

(b) Carried out not less than one year's approved training in such hospital or infirmary, and been *bona fide* engaged in practice as a nurse for at least two years subsequent to the period of training; or

(c) Been employed with the approval of the Local Government Board for Ireland for at least three years as a "qualified" nurse within the meaning of Article 2 (b) of the Board's General Order of July 5th, 1901.

FEES.

The Fee for Existing Nurses is £1 rs. for admission to the General Part of the Register and 10s. 6d. for each additional Supplementary Register. The fee for retention on the Register is 2s. 6d. annually, to be paid before October 31st in each year.

Application under these Rules must be made within a period of two years from March 31st, 1921.

WHERE THE RULES FOR REGISTRATION DIFFER.

It will be noted that in England, Scotland and Ireland a certificate of three years' training is accepted.

In England such training must have been undertaken in a General Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary—excluding other institutions.

In Scotland training in a General Hospital or "institution" recognised by the Council is accepted.

In Ireland training in a General Hospital or Poor Law Infirmary is compulsory.

In England evidence of one year's training in a general hospital or Poor Law Infirmary, together with evidence of two years' practice as a nurse in attendance on the sick, is accepted up to November 1st, 1919. This provision disqualifies persons trained in institutions such as special hospitals, private hospitals, and district nursing institutions.

In Scotland the door is more widely opened as a nurse with one year's experience in any "institution for the treatment of the sick recognised by the Council" and has for two years subsequently been *bona fide* engaged in practice in attendance on the sick up to November 1st, 1919, is eligible.

In Ireland evidence of not less than one year's training in a General Hospital or Infirmary and has been engaged in *bona fide* practice for two subsequent years up to November 1st, 1919.

The English and Scottish Councils make provision that Sick Children's Nurses and Fever Nurses with two years' training, and an additional year in a general hospital or infirmary (in Scotland general hospitals or institutions) are eligible for admission to the General Register—during the two years' term of grace.

The Fees are the same in the three countries.

INTERMEDIATE NURSES.

From November 1st, 1919, all nurses must hold a three years' certificate (in Ireland or other evidence of training from a general hospital or Poor Law Infirmary; in Scotland from a general hospital or

other institution) recognised by the Council until the conduct of State Examinations come into operation.

WHERE TO REGISTER.

In England and Wales.—Apply to the Registrar, G.N.C., 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

In Scotland.—Apply to the Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh

In Ireland.—Apply to the Registrar, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

A PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT.

A well-known firm of manufacturing chemists has addressed—in all ignorance, we are sure—the following letter to hundreds of nurses, some of whom ask us what it means, as at present, and until the General Nursing Council for England and Wales appointed by Act of Parliament, meet this month to consider Applications for Registration, no nurse in England can claim the title of "Registered Nurse."

CIRCULAR LETTER SENT TO NURSES.

DEAR MADAM,—In recognition of your profession as Registered Nurse we are authorized to present to you upon request an Identification Card which will entitle you, on presentation at any of our branches, to a discount of 10 per cent. on your purchases of drugs, medicines, toilet and nursery requisites, surgical and sickroom supplies.

These branches are conveniently situated in all the principal towns and suburbs, and you will find them well stocked with standard and well-known brands of nursery requisites and sickroom supplies. Stocks are replenished frequently, thus assuring you of fresh and up-to-date goods at all times.

We are in direct touch with all the best manufacturers of the goods mentioned overleaf, and all enquiries for equipment will be esteemed and will receive careful and immediate attention.

The Identification Card can be obtained from any of our branches and will be presented to you whenever you can make it convenient to call.

Kindly ask for the branch manager when making your enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

SALES MANAGER.

We presume the Firm issuing the letter is under the impression that nurses who are on the Register of the College of Nursing, Ltd., are empowered to use the professional title of "Registered Nurses." This is a very serious mistake. Should any nurse who has not been registered by the General Nursing Council, use that title in any trade transaction of benefit to herself, we are of opinion that she would immediately lay herself open to prosecution by the General Nursing Council of England and Wales under the Nurses' Registration Act. That body alone has the right to grant the title of "Registered Nurse," and Section 8, clause 1, subsection (a) and (b), defines the "Penalties for unlawful assumption of title of registered nurse."

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