

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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### 3. Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met four times, on April 17th, 24th, and May 1st and 8th, 1923.

II. CONSIDERED.—The question of Fees for the Optional Examination in 1924 and for the Preliminary and Final Examinations, referred back by the Council on April 20th.

After consideration of many returns from various Training Schools and other examining bodies, the Committee arrived at the conclusion that the fees originally recommended were as low as could be afforded.

#### Recommendation 6.

(1) "That the Fee for the Preliminary Examination shall be £2 2s., and that for the Final Examination £3 3s."

(2) "That the Fee for the Optional Examination in July, 1924, shall be £3 3s."

III. REPORTED—That the following Memorandum was drawn up setting forth the duties of the Examinations Officer:—

The following are provisionally the duties of the Examinations Officer, who will be expected to place him or herself under the immediate direction of the Assistant Registrar:—

1. To conduct all correspondence for purposes of forming a panel of Examiners, of ascertaining probable numbers of candidates for examination, of forwarding and receiving schedules and certificates of candidates, dates of practical examination, notification to candidates, fees, &c.

2. To arrange provision and equipment for examinations at regular quarterly times in centres throughout England and Wales, interviews with all Local Authorities relative to rooms, heating, lighting, invigilating, equipment, &c.

3. To arrange for formation of Boards of Examiners, meetings of Examiners, distributing examination papers, conveyance of answers to Examiners, Reports of Examiners, notice of results to candidates.

4. To be the medium of communication on all these kindred subjects.

5. Attend all meetings of Education Committee if required.

IV. REPORTED—That a Deputation from the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, consisting of Mr. Charles Yeomans, Chairman of the Joint Nursing Committee of the two hospitals, and Mr. Cuff, Senior Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, had an interview with the Education and Examination Committee on May 1st, 1923. The Deputation put forward the following scheme:—

That the nurses would be engaged by, and would throughout their term of contract be in the employ of, the Joint Committee of the Royal Infirmary and the Jessop Hospital.

That the Jessop Hospital would by the scheme represent and be used as the Gynæcological Wards of

the Royal Infirmary, and that nurses would serve in the Jessop Hospital in the same way in which they would serve in the Gynæcological Wards of other General Hospitals.

That during the three years of their General Training the nurses would be instructed in the subjects of the General Syllabus, and that no training would be given in Maternity during this time.

#### Recommendation 7.

That the following hospitals be recognised together as forming a complete training school:—

Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.

#### V. Recommendation 8.

That the following hospitals be recognised as Training Schools which, in combination with other Public Hospitals, give complete training under Section 3 (2) of the Scheme of Training:—

General—Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate. (Affiliated to Guy's Hospital, and East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospitals.)

CONSIDERED.—Further list of Sick Children's Hospitals whose authorities have replied to enquiries instituted by the Council.

#### Recommendation 9.

That the following hospital be recognised as a complete Training School for Sick Children's Nurses:—

Alder Hey Hospital, West Derby Union.

#### Discussion.

MISS M. WIESE said she wished to speak against Recommendation 6. Until the economic position of nurses was improved she did not consider the fees should be on the scale proposed.

MISS COX DAVIES considered that the fact that nurses had to pay these fees might be of assistance to hospital authorities in securing a higher type of probationers.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW said that every boy who went in for his Oxford or Cambridge Examination had to pay £2 10s. The Nurses' State Examinations would probably cost more than the fees proposed.

THE CHAIRMAN hoped not, they ought to cover expenses.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP said the Chairman would recollect that she wrote pretty warmly to him on this matter. She didn't know that she desired to own herself mistaken, but, as far as the examinations went, she did not think what she wrote in her irritation was correct.

MISS LLOYD STILL said that from enquiries made by the Committee it was practically certain that the Examinations could not be conducted for lower fees.

The Report was then approved as a whole.

### 6. Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX-DAVIES, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, moved that the Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met three times—on April 24th, May 1st and May 8th, 1923.

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