

Sanatorium, Hertford Hill, and the Worcester Royal Infirmary, be approved.

It was agreed that the provisional approval of the following hospital be continued for a further year:— Orthopaedic Hospital, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, in affiliation with London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs; Princess Beatrice Hospital, London; Bishop's Stortford Hospital, in affiliation with Hertford County Hospital.

It was agreed that the Marland Isolation Hospital, Rochdale, be now fully approved as a complete training school for Fever Nurses.

It was agreed that the scheme of affiliation between the Bromley (Kent) and District Hospital, and the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, be cancelled as from April 1st, 1935.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee it was agreed that Miss Elizabeth M. North, S.R.N., Principal Clerk in the Registration Department, be promoted to the post of Registration Officer, in place of Miss Dorothy Phillips, at the commencing salary of £350; and that Miss Ivy Florence Mews, S.R.N., be appointed Principal Clerk in the Registration Department.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, January 25th, 1935.

Disciplinary Case.

Mr. Hewitt Pitt, Solicitor for the Council, brought to their notice the case concerning Miss Margaret Winifred Lacey, S.R.N., 40012, non-resident Staff Nurse at the Hackney Hospital, upon whom the judgment of the Council was postponed for six months on June 22nd, 1934, when she was charged by Messrs. Bourne and Hollingsworth, Ltd., for having in her possession, a hat, for which she had not paid.

Letters were read from the Matron of Hackney Hospital and from the Rev. A. Hughes, both bearing testimony to the exemplary character of Miss Lacey during the past six months, in hospital during her service as Staff Nurse, and during her off-duty time as a resident in the house of the Rev. A. Hughes. The Council deliberated *in camera*, and passed the following resolution:—

RESOLUTION.

"That in the case of Miss Margaret Winifred Lacey, S.R.N., 40012, judgment on whose case was deferred for six months on June 22nd, 1934, her name be not removed from the Register."

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair and 12 Members of the Council were present at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on December 14th. The Registrar reported on a letter from the Secretary of the Departmental Committee on Training of Nurses stating that the Committee would be glad if representatives of the Council could attend to give oral evidence before the Committee. The Council agreed to appoint the Chairman, Miss Brodie and Miss Niccol with the Registrar as their representatives to attend before the Committee.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Col. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee and was unanimously approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee further arrangements in regard to the February Examinations were approved. The names of four Nurses who passed the Council's Examinations and had now attained the age of 21 were reported as placed on the Register.

COMMITTEE ON TRAINING AND REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

The following official report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Departmental Committee "to enquire into the training and system of registration of nurses in Scotland" which is holding its sessions *in camera*, is the first communication to the press we have noted. The interesting points brought out in the evidence emphasise the regrettable decision of the committee to exclude the presence of the public at these meetings.

Evidence was given by the Department of Health for Scotland, the Scottish Education Department, and the General Board of Control for Scotland.

The Department of Health for Scotland.

The Department of Health's evidence, which summarised the history of nurses' training over the last 50 years, emphasised that it had arisen out of the needs of the hospitals to minister to their patients, and that, naturally, that training was conditioned by, and directed to, assist the other functions of the particular hospital. Other interests are, however, concerned in the training given—namely, the nurses themselves and the public. The status of nurses had improved greatly in the last 20 to 30 years, but a still greater improvement might be looked for which would bring the profession nearer the standard of other professions. At present training was too sectionalised. This applied even to general hospitals, for while 50 years ago general hospitals were practically the only hospitals, and as such gave a training that was in fact "general," general hospitals were now, as a result of the development of special hospitals, dealing with a much narrower field of diseases.

In existing circumstances a nurse wishing to obtain an all-round training, embracing all sections of nursing, must spend much longer than in other professions, and one of the main questions is whether by co-operation between the various hospitals it would be possible for a nurse to pass from hospital to hospital and obtain such an all-round general training in a reasonable number of years. If a training of this kind could be taken in, say, five years, the nurse would be free thereafter to specialise in any branch to which she felt drawn.

The Scottish Education Department.

The questions discussed with the Scottish Education Department's representative related chiefly to the educational standard that might be required of nurses entering the profession if a standard were to be laid down, and whether it would be possible to make arrangements for suitable instruction being given if any proposal were made for the theoretical subjects being taken before nurses entered hospital. It also emerged that nurses did not have the same benefits of financial aid in training as are enjoyed by most other professions, either directly or indirectly.

The General Board of Control.

In the opinion of the witnesses from the General Board of Control it would be of advantage if nurses in mental institutions were given general training. If they had a general training first, it was thought that the period of further training in the mental hospital could be substantially reduced without detriment to the institutions or the nurses.

Paisley Royal Alexandra Infirmary Auxiliary Hospital has received a gift of £22,500 from Sir Thomas C. Glen-Coats, Mrs. E. H. T. Parsons, and Mrs. A. Harold Glen-Coats under the deed of gift from these members of the Coats family, whose benefactions to the town have been on a munificent scale.

A sum of £17,500 is to form a permanent endowment fund for the hospital at Ferguslie, and the balance of £5,000 is to be available for alterations and furnishings.

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