should be added to the Panel of Examiners.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that further particulars had been received regarding the case the report on which was deferred from the last meeting. The confidential reports received were considered *in camera* at the close of the meeting.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had met once.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between November 1st and 30th, 1929, amounted to: Letters received, 5,743; Letters dispatched, 15,783; that the interviews numbered 149; that 83 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

State Registered Uniform.

On the recommendation of the Uniform Committee it was agreed to grant duplicate permits to obtain the State Registered Uniform to four Registered Nurses who had reported the loss of their permits six months ago.

It was also agreed to renew contracts for the supply of Registered parts of the State Uniform by various firms which expire on December 31st, 1929, for a further period of six months.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for January 24th, 1930.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair and fourteen members of the Council were present at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on December 13th, 1929.

The report of the Education and Examination Committee, which was submitted by Col. D. J. Mackintosh (the Convener), was approved, and in terms of this various arrangements were made in regard to the holding of the February examination.

The names of various nurses who had already passed the Council's examinations and had attained the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the register.

Authority was given to delete from the register at 31st December the names of all nurses who had failed to pay the annual retention fee.

It was reported that the approval of the Department of Health for Scotland had been received to the Council's resolution to reduce the fee for the preliminary examination from £2 2s. to £1 11s. 6d.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Before the adjournment of the House of Commons Mr. J. R. Remer (Macclesfield) asked the Minister of Health if his attention had been called to the fact that mental nurses in possession of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association's certificate did not receive admission to the Register kept under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and whether he would issue an Order to rectify this position.

Miss Susan Lawrence (Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Health) replied that the Minister was not empowered to issue any Order in this matter.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales is the body authorised by Parliament to admit nurses to the Register kept under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. Section 2 (1) enacts: "It shall be the duty of the Council to form and keep a Register of Nurses for the Sick."

HEALTH VISITORS' CONFERENCE.

An interesting Conference of Health Visitors and School Nurses has been held at Bedford College during the past week, and amongst others, Miss E. M. Hume, of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, has had some wise things to say on the subject of diet. She spoke of the detrimental effect heating had on milk, and said that the calcium losses from this source might be very serious.

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