

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Committee for Classifying Applications for Registration will meet three afternoons weekly to prepare papers for the Registration Committee to facilitate its mass of work of recommendation to the General Nursing Council. We are glad to know that thousands of forms have already been applied for, and in consequence the correspondence in the office is enormous. Questions must of course be asked and courteously replied to, but if when nurses receive their forms they will realise that in making application for registration each one, to whatever society she may belong, must carefully carry out instructions, hundreds of letters and stamps might be saved. Members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., for instance, must realise that Statutory Councils, that is the General Nursing Councils set up by Acts of Parliament, cannot depute their responsibility to any outside body, and that no other body has any authority to usurp the powers granted by Acts of Parliament to the three General Nursing Councils, and to pretend to register nurses. The R.B.N.A. has wisely discontinued its voluntary Register, and the sooner the College does likewise the sooner trained nurses will cease to complain that money is being taken from them under a misapprehension—if not unjustifiably.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING HELD AT 13, MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1921.

Before proceeding to the business of the Meeting, Miss Milnes, Vice-Chairman of the Council, made reference to the sudden death of Captain C. B. Balfour, C.B., the Chairman of the Council, and it was unanimously resolved that the Council record their sense of the severe loss which they had sustained in the death of the Chairman, and their appreciation of the interest which he took in the affairs of the Council, the valuable help which he had given them so freely in many ways, and his unflinching kindness and courtesy to all while he acted as Chairman of the Council. The Council further resolved to tender their sincere sympathy to Lady Nina Balfour and the family of the late Captain Balfour in their bereavement, and the Registrar was instructed to forward to Lady Nina Balfour an excerpt from the Minute of Meeting.

The Registrar reported that the Rules were approved by the Scottish Board of Health on July 29th, 1921, and that, as instructed, he had advertised the fact in the Nursing Press and certain other newspapers.

The Council approved the arrangements made in regard to the opening of the Register, and after discussion, it was decided that the Registration fee for nurses in training before issue of the Rules should be the same as for existing nurses, namely, £1 1s. for the first part of the Register, and 10s. 6d. for any subsequent part.

It was resolved that copies of the Rules should be sold at 1s., copies of the Syllabus for General Training at 1s., Syllabus of Training of Sick Children's Nurses, 1s., and Short Syllabus of General Training suitable for distribution to Probationers, 2d., in addition to postage in each case.

The Registrar reported that over 500 applications for forms had been received from nurses desiring to register, and the Council admitted to the Register a number of nurses whose applications had been passed by the Registration Committee.

A LOSS TO THE COUNCIL.

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death from heart failure of Captain Charles Barrington Balfour, C.B., of Newton Don and Balgonie, Berwickshire, Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland and Lord-Lieutenant of Berwickshire.

The funeral took place at the private cemetery of Newton Don, at which the Earl of Howe represented the King, and among the many messages of sympathy received by Lady Nina Balfour was one from the King and Queen in the following terms:—"The King and Queen are grieved to hear of your sad loss and also of that his Majesty has sustained through the death of his representative in the County of Berwick. Their Majesties desire me to assure you of their heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow.—STAMFORDHAM." A telegram of condolence was also received from Princess Christian.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the General Nursing Council for Scotland in the loss it has sustained.

THE PASSING BELL.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Canon Fleming, the greatly beloved "Father Fleming," the Roman Catholic Chaplain known to generations of Bart's Nurses for the past forty years, and whose devoted ministrations to his flock commanded the admiration of all.

In the absence of Cardinal Bourne, Dr. Butt, Roman Catholic auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, presided on Monday at the funeral, at St. Mary's, Moorfields, E. Two other Bishops were also present, and in the choir were over a hundred priests from different parts of London. There was a very large congregation, which included a deputation of nurses from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, including Miss Helen T. Baines, Assistant Matron, and Sisters Lucas and Sitwell.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses sent a lovely cross of mauve asters, white lilies and stephanotis.

Afterwards the body was interred at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green.

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