

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W, on April 25th.

Miss D. M. Smith, the Chairman, presided.

It was reported that Miss B. M. Morrison, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron of the North Wales Sanatorium, Denbigh, had accepted the invitation to serve on the Welsh Area Nurse-Training Committee in the place of Miss G. A. Davies, resigned.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £4,200 for Cash Account and £750 for postage were allowed.

Estimates of £359 1s. 4d. for list of persons admitted to or removed from the Register of Nurses, September to December, 1951; and of £11 14s. 4½d. for steel transfer boxes for filing of Area Nurse-Training Committee Estimates and correspondence, were agreed.

The report in connection with the present procedure of filling senior posts on the staff of the Council was considered *in camera*; it was later announced that Miss E. M. Hellaby, S.R.N., one of the Council's Inspectors of Training Schools, had been appointed Assistant Education Officer.

Education and Examination.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary, Ministry of Education, putting forward a proposal that in certain instances students should be allowed to take Part I of the Preliminary State Examination on completion of a part-time Pre-Nursing Course of less than two years' duration.

It was agreed that these proposals be approved and that the Council's solicitor should be asked to draft the necessary amendments to the Rules, and that the approval of the Minister of Health be sought to such amendments.

Approval of the following experimental schemes of training under Section 3 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, was agreed:—

“That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, provisional approval as an experimental scheme under Section 3 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, be granted for a period of five years, to the proposal submitted by the Authorities of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool, whereby nurses who become registered on the General part of the Register after undergoing training in accordance with the approved scheme based on the Alder Hey Children's Hospital shall be entitled to enter for the Final Examination for Sick Children's Nurses on completion of a further year's training in the Children's Hospital.

“That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, provisional approval as an experimental scheme under Section 3 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, be granted for a period of five years, to the proposal submitted by the Authorities of St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1, whereby nurses who become registered on the General part of the Register after undergoing training at St. George's Hospital, and who have spent six months of such training at the Victoria Hospital for Children, London, S.W.3, be entitled to enter for the Final Examination for Sick Children's Nurses on completion of a further year's training in the Children's Hospital.”

“That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, provisional approval as an experimental scheme under Section 3 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, be granted for a period of five years to the proposal submitted by the Authorities of Booth Hall Hospital, Manchester, whereby student nurses who undergo a training of four years' duration in accordance with a scheme based on Booth Hall Hospital, and are eligible

to enter for the Final Examination for admission to the General part of the Register on completion of three years' training, shall be entitled to enter for the Final Examination for Sick Children's Nurses at the end of the fourth year of training spent in Booth Hall Hospital following registration on the General part of the Register.”

Disciplinary Cases.

Disciplinary cases were discussed and it was agreed that the names of Cecil Clark, S.R.N. 175048, and Doreen Elsa Deakin, S.R.N. 106457, be removed from the Register of Nurses.

The Council postponed their judgment on the conviction proved against Gwendoline Rose McCorry, S.R.N. 160165, R.S.C.N. 6108, for a period of two years.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for May 23rd.

Book Reviews.

Hygiene, Infectious Diseases and Dietetics*

By Dennis H. Geffen and Susan Tracy.

HERE IS A NEW text-book written for student nurses by authors who are well-qualified and up-to-date in their subject matter. It is arranged according to the syllabus of the General Nursing Council. It seems to me to be an excellent book. It is clearly and lucidly written.

The subject matter is divided into three sections. Part One is devoted to general hygiene. Part Two deals with infectious diseases, and is up-to-date in all its information. Included are the current rules relating to infection in schools, also methods of dealing with isolation and the tracing of contacts. Part Three deals with dietetics very fully. The book is almost worth buying for this section alone. There is information here which would be of value to anyone interested in cooking. It cannot fail to be of help to the student nurse who needs to learn about food for her final examination.

I recommend this book for inclusion in the nurses' reference library as well as for a text-book.

* Longmans, Green & Co., Ltd., 6 & 7, Clifford Street, London, W.1. Price 9s. 6d. net.

Teaching in Schools of Nursing*.

By A. M. Jackson and K. F. Armstrong.

THIS IS A SECOND EDITION. It has been revised and brought up-to-date in the section by Miss Armstrong.

Many sister tutors are already familiar with this excellent book. Part One, which deals with the theoretical side, remains in its original form. Part Two, written by Miss Armstrong, has been brought up-to-date to give the latest information about modern methods.

Every sister tutor should have a copy, indeed would do well to invest in a copy of this new edition, for it is a most useful book.

* Faber & Faber, Ltd., 24, Russell Square, London, W.C.1. Price 12s. 6d. net. U.S.

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Be familiar with one,
Deal justly with all,
And speak evil of none.

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