

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Rules made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland in terms of paragraph 4 of the Schedule annexed to the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

THE FIRST ELECTION OF REGISTERED NURSES.

1. The first election shall take place on the 30th day of November, 1922, and subsequent elections shall take place on the last Thursday of November in every fifth year thereafter.

2. The election shall be carried out by postal ballot. The Council shall appoint the Registrar or such other person as they may think fit as Returning Officer.

3. On or before the 1st day of October in any year in which an election takes place, the Registrar shall advertise once in at least two recognised journals circulating amongst nurses, and in a daily newspaper published in each of the following places, namely Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Dundee, stating that an election is to take place, where nomination papers may be obtained, and the date on which nominations must be lodged in his hands. The nomination paper shall be in or as nearly as may be in the form laid down in Schedule I hereto.

4. Each candidate for election must be a person registered as a nurse under the Act, and must be proposed by one person so registered and seconded by another person so registered. No nomination paper shall be valid unless signed by the proposer and seconder and by the nominated candidate, and received by the Registrar not later than 10 o'clock forenoon on the 14th day of October in the year of election. If by 10 o'clock forenoon on said date no more than nine valid nominations are received by the Registrar, the Returning Officer shall declare the person so nominated to be duly elected.

5. On or before the 1st day of November in any year in which the number of valid nominations received as aforesaid exceeds nine, the Registrar shall send by post to each person registered as a nurse under the Act, a voting paper in or as nearly as may be in the form set out in Schedule II hereto.

6. Each nurse registered as aforesaid shall have nine votes, and may use the same or any less number of votes, but shall not give more than one vote to each candidate. Any voting paper which contains more than nine votes in all, or contains more than one vote for any candidate, shall be treated as a spoiled paper and rejected by the Returning Officer *in toto*.

7. No voting paper shall be accepted which is received by the Registrar later than 12 noon on the last Thursday in November in any year in which an election takes place. As soon as possible thereafter the votes shall be counted under the direction of the Returning Officer, who shall declare elected the nine candidates having the

largest number of votes. If the number of votes received by any two or more candidates are equal and the addition of a vote to any one of said candidates would enable that candidate to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot which of the candidates shall be elected. The result shall be published by the Returning Officer in the newspapers aforesaid, and communicated to the Board.

8. If the place of an elected member of the Council becomes vacant before the expiration of such member's term of office, whether by death, resignation, or otherwise, or in the event of a sufficient number of nominations of elected members not being made, the vacancy shall be filled by the Council. Any person so appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the next election of Members of the Council.

9. All questions with regard to the validity of nomination papers or voting papers, or to other matters connected with an election, shall be determined by the Returning Officer whose decision shall be final.

10. In these Rules the following words shall have the meanings hereto attached to them, namely:—

"The Board" means the Scottish Board of Health.

"The Council" means the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

"The Registrar" means the Registrar for the time being of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

"The Act" means the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

SCHEDULE I.

**GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.
Election of Members.**

(Date).....

NOMINATION PAPERS.

WE HEREBY NOMINATE:—

(Name in full).....
(Address)

(Professional Status)
as a member of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

(Signature) }
(Name in full) } Proposer
(Registered Address) }
(Registered Number)

(Signature) }
(Name in full) } Seconder
(Registered Address) }
(Registered Number)

*I hereby consent to be nominated as a Member of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

(Signature)
My Registered Number is.....

(*Proposer must obtain the Signature of Nominated Candidate to this declaration.)

NOTES.

1.—Person nominated may be of either sex, but

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