

It was agreed that the names of 3,473 nurses who have not paid their retention fee for 1939 be removed from the Register, in accordance with the Rules, Part II, Paragraph 5 (3).

It was reported:—

NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED DURING YEAR 1939.

	By Examination.	By Reciprocity.	Total.
General Part of the Register ...	3,372	328	3,700
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses ...	41	1	42
Mental Nurses ...	123	10	133
Nurses for Mental Defectives	18	1	19
Sick Children's Nurses	144	7	151
Fever Nurses	545	25	570
	4,243	372	4,615

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES REGISTERED FROM SEPTEMBER, 1921, TO DECEMBER, 1939.

General Part of the Register	100,728 including 57,623 by Examination.
Supplementary Part of the Register for—	
Male Nurses	477 " 242 "
Mental Nurses	8,692 " 1,678 "
Nurses for Mental Defectives	461 " 82 "
Sick Children's Nurses	4,003 " 2,882 "
Fever Nurses	10,879 " 3,443 "
	125,240 " 70,950 "

It was pointed out by the Chairman that, as only two Examinations had been completed during the year, the number of nurses registered by Examination might appear to be less than the number reported for the previous year. The actual number of names on the Register at January 1st, 1940, was: General Part of the Register, 77,739; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, 363; for Mental Nurses, 4,771; for Nurses for Mental Defectives, 249; for Sick Children's Nurses, 2,858; and for Fever Nurses, 7,504.

Education and Examination.

The recommendations of the Education and Examination Committee were approved.

Disciplinary Cases.

The following case was placed before the Council:—

Miss Doris Hinds, S.R.N. 64847, was reported in December, 1939, for immoral conduct with a Mr. Clayton, in 1935, he being married.

The case was notified by Mrs. Clayton, who, during the intervening years, had obtained sums of money from Miss Hinds, on a threat of the matter being reported.

Mr. Collingwood gave extensive evidence for Miss Hinds, and Mrs. Clayton also appeared.

The matter was considered *in camera* by the Council, and the Chairman, in declaring their verdict, said that, under the circumstances, the Council had decided to dismiss the case with a caution, but the facts proved against Miss Hinds constituted misconduct, and the fault was a very serious one.

The next case was that of Miss Eileen McAloon, S.R.N. 71463, judgment of which was postponed from January, 1939, when she had been found guilty of larceny.

The Council decided not to strike Miss McAloon's name from the Register of Nurses.

SHORT STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

This being the first meeting of the full Council since the outbreak of War, the Chairman presented a short statement as to the business which had been carried out during the last 4½ months.

The State Examinations due to take place in October were cancelled; owing to the movement of probationers and of examiners and the great difficulty of obtaining halls and other accommodation it would have been impossible to hold the Examinations at the usual time. Examinations were carried out in November-December. Owing to the amount of work involved, due to the increase in the number of Centres, it was not possible to arrange the Practical Final Examination for London candidates until January.

Owing to this postponement, it will not be possible to hold Examinations in February this year; the next will take place April-May.

It will be necessary shortly to consider what steps must be taken to meet the expenses arising out of the forthcoming Examinations. The rapid rise in the prices of materials, particularly paper, is causing an increase in expenditure, but it has been possible to effect certain economies in other directions, and, owing to the kind assistance and co-operation of the Hospital Authorities in providing accommodation for the Examinations and the services of assistants free of cost, or at nominal charges only, it was possible to keep down the expense of the last Examination.

The Register will be printed this year as usual, but owing to the shortage of staff, and to the reduction of hours owing to the blackout, it will not be published as early as usual.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Preliminary Examination, November, 1939.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
First entries	2,919	189	2,730	2,157	573	20.99%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	823	61	762	456	306	40.16%
" Part (Old Scheme)	352	28	324	204	120	37.04%
Total	4,094	278	3,816	2,817	999	
Entries for Part I	35	—	35	10	10	45.7%

Final Examination, November, 1939.

Register.	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
General—						
First entries	2,415	50	2,365	1,929	436	18.4%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	230	19	211	110	101	47.9%
" Part	378	19	359	199	160	44.6%
Total	3,023	88	2,935	2,238	697	
Male—						
First entries	21	9	12	10	2	16.7%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	1	—	—	—	—	—
" Part	1	1	—	—	—	—
Total	22	10	12	10	2	
Mental—						
First entries	49	6	43	40	3	7%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	4	—	4	2	2	50%
" Part	23	2	21	11	10	47.6%
Total	76	8	68	53	15	
Mental Defect—						
First entries	11	1	10	7	3	30%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Part	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11	1	10	7	3	
Sick Children—						
First entries	157	3	154	119	35	22.7%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	4	—	4	2	2	50%
" Part	17	2	15	8	7	46.7%
Total	178	5	173	129	44	
Fever—						
First entries	255	19	236	216	20	8.5%
Re-entries—Whole Exam.	18	1	17	12	5	29.4%
" Part	23	2	21	15	6	28.6%
Total	296	22	274	243	31	

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