GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and thirty-seventh meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on July 22nd. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Concerning the case of three nurses who had falsely represented themselves to be State Registered Nurses, as reported at the Meeting on June 24th, one had been convicted at Bournemouth, pleaded guilty, was fined £2 and ordered to pay £3 costs. The cases against the other two nurses are still proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Preliminary State Examination.

The Chairman read a letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, notifying the General Nursing Council for England and Wales that, after considering the Report of the Lanark Commission, it had been resolved that the Preliminary State Examination in Scotland should be divided into two parts.

In reply a letter had been written regretting that this new departure had been decided upon without consultation with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales because it jeopardised a uniform standard for registration.

In a further reply the Registrar of the Scottish Council said that no further steps had been taken in the matter since the resolution had been passed.

FINANCIAL.

The Finance Committee submitted the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, which was adopted.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Council passed the following Resolution:

"That the re-entering for the Preliminary and Final State Examinations be roe. 6d. per subject in place of half the examination fee, and that the Regulations for Conduct of the State Examinations be amended accordingly."

After consultation with the Council's Bankers, the Chairman of Council and Chairman of Finance Committee were authorised to invest the sum of £4,500.

REGISTRATION.

The Committee reported that the numbers of successful candidates at the May Examinations who were approved for registration on June 24th were as follows: General Part of the Register, 1,474; Supplementary Parts of the Register: Male Nurses, 3; Mental Nurses, 58; Sick Children's Nurses, 76; Fever Nurses, 166. Total, 1,777.

Applications for approval for Registration on July 22nd were: General Part of the Register, by Examination, 1, by Reciprocity, 12; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by Reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 16, by Reciprocity, 1. Total, 37.

It was agreed that 23 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examinations Committee, it was agreed:

That the Isolation Hospital, Aiken Street, Warrington, City Isolation Hospital, Worcester, and the Isolation Hospital, Exeter, be provisionally approved as complete training schools for Fever Nurses for a period of one year.

That the Bushey Heath Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with Watford Peace Memorial Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a training school which, in combination with another public hospital, gives complete training under Section 1 (1) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training.

That the scheme of affiliation between the Liverpool Open-Air Hospital for Children, Leasowe, and the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, be approved.

That the provisional approval of the Waterloo and District General Hospital in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, be extended for a further year from April 24th, 1932.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The following letter, dated December 28th, 1931, from the College of Nursing was considered:

The College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

December 28th, 1931.


Dear Madam,—The College of Nursing has had under consideration for some time the desirability of procuring a more suitable educated type of candidate for the nursing profession.

The matter has been the subject of discussion at conferences of the College of Nursing and the General Nursing Council, and in the light of the experience of the College of Nursing with the departure of the old type of candidate, it had been decided to adopt a new departure and to offer a very suitable educated type of candidate for the nursing profession.

In view of the above, it had been decided to write to the General Nursing Council to inform them of the College of Nursing's decision, and to request their approval for the new departure, which had been decided upon without consultation with the General Nursing Council.

It was agreed that 23 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

The scheme of affiliation between the Liverpool Open-Air Hospital for Children, Leasowe, and the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, be approved.

The provisional approval of the Waterloo and District General Hospital in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, be extended for a further year from April 24th, 1932.

As a result of the correspondence, the College of Nursing and the General Nursing Council agreed to adopt a new departure and to offer a very suitable educated type of candidate for the nursing profession.

It was agreed that 23 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

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