

THE CHAIRMAN considered that the Council would be justified, on the information obtained, in granting reciprocal Registration with New Zealand, and moved the following Resolution, which was carried unanimously :—

"That this Council agrees to accept a certificate of registration in New Zealand as sufficient evidence of fitness for admission to the register of this Council, provided that the Director of Nurses' Registration in New Zealand agrees to admit nurses registered by this Council with a certificate of three years' training, and of having passed an examination to the New Zealand Nurses' Register."

It was referred to the Registration Committee to obtain information as to Registration of Nurses in India, and further information from Queensland and Western Australia, and to apply again for an answer from South Australia. (A Registration Law is in force in South Australia.—ED.).

The meeting then terminated.

MENTAL NURSES AND STATE REGISTRATION.

Mr. George Gibson, General Secretary of the National Asylum-Workers' Union, addressed the following letter to the Chairman, General Nursing Council, in August, and as it was not reported to the Council at its meeting on September 22nd, he desires publicity for it through the Press :—

National Asylum-Workers' Union,
1, Rushford Avenue, Levenshulme,
Manchester,
August 22nd, 1922.

The Chairman, General Nursing Council,
12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W. 1.

SIR,—As you will probably be aware, we have always been strongly in favour of the Registration of Nurses, and since the Nursing Council was formed we have endeavoured, to the utmost of our ability, to persuade our members to register.

During recent visits to our branches I have found that a large proportion of our members are of opinion that fees paid to the Nursing Council under present conditions are simply subsidising incompetence and wastefulness. Amongst some of the reasons given for this opinion being expressed is the fact that the salary list of the Council, before the employment of an assistant secretary, amounted to over £60 per week, also that the Council is over £5,000 in debt to the Ministry of Health; these figures having been accepted as facts because they have been reported in nursing journals.

These reports have certainly had the effect of limiting the number of applicants for registration, and I respectfully and earnestly suggest that some steps should be taken by the Nursing Council to disabuse the minds of nurses of the impression, which undoubtedly is gaining ground, that their registration fees are being recklessly squandered in unnecessary salaries.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. GIBSON, *General Secretary.*

The Asylum-Workers' Union will be relieved to learn from the report of the Council Meeting on September 22nd that the £5,000 loan from the Treasury has now been paid off, and that a Chartered Accountant is to be engaged to enquire into the present system of the office organization

of the Council. Personally, we are of opinion that, if the experienced nurse organisers on the General Nursing Council had been permitted to do their public duty and organize their own office, the system would have secured efficiency and economy and our Register would have been published in July as it should have been. This, however, was prevented by ignorant bureaucracy, unfortunately supported by the Ministry of Health; and as a lay woman, practically ignorant of professional nursing and clerical work, was made Chairman of the Standing Committee which is responsible to the Council for office management, it is not surprising that the nurses are being called upon to incur the heavy cost of investigation and suggestions from an outside source.

A very humiliating position for those members of the Council who have prevented their expert colleagues from organizing the Council's clerical work, without financial expenditure, as their past record for organization eminently fits them to do.

JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

A meeting of the above Council was held in the Conference Room, Scottish Provident Buildings, on Tuesday evening, 3rd instant, at 4.30 p.m. Members present: Col. Dawson, C.M.O., Chairman; Miss Curtin, Miss Kelly, Miss Musson, Miss Tate and Dr. Johnstone, M.P., M.D.

Mr. W. J. Cathcart, Acting Secretary, read the correspondence, also letters from Nurses in regard to Registration. It was unanimously resolved—That Dr. J. R. Johnstone, M.P., M.B., F.R.C.S., be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council, also that Miss Bostock be appointed temporary Registrar for a period of six months.

All the Committees having been duly appointed, and an official Seal adopted, the meeting adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

SISTER TUTOR.

The Infirmary, London Road, Coventry.—Miss Margaret Cavill has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Lambeth Infirmary, where she has held the position of Sister. She has also had experience of Infectious Nursing as Day and Night Sister, and has been Sister in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service Reserve, serving at home and abroad, Pupil Housekeeper at King's College, S.E., Administrative Holiday Sister at Lambeth Infirmary, and Home Sister at the Kingston and District Hospital.

SISTER.

Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.—Miss A. Loveliss has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, where she held the position of Staff Nurse in the Massage Department. She has also been Ward Sister at the British Hospital, Nice, France, and holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board and is a certified masseuse.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, R.R.C., has been appointed Principal Matron of the Fourth Scottish General Hospital, T.A.N.S., in succession to Miss J. Melrose, R.R.C.

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