

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Twenty-first Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., on Friday, February 17th, at 2.30 p.m., the Chairman of the Council, Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., presiding.

The Minutes of the last meeting were, with one transposition of words, agreed and signed.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from the late Chairman, Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., thanking the Council for the kind Resolution sent from the last meeting, and saying how much he appreciated it.

A letter was read from the Minister of Health directing the attention of the Council to an Order in Council passed on the 31st ult., affecting the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. The Chairman said that at present the Council had not the Order before it.

THE CHAIRMAN then reminded the Council that at the last meeting they had passed Rules for Conjoint Training subject to consultation with the Nursing Councils for Scotland and Ireland. Letters relative to the proposal had been sent to the General Nursing Councils in these countries and no objection had been taken to these rules.

On December 16th, 1921, the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland wrote that his Council understood that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales had passed a Rule relating to the admission to the English Register of Nurses already registered in other countries, but such nurses were required to apply on the same form as nurses not registered. That letter, owing to circumstances, was held up, and answered on February 6th, when the Registrar stated that she was directed to forward the Rule signed by the Minister.

The Registrar for Scotland had now written again in exactly the same terms as before.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired whether the Rule signed by the Minister was in exactly the same form as that sent down for his signature

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative. He thought they would have to provide a form specially for these applications, but in this letter they had quite a definite statement that Scotland did not understand what the Rule meant.

It was agreed that an instruction be given to the Registration Committee to draft a special form for applicants registered in Scotland and Ireland.

In reply to an invitation from the Royal Sanitary Institute, Dr. Bostock Hill was appointed to represent the Council at its meeting at Bournemouth.

Report of Registration Committee.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, Chairman, then moved that the Report of the Registration Committee be received and agreed. She remarked that the "prescribed scheme" for election of the sixteen

nurses on the Council was an important document, providing for the enfranchisement of the Registered Nurses.

The Report was as follows:—

The Registration Committee has met once—on February 10th:

I. To recommend that the following "prescribed scheme" for the Constitution of the Council (Clause 4, Schedule) be approved:—

Draft Prescribed Scheme for the Election of Persons Registered as Nurses on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL:—

6 *Past or Present Matrons* of Training Schools for Nurses to be elected by the Nurses on the General part of the Register.

4 Matrons of General Hospitals (not less than one of whom must be the Matron of a Provincial General Hospital).

2 Matrons of Poor-Law Infirmaries (one of whom must be the Matron of a Provincial Poor-Law Infirmary).

5 "*Registered Nurses*" (who are not Matrons of Hospitals), one of whom must be engaged in the Public Health Service.

To be elected by nurses on the General part of the Register.

1 Male Nurse.

2 Mental Nurses (Male and Female).

1 Fever Nurse.

1 Sick Children's Nurse.

16 To be elected by the Nurses on the Supplementary parts of the Register of the class to which he or she belongs.

2. NOMINATION.

The Registered Nurses entitled to be elected on the General Nursing Council must be duly nominated on a form prescribed for the purpose. Each nomination paper must be signed by 12 Registered Nurses.

FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER:—

We, the undersigned, being Registered Nurses, hereby nominate
(name in full)

of

(address and qualification)

a Registered Nurse, as a proper person to be elected to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales by the Nurses registered on the General part of the Register.

The Forms of the Nomination papers for Nurses registered on the Supplementary parts of the Register will be similar to the foregoing Form, *mutatis mutandis*.

3. ELECTION.

An election of the direct representatives of the Nurses shall be by ballot, by means of voting papers to be transmitted through the post in accordance with directions framed by the Council, and the directions shall contain all things necessary, preliminary or incidental to an election, and every nurse for the time being

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