

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS RE UNIFORM AND BADGE.

Under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is authorised (Section 3 (1) (g)) to make provision with respect to the Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses.

The General Nursing Council has therefore decided to invite suggestions and expressions of opinion from members of the Nursing Profession as to the design of the uniform for both outdoor and indoor wear, and especially as to whether Registered Nurses would prefer a cloak and bonnet, or a coat and hat.

Suggestions and designs for the Badge are also invited.

Letters concerning both Uniform and Badge should be addressed to the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Room 104, 3rd Floor, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. "Uniform" to be written on left-hand corner of envelope.

Neither Uniform nor Badge are compulsory, but if adopted will indicate that the credentials of the wearer have been investigated by the General Nursing Council before her name has been placed on the Register. After 1924, it will further indicate that she has passed a State Examination after not less than three years' training in a hospital, and will thus come to be recognised as a very honourable distinction.

The Act provides that any unauthorised person using the Uniform or Badge will be liable on summary conviction to a fine.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

Parliament was opened on Tuesday with becoming pomp and circumstance by His Majesty the King, accompanied by the Queen. Questions of great national importance will be considered during the Session, which touch, more or less, the liberties and condition of every member of the community. Trained nurses must realise they are members of the body politic and keep a vigilant interest in affairs. The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will consider any Bills which specially affect professional nurses, and deal with matters of national health.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Chalfont and Gerrard's Cross Cottage Hospital.—Miss F. M. Crooks has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Walsall, and was trained in midwifery by the Maternity Nursing Association, and has been a member of the Overseas Nursing Association. She holds the certificate of the Chartered Society of Massage and Gymnastics.

NIGHT AND HOME SISTER.

County and City Royal Infirmary, Perth.—Miss A. Drysdale has been appointed Night and Home Sister, alternately. She was trained at the County Hospital, York, where she subsequently held the position of Sister of a surgical ward and later Night Superintendent. She has done military nursing at the 4th Southern General Hospital, and is at present Sister at the Children's Hospital, Bradford. She has also had experience of private nursing.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.—Miss L. F. Coulter has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has been Theatre Sister at Dover Nursing Home. She has also had experience of private nursing.

SISTER.

County and City Royal Infirmary, Perth.—Miss Jessie J. Nichols has been appointed Sister on the Medical Floor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also held a similar position in Military Hospitals at home and abroad, and on a Hospital Ship.

NURSE.

Forfarshire Education Committee.—Miss Catherine Mavor and Miss Jean T. Ewan have been appointed nurses under the Forfarshire Education Authority.

Miss Mavor is an Associate of the Royal Red Cross, and served in Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service during the war as a Sister in the Military Hospital, Grimsby, and aboard the Army Transport *St. Andrew*.

RESIGNATIONS.

Miss Winifred Todd, Matron of the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, has resigned the position on her approaching marriage, and the Assistant Matron, Miss Jenkins, has also resigned.

MEDAL AND PRIZES FOR NURSES.

The following awards were recently made by Mr. F. A. J. Poulson, J.P., Chairman of the Bootle Borough Hospital, to the nurses who gained the highest marks at the examination in December. In the presence of the Matron and Nursing Staff the medal, representing the Committee's first prize to third year nurses, was presented to Miss Sarah Ellen Jones, and by Dr. Sumner (Chairman of the Medical Board) of the two prizes given by the Board, first prize to third year nurses, a leather bag to Nurse Sarah E. Jones; and a silver pencil (second prize) to Nurse Elizabeth Mahoney for second year nurse.

In presenting the medal to Nurse S. E. Jones, Mr. Poulson hoped every success would attend her career in nursing in connection with which this award would always be an inspiring memento. He also thanked the nursing staff for their valuable help to the hospital, and said all knew the satisfactory work done was largely due to the Matron and her staff.

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