

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales has addressed the following communication to Hospital and Poor Law Infirmary Authorities, and Trained Nurses' organisations, enclosing a draft syllabus of Lectures and Demonstrations for Education and Training in General Nursing:—

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1,
9th March, 1921.

Dear Sir,—Under the Nurses' Registration Act of 1919, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is entrusted with the duty of making rules relating to the examinations which shall be prescribed for those nurses who, in future, propose to have their names entered on the Register.

The Council has spent much time in drawing up its scheme, which has for its object the raising, within reasonable limits, of the standard of knowledge which should prevail in the profession.

The draft syllabus enclosed is considered by the Council to embody the minimum instruction that should be afforded to a nurse by those responsible for her training, and it is earnestly hoped it will be studied with close reference to the preface and the explanatory notes from a national point of view.

The Council has decided to invite the Matrons of training schools and representatives of Nurses' Organisations to an informal conference at the rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1, on Thursday, the 28th April next. This conference will be held in the large room of that building at 11 a.m. to consider General Training, and at 2.30 p.m. in the same hall to consider the Supplementary parts of the Register in conjunction with Reciprocal Training. It is hoped you will hand on the enclosed Draft Syllabus to the Matron of your training school, after you have given it your careful attention, so that she may have time to study it, and when she comes to the conference, make such suggestions and criticisms as occur to her, for the consideration of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

MARIAN S. RIDDELL,
Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England
and Wales.

THE DRAFT SYLLABUS.

The Draft Syllabus, which is in pamphlet form, contains an explanatory preface, explanatory notes, the Syllabus for First, and for Second and Third Year of Training, and Nurses' Chart—a record of ward work to be initialled by the Sister, to be deposited in the Matron's office by the Nurse at the conclusion of her work in each Ward.

THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE.

The Informal Conference, to be held in London on April 28th prox., will no doubt be largely attended by those Matrons and Nurses sincerely interested in Nursing Education, and should prove of real value as an opportunity for expression of opinion, and in defining a practical scheme for the co-ordination of teaching centres and available clinical material. Further information concerning the Conference will be available after Easter.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

Nomination Papers have been circulated and the twelve retiring members are apparently, after three years' service and upwards, all again standing for re-election. These members are composed of five medical practitioners, six matrons, and the late General Superintendent Q.V.J.N., so no one is retiring in favour of the rank and file, although one of these twelve members has not attended one meeting of the Council during the twelve months and another has only one attendance to his credit. These two gentlemen should retire and make way for working nurses who desire to serve, as it will be seen that this class is much in the minority.

The composition of the Council at present is composed of 35 persons as follows:—

- Two Hospital Chairmen.
- Ten Medical Practitioners.
- Eighteen past or present Matrons and Superintendents.
- Five Sisters and Nurses.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A WELCOME WINDFALL.

Hearty congratulations to the National Union of Trained Nurses, which receives the following bequests under the will of Miss Mariabella Fry, of Failand House, Failand, Somerset:

£1,000 upon trust for investment, the income to be applied by the Somerset and Bristol Board, either in assisting full and associate professional members within the area towards their post-graduate training, or to provide annuities for such deserving members incapacitated from work by ill-health, and whose income does not exceed £200 per annum.

£100 to the Central Council of the N.U.T.N., and £100 to its Bristol Branch.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

As the last Saturday in the month is the Saturday before Easter, there will not be a meeting of the Social Club of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, at 4 p.m., at the "Plane Tree Restaurant," 106, Great Russell Street, W.C. 1.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

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