

for nearly twelve years, has been convicted of theft, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

"It is a terrible thought that such a thing could be possible. The circumstances of the case point to a curious feature in that the nurse herself received little or no benefit from the food and other material which she stole and conveyed outside to a woman friend, who the Magistrate considered was equally guilty with herself and sentenced to the same term of imprisonment. Apparently the nurse received no payment for the goods, and, for the most part, as she was living in the hospital, she could not have partaken of the greater portion of dietary.

"Under the Nurses' Registration Act a clause provides that a nurse convicted of an indictable offence shall be removed from the Register by Order of the Governor in Council, and after twenty-one years this step will now have to be taken."

This is indeed a sad story, but under the Nurses' Registration Act the profession in New Zealand can purge its ranks of criminals. After our thirty years' struggle for legal status this protection is now ours, though we feel that the present Standing Penal and Disciplinary Committee of the G.N.C., composed as it is largely of independent professional nurses, will see that a full measure of justice is done to any accused colleague.

PRINCESS MARY AT LEEDS.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles had a splendid reception at Leeds on Monday, when she visited the city to open the Infants' Ward at Leeds General Infirmary. She was met at the Moortown boundary of the city by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. The nurses gave her a cheering welcome at the hospital, which, of course, looked its very spotless and flowery best.

The Lord Mayor, in handing over a cheque made out to Princess Mary for over £6,000, said that the Princess Mary's Infants' Ward had been founded to commemorate and celebrate her marriage. All classes of the public had subscribed eagerly towards this object, and the ward was beginning its career of usefulness unfettered by want of funds.

After unlocking the ward with a golden key the Princess was shown everything, and expressed delight with all the arrangements.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N. (Leeds), and the Nursing Staff took an active part in making the occasion of the Royal visit a great success.

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Report of the Registration Committee.

DR. GOODALL (Chairman of the Registration Committee) moved that the Report be received.

Since the last Meeting of the Council the Committee has met twice, on August 29th and September 15th.

I. *The following Statements showing the progress of Registration have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—*

Applications received during week ending—

	Gen.	Supp.	Total.
July 22nd ..	295	30	325
July 29th ..	291	19	310
August 5th ..	372	34	406
August 12th ..	413	31	444
August 19th ..	395	31	426
August 26th ..	386	51	437
September 2nd ..	441	97	538
September 9th ..	482	64	546
September 16th ..	423	108	531
	<u>3498</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>3963</u>

II. Registration to September 16th, 1922—

Applications received	12,479
Applications approved by Council to	
July 21st, 1922	6,616
Applications for approval	1,474
Ineligible	523
Applications withdrawn	26

III. *Lists of 1,474 applications for registration, whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules, are appended, as also are lists of 50 applicants whose applications are not in conformity with the rules.*

The Committee recommends—

(a) That the 1,474 applicants whose applications have been found to be in order be approved for registration, and that the Registrar be instructed to enter their names in the appropriate parts of the Register.

(b) That the appropriate certificate be granted to each of these applicants, and that authority be hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council to each certificate.

Discussion.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK enquired why the number of applications held over for consideration was not stated as was the practice formerly, and as was arranged at the July meeting of the Council.

DR. GOODALL said the figures could be ascertained by subtraction, and stated that the number so held over was 3,863.

On the motion of MR. CHRISTIAN, seconded by MISS SEYMOUR YAPP, Dr. Goodall obtained leave to move the following Resolution:—

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