

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Thirty-ninth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., on Friday, September 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

I.—Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting (July 20th), with three emendations, were confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Chairman reported that he had referred the question of the Order in Council concerning Rule 9 (r) (g) to the Council's legal adviser, who was strongly of opinion that it would not be advisable to dispute the Order.

II.—Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Health acquainting the Council, by the direction of the Minister of Health, that he had under consideration the appointment of a Departmental Committee to consider the training of nurses in Poor Law Establishments, and that the Minister would be glad if the Council would be good enough to appoint one of its members to serve on this Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN said that he had referred the letter to the Education and Examination Committee which had made a recommendation on the subject in its Report.

III.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1.—Report of the Finance Committee.

The Report was presented by SIR JENNER VERRALL, Chairman of the Committee, who moved that it be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on September 13th.

II. Recommendation 1.

"That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved."

III. Recommendation 2.

"That the sum of £350 for stamps and £20 for Insurance Stamps be allowed."

IV. REPORTED—That the Committee decided to invest the sum of £4,000 and to seek the advice of the Bank Manager as to the mode of investment.

Recommendation 3.

"That this action be approved."

V. Recommendation 4.

"That on consideration at the next Council Meeting of Recommendation 22 of the General Purposes Committee, deferred from the July Council Meeting, the Committee raises no objection to the bonus suggested." (Bonus to Registration Clerk of £20 6s. 8d.)

VI. REPORTED—That the Committee raises no objection to Recommendation 17 of the General Purposes Committee. (Purchase of filing cabinets, and card index cabinet; total cost £81 6s.)

VII REPORTED—That the Committee raises no objection to Recommendation 14 of the Education

and Examination Committee. (Payment of Expenses of Members deputed to inspect hospitals.)

VIII. REPORTED—That the Committee raises no objection to Recommendation 20 of the Uniform Committee. (That the estimate for printing Instructions *re* Uniform be accepted.)

IX. Recommendation 5.

"That 250 copies of the Register be ordered at a cost of £646."

Consideration of Recommendation 4 (Item V) was deferred until the Report of the General Purposes Committee was considered. (Bonus to Registration Clerk.)

The Report was then approved as a whole.

2.—Report of the Registration Committee.

The Report was presented by Dr. E. W. GOODALL, Chairman, who moved that it be received.

I.—REPORTED—That the Committee has met once—on September 14th, 1923.

II. Applications for Registration.

The following statements have been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received during the week ending—

July 21st, 1923	503
28th, "	212
Aug. 4th, "	113
11th, "	71
18th, "	43
25th, "	55
Sept. 1st, "	56
8th, "	43

III. Registration to September 8th, 1923.

Applications received	41,547
Applications approved by the Council on July 20th	24,302
Applications for approval at meeting on September 21st	2,098
Applications ineligible to meeting on July 20th	978
Applications ineligible, to be brought before meeting on September 21st	—
Applications withdrawn	114
Applications incomplete	14,055
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General Register	..	1,812
Male "	..	2
Mental "	..	214
Sick Children's Register	..	57
Fever Register	..	13
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		2,098

DR. GOODALL said that there were a large number of applications still to be dealt with, but that these would now be gradually worked off.

IV. This item was taken *in camera* at the end of the meeting, namely:—

Lists of 2,098 applicants for registration, whose applications have been found to be in conformity with the rules, are appended.

Recommendation 6.

"That the 2,098 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."

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