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EDITORIAL.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, on February 2nd (Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., presiding). We are confining ourselves in this issue to publishing some important recommendations of the Registration Committee to the Council, and next week we hope to give a full report of the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND SEAL.

The Council had before it the report of the Registration Committee, presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which stated that they had made a final selection with regard to the Registration Certificate, and the Seal. The former, which is beautifully designed, secures to nurses on the Register the title of Registered Nurse; the latter is a most artistic impression. In the centre is a medallion bearing the figure of Hygeia, goddess of Health, with the rose of England on the right, and the daffodil of Wales on the left, and a scroll on which is inscribed "Anno Domini 1919" (the year of the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts). In the pearl-bordered margin the title of General Nursing Council for England and Wales appears.

This beautiful Seal will, of course, be stamped on each certificate.

RULES FOR FUTURE NURSES.

Concerning the Rules for future Nurses, and the election of the Nurse Members of the Council, the Report pointed out that, as the Education Scheme drafted by the Education and Examination Committee was making good progress, the Rules for future Nurses would have to be considered in the near future, especially that providing for the election of the Nurse Members of the Council. In this connection it will be remembered that the Minister of Health,

in appointing the present Council, was good enough to take into consideration the representation of various phases of Nursing, and organisations of nurses. The Registration Committee considered that it was necessary to have sectional representation, and that such representation should be provided for in the rules regulating the election of the Nurse Members of the Council.

BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED.

It was further recommended that as soon as the Rules for Existing Nurses are agreed to, a Bulletin should be issued containing (1) Rules and Regulations; (2) Accredited Schools for Nurses; (3) the Nurses' Registration Act for England and Wales.

RULES TO BE EXPLAINED BY ACCREDITED DELEGATES.

Another very important recommendation made to the Council was that representatives should be sent to the various Examination Centres to explain the Rules for Existing Nurses, the method of the future election of the Council, and the whole system of Registration.

THE BADGE AND UNIFORM.

What also will be of immense interest to the whole Nursing Profession is the recommendation that the question of the Uniform and the Badge for Registered Nurses should be thrown open for an expression of opinion by the Nursing Profession at large. We hope that replies to this communiqué, and suggestions as to suitable designs, will flow in to the Registrar, so that the Council may have before it the opinion and wishes of those who will be privileged to wear these outward and visible signs of their professional status, before making a final decision.

When once these marks of professional standing are decided upon, we hope that every nurse who is entitled to wear the Registered Nurses' Uniform and Badge will take a pride in the way she wears them, remembering that when so doing she represents to the public not only herself, but the profession of which she has the honour to be a member.

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