

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES presented the Report for the HON. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS (Chairman of the General Purposes Committee), and moved that it be received.

Amongst the items reported were the resignation of Miss Harrison, Chief Stenographer. The Committee recommended that Miss Cecilia Bowie be appointed in her place at a salary of £4 a week.

The following Resolution was adopted:—

“That every one who resigns from the service of the Council shall tender a resignation in writing, which shall be laid before the General Purposes Committee for report to the Council, and shall be requested to appear before the said Committee, who shall ascertain the reasons of the resignation, and report to the Council.”

Discussion.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired whether Miss Bowie was to be paid the same salary as Miss Harrison.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative. Miss Bowie's salary would be £4 a week.

MRS. FENWICK said the work of the Chief Stenographer was highly technical and responsible as she reported all the business of the Council and Committees, this responsibility not being required of the Registrar. Why should this post only carry a salary of £4 a week when Miss Darbyshire was paid £5 for merely interviewing applicants for registration?

THE CHAIRMAN said she was paid what she asked. Was Mrs. Fenwick prepared to propose that she should receive more?

MRS. FENWICK said No, but that Miss Darbyshire should be paid less. The person who performed the most skilled and responsible duties should receive the highest salary.

The recommendation as to Miss Bowie's appointment was then agreed.

DR. GOODALL, MISS SEYMOUR YAPP and MISS WORSLEY did not consider the reasons for resignations should be reported to the Council.

On the proposition of Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Miss Harrison from the Council, thanking her for her admirable work and invariable courtesy.

The Report was then approved as a whole.

Any Other Business.

Under “Any Other Business,” MISS MACCALLUM asked for information. She said on going through the list of Nurses and the Register of the College of Nursing, Ltd., she found some nurses described as trained on the list, and certificated on the College Register.

THE CHAIRMAN: What list?

MISS MACCALLUM: The list of applications supplied to the Council.

THE CHAIRMAN (putting on his hat): The business of the Council is over.

MISS MACCALLUM: This concerns the working nurses. A working nurse will never get justice here.

The meeting then terminated.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Nursing Council for Ireland was held on the 10th inst., at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger presided, and the following were present: Sir William Taylor, Miss Reeves, Miss O'Flynn, Miss Michie, Miss Bostock and Miss Curtin.

The Registrar was in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lady Kenmare, Sir Arthur Chance, Miss Huxley, Miss Walsh and Mrs. Blunden.

The reports of the various committees of the Council were adopted.

In their report the Registration Committee reported as to the number of applications already dealt with, and it was decided to draw the attention of nurses to the fact that the latest date under the Act for receiving applications for registration without examination is March 31st, 1923.

The Council adopted regulations with regard to the recognition of hospitals as training schools for nurses, and hospitals desirous of being so recognised must apply to the Council.

On the motion of Sir Edward Coey Bigger, seconded by Miss Curtin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

“That we, the General Nursing Council for Ireland, strongly recommend that trained nurses be exempted from service on juries.”

After the transaction of routine business the Meeting adjourned.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

The members of the Nursing Staff are organizing a Bazaar, the proceeds of which are to provide Christmas fare for the Patients, the financial condition of the Hospital being in too bad a state for money to be taken from the general funds for this purpose.

The Bazaar will be held in the Out-Patients' Hall on December 9th, from 3-9 p.m. Admission, 6d.

There will be Concerts given by the Nurses, Teas, Character Reading, and various Stalls with Sweets, Calendars, Leather Goods, &c.; and it is hoped that as many former King's Nurses as possible, and others who are interested in King's, will come and bring their friends, and help to make this effort a real success.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Social Club of the P.U.T.N. are giving a Dance (Fancy Dress optional), on Thursday, November 30th, at the Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn Road. Tickets, price 6s. each, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, P.U.T.N., 62, Oxford Street, W. 1.

Please notify as soon as possible if you wish to attend, as arrangements have to be made beforehand. MAUDE MACCALLUM, *Hon. Secretary.*

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