

and that the Registrar be directed to submit to the Council, through the Registration Committee, for their approval, all applications which are clearly in order and covered by previous decisions."

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE pointed out that there were no women mental nurses on the Council. In order to alter this unfortunate position, he would move at the next meeting that six mental nurses be added to the Mental Nurses' Committee.

This concluded the business, and it was agreed that the next meeting of Council should be held on Friday, February 17th, at 2.30 p.m.

#### AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have received the following official communication from the Ministry of Health:—

A meeting of the General Nursing Council was held yesterday, at which Sir Wilmot Herringham presided for the first time since his appointment to succeed Mr. Priestley. All the members who resigned with the late Chairman have now withdrawn their resignations, and the Council has resumed its normal activities.

In view of various unauthorised and unfounded statements which have been made Sir Alfred Mond thinks it desirable to state that these resignations had nothing to do either with the question of the syllabus of training or the question of the entry of certificates in the Register. There is further no foundation for the suggestion that there has been any controversy between the Council and the Minister. On the contrary the relations between the Council and the Ministry have been uniformly cordial."

What the Nursing Profession desires to know is the reason why the late Chairman and certain Members of the Council resigned—not the reasons they repudiate for having done so. No doubt, however, the Minister of Health is of opinion that it will make for peace if the Council resumes its duties without further explanation.

The evident policy of the present Minister of Health is that Statutory Bodies over which he has ultimate jurisdiction shall be required to conduct their own business affairs in Council. This constitutional policy is the only one which can inspire an Executive body with a sense of responsibility and proportion, and should ensure unprejudiced discussion and well-considered conclusions. Unconstitutional methods cannot be too severely condemned, as they must lead to the loss of the confidence and the respect of the persons calculated to benefit by the administration of such bodies.

Miss Ryan has been appointed Health Visitor by the Urban District Council, Willesden. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has worked as a Health Visitor under the Derbyshire County Council, and as Assistant Organiser of Children's Care Work under the London County Council. She is a certified midwife and holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as an Inspector of Nuisances, and in Maternity and Child Welfare Work.

#### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The wedding of Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles on February 28 has been fixed to take place at 11.30 a.m., and Westminster Hospital will make a little hay whilst the matrimonial sun shines.

A limited number of seats facing the Western door of the Abbey are available at Westminster Hospital. Those desirous of viewing the Royal procession are invited to contribute to the hospital funds a minimum of five guineas per seat. Cameras are not allowed. Applications to be addressed to the Secretary, Westminster Hospital, S.W.1.

Lord Dawson, in an address at the London Hospital, said that it was no use practitioners simply walking in the footsteps of their forefathers. It was those who realised what the newer needs were, and equipped themselves to meet them, who would be the successful men of the future.

Dr. F. Foord Caiger, Chief Medical Officer, Infectious Hospitals Service of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and Medical Superintendent of the South-Western Hospital, Stockwell, has been appointed Emeritus Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

In order to avoid interference with the school hours of children attending the Borough of Islington Tuberculosis Dispensary at the Royal Northern Hospital, it has been decided to hold an extra session on Tuesdays, on and after Tuesday, January 31st, 1922.

Admission (which will be strictly confined to school children) will be from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

#### FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We have received a copy of the Rules governing the Examinations of the Fever Nurses' Association, as recently amended by its Education Committee.

The most important alterations are in Rules V, VIII and XIII.

By the first mentioned rule the examination is now divided into two parts, viz.:—(1) Anatomy and Physiology and (2) Fevers and Fever-Nursing. The first part to be taken in, but not before, the last three months of the first year's training; and the second part in the last three months of the second year's training, or later. (General trained nurses are only required to take the second part of the examination.)

Rule VIII has been amended so that there shall be two independent examiners—a registered medical practitioner, and a Matron—instead of, as in the past, an independent registered medical practitioner only.

By Rule XIII a nurse who fails in the first examination can enter *three* times only, instead of "any number of times."

The alterations are all to the good, and we are especially glad to note that both a Matron, and a registered medical practitioner are to act as independent examiners.

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