

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The seventeenth meeting of the General Nursing Council was held on Friday, September 30th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., at 2.30 p.m. Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., Chairman, presided.

The Minutes, with one amendment, were signed.

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that illness had been busy amongst the members of the Council, and several were unable to attend.

Correspondence.

The correspondence presented included letters of regret from absent members. In reference to a letter from Miss Cox-Davies, the Chairman remarked that they all knew how ill Miss Cox-Davies had been, and were thankful to hear of her restoration to health. Also:

(1) Correspondence with the Ministry, postponed for consideration *in camera*.

(2) A letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland acknowledging one written by the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, of sympathy with that Council on the death of its Chairman, Captain C. B. Balfour, C.B., and conveying the Council's sincere regret.

(3) A letter from Mrs. Hancock, Bath, who, in applying for registration, had doubled the required fee and sent a donation of one guinea to the funds of the Council as she felt sure it must have many expenses. It was agreed that the thanks of the Council should be conveyed to Mrs. Hancock.

(4) A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Farnham Union asking the opinion of the Council as to the desirability of their appointing a Resident Medical Officer, in connection with the question of their continuing to maintain a training school.

It was decided to reply that the Council considered such an appointment desirable as a general practice, without committing itself to any opinion as to whether or not the Training School would receive its recognition.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD-STILL, R.R.C., Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, then moved that its Report be received.

The Report was as follows:—

The Education and Examination Committee has met twice—on July 21st and September 15th:

(1) To report that several letters of criticism of the Syllabus of Lectures had been received from various hospitals, including the General Hospital, Birmingham. These had been answered by the Education and Examination Committee.

(2) To recommend "that the amended Syllabus of Training in the Nursing of Sick Children be approved." (Circulated.)

(3) To recommend "that the Syllabus of Training in Fever Nursing be approved." (Circulated.)

(4) To report that a Draft Syllabus of Training for Male Nurses was now under consideration, and that it had been suggested that Miss Beadsmore Smith, the Matron-in-Chief at the War Office, be asked to attend one of the meetings of the Education Committee on this question, to give information on the training of the R.A.M.C. personnel.

A few amendments proposed by MISS LLOYD STILL and seconded by MISS SPARSHOTT were carried.

SYLLABUS OF LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN FEVER NURSING.

In connection with the recommendation that the Syllabus of Training in Fever Nursing be approved, DR. GOODALL said he desired to propose some very slight alterations which he enumerated.

MISS LLOYD STILL proposed that subject to these alterations the recommendations be approved. This was seconded by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP, and carried.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK proposed, and the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW seconded, that the Council should place on record its indebtedness to Dr. Goodall for the trouble he had taken in connection with the drafting of this Syllabus.

DR. GOODALL, in expressing his thanks, said that MISS VILLIERS also should be included, and this was carried.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said that she by no means wished to underrate Miss Villiers' work, but she desired to express the appreciation of the nursing profession to Dr. Goodall as a member of the medical profession for his valuable help.

In connection with the suggestion that the Matron-in-Chief at the War Office should be invited to attend one of the meetings of the Education and Examination Committee, to give information on the training of the R.A.M.C. personnel, MISS LLOYD STILL said that the Committee felt it required expert help in drafting the Syllabus of Training for Male Nurses. She proposed, and MISS DOWBIGGIN seconded, that this suggestion be approved.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said the Members of the Education Committee felt very strongly that as the large majority of well-trained male nurses, other than mental nurses, were trained in connection with a Government department, the War Office, it was only courteous, before drafting a scheme so closely affecting its Male Nursing Staff, to consult with the official head of its Nursing Department. She cordially supported the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

It was also agreed to invite information on a Male Nurses' Syllabus in writing, offered on a previous occasion, from Dr. Brander, Medical Superintendent of the Hackney Union Infirmary.

The motion that the Report of the Education and Examination Committee as amended be approved was put from the Chair, and carried.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Chairman, that in view of the immense amount of

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