

to be held on April 30th, 1948, to discuss the Test Examination.

After a very great deal of perseverance on the part of Miss Willis, who was on her feet several times during the debate, the Confederation of Health Services Employees was added to the list.

Approval of Hospitals as Training Schools was granted, and pre-Nursing Courses were agreed.

#### Assistant Nurses.

A letter was reported from the County Medical Officer, West Suffolk, stating that, owing to the difficulty of entirely separating the training of Pupil Assistant Nurses and Student Nurses, his committee would prefer that the Hospital should be recognised as a Complete Training School for General Nurses only; therefore, the approval of White Lodge Hospital, Newmarket, as a Complete Training School for Assistant Nurses was withdrawn.

#### Disciplinary Cases.

Richard Joseph O'Connor, R.M.N. 8217, appeared before the Council in connection with taking linen from the Bethlem Royal Hospital to help someone else. The Council considered the case *in camera*, and decided to postpone judgment for the period of one year.

Myra Pearl Aberg, S.R.N. 86816, was before the Council in connection with four cases in which she was found guilty of receiving clothing coupon books.

The Council considered the case *in camera*, and postponed judgment for one year.

The case of Mollie Irene Gardner (née Williams), S.R.N. 84918, R.F.N. 7139, in which she had been found guilty of stealing books from W. H. Smith and Son, was considered, and judgment postponed for one year.

#### The next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Wednesday, March 24th, at 2 p.m.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Meetings of the General Nursing Council for Scotland were held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on January 9th and 23rd, 1948.

Mr. W. E. Gray Muir, W.S., was unanimously appointed Chairman and Miss A. Tulloch, O.B.E., was appointed vice-chairman.

Reference was made to the termination of office of Miss E. Brodie, M.B.E., and it was unanimously agreed to record in the Minutes an appreciation of Miss Brodie's devoted work and services in connection with the Council during the last fifteen years.

It was reported that the Memorandum giving the Council's views on the Report of the Working Party on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses had been sent to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Rules providing for registration of persons holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association were formally approved and the Registrar was instructed to forward them to the Department of Health for the approval of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

#### Education, Examination and Registration.

The names of 677 Nurses who had failed to pay their Annual Retention Fee were deleted from the register for 1948.

The names of 22 Nurses previously deleted for non-payment of Retention Fee were restored to the register.

Approval was given to the applications from four Nurses already registered with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to re-register by reciprocity.

County Hospital, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, was granted

approval as a Complete Training School for the General and Male Nurses parts of the register.

Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary, was granted approval as a Complete Training School for the Male Nurses part of the register.

The first meeting of the newly constituted Assistant Nurses Committee was held on January 16th, when Miss Tulloch was appointed Convener for 1948.

## DIPHTHERIA DECLINED IN 1947.

A new low record for diphtheria was set up last year for London and the 126 great towns of England and Wales. Provisional returns now available show that 6,775 cases were reported, or 4,492 fewer than in 1946. There were 128 deaths, against 239 in the previous year.

Pre-war figures for the whole of England and Wales averaged 58,000 cases and 2,800 deaths per year. Since 1941, when a national campaign against diphtheria opened, there has been a steady decrease year by year. In 1946, the last year for which complete figures are available, there were 18,284 cases and 472 deaths.

By the end of June, 1947, nearly 7,000,000 children had been immunised free of charge in England and Wales under local authority schemes. The aim is to ensure that at least three out of every four babies are immunised before reaching their first birthday.

#### THE "STETHOS" SERVICE.

The firm of J. H. Bounds, Stethos House, 68, Sackville Street, Manchester 1, specialises entirely in the manufacture and direct supply of Nurses' Uniforms, Textiles and Woollen Goods to Hospitals, Local Authorities and kindred Institutions.

Nurses' uniforms in Utility and non-Utility styles, made in stock sizes, and, where necessary, in made-to-measure sizes, have in all instances been made from guaranteed fully-shrunk and fast-dyed materials. Since the relaxation of austerity, a bigger variety of styles of Nurses' uniforms can now be supplied, and specialised consultants are always available to discuss any matters appertaining to Nurses uniforms and hospital supplies, and visits can be made to any part of the British Isles.

A special feature which has been maintained during the war and since, is the "Stethos" fast-dyed green and blue materials for use in the operating theatre. These materials can be supplied in the piece or made up into operating gowns, operating sheets, towels and other theatre requirements.

Another specialised section is Nurses' annex capes and cloaks which can be supplied in charming colour schemes in addition to the more usual navy blue, lined with scarlet flannel. These charming colours give brightness, and are supplied to tone with the Nurses' uniforms which, in many cases, are made in delightful pastel shades.

The hospital sheetings, pillowings, towels, blankets, etc., will withstand constant laundering and are of qualities and sizes which meet with hospital requirements. Bandage cloths, shroudings, orthopaedic muslins, stockinettes, etc., are of pre-war standard, and are used in most of the hospitals throughout the British Isles.

For the comfort of the staff and patients, the Nulux Spring Interior Mattress has been specially constructed, and can be supplied in the usual hospital sizes.

In the past, the policy of the firm has been service to hospitals, giving that expert knowledge and advice of what is required, and keeping the hospitals constantly informed during the war years and since of the various controls and the interpretation of the Statutory Rules and Orders issued by the Board of Trade.

In the future, the policy of J. H. Bounds is to give the same expert service and advice to hospitals and Local Authorities as heretofore.

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