

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

Miss M. S. Riddell, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, at the direction of the Council, recently sent to General and Special hospital authorities and to Boards of Guardians a communication asking for replies to a series of questions, this information being required in order to assist the Council in drawing up Rules for the Education and Examination of Nurses in the future.

The following are the questions to which answers are desired, and an invitation to supply "Remarks" appears as the last item on the schedule:—

1. Name of hospital; postal address.
2. Number of beds. (1) Daily average occupied. (2) (a) Has this hospital affiliated any special hospital for nurse training? (b) Is this hospital affiliated to any other hospital?
3. Character of Services. (1) Beds available for use (first six months of 1920). (2) Beds allocated to—*(a) medical department, (b) surgical department, (c) gynæcological department, (d) maternity department, (e) children's department—(i) children's wards, (ii) in adult wards, (f) ophthalmic, (g) ear, nose and throat, (h) skin. (1) Special Departments. (a) Have you any private wards for paying patients; (b) out-patient department; (c) V.D. work; (d) T.B. work; (e) baby clinics; (f) orthopædic; (g) massage; (h) operations (minor); (i) dentistry; (j) electrical treatment; (k) baths; (l) X-ray? (3) Have you a private nursing department? Are nurses sent out for private duty during their three years of training?
- (4) Operations performed annually—(1) major, (2) minor.
- (5) Administrative and Teaching Staff:—(a) Administrative—(1) Matron, (2) Assistant Matron, (3) Office Sisters, (4) Home Sister, (5) Sister House-keeper, (6) Night Superintendent. (b) Teachers and Lecturers—(1) Visiting Staff, (2) Resident Medical Staff, (3) Matron, (4) Sister-Tutor, (5) other Lecturers.
- (6) Ratio of Ward Nurses to patients.

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSING STAFF.

	Day.	Night.
(1) Number of Sisters
(2) Number of Staff Nurses (certificated)
(3) Number of Probationers

RATIO OF WARD TO PATIENTS.

	Day.	Night.
Ratio of Sister to patients
Ratio of Staff Nurses (certifi- cated) to patients
Ration of Probationers to patients

* Omit questions not applicable.

4. Paying Probationers. Are paying Probationers received? If so, what fees do they pay?

5. Is there a preliminary school attached to your hospital? If so, state—(a) length of course; (b) number of pupils in training in each course; (c) is the course included in the term of training; and (d) do pupils pay fees? If so, what fees do they pay?

6. Is an entrance examination or other test required—(1) to the school, (2) to the hospital? (3) Minimum age of entry.

7. How many lectures are given to Nurses, on what subjects and by whom, in preliminary training school? First year, second year, third year.

8. What examinations are held, on what subjects and by whom?

9. Are certificates given? If so, please send specimen copy. Please send copies of regulations for training and for examination, form of application for training, syllabus of lectures, last annual report issued to your hospital.

Remarks.

REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday, February 26th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the chair. The questions under discussion were (1) Relative Rank for Service Nurses, (2) Equivalent Standards for Registration, (3) The Report of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and (4) Unemployment Insurance for Nurses.

RELATIVE RANK FOR SERVICE NURSES.

Letters were read in reply to those directed to be sent by the Council at its last meeting.

From the Secretaries of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the National Union of Trained Nurses, and the Irish Nurses' Association warmly supporting the demand for rank for Service Nurses. From Colonel Sir Henry Streatfield, private secretary to Queen Alexandra, the Secretary the Military Department, India Office, the Secretary the War Office, stating that the resolution "regarding Relative Rank for the British Military Nursing Services had received most careful consideration, and it is regretted that it is not practicable to grant such rank to the ladies in question."

From the First Lord of the Admiralty.

From Captain Sayers L. Milliken, Assistant Superintendent Army Nurse Corps, U.S.A., enclosing for Major Julia Stimson valuable information as to allowances, uniform, &c., of members of the Corps, which has been granted relative military rank by Congress.

As a new Secretary of State for War had been appointed it was agreed to lay the case for rank for military nurses before him, hoping he would prove more sympathetic to the interests of the Nursing Services than his predecessor, especially as to emoluments and pensions.

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