

tary Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene) open to every branch of nursing.

It was agreed to bring to the notice of the General Nursing Council the opinion of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association that a certain number of marks for ward work should count in its examination, and that there should be on the card, which goes up with the nurse a record of the manner in which she has performed her practical work.

Also, that at all the examination centres, a mental hospital nurse should be included in the Board of Examiners.

The members present considered that the public should be educated as to the quality of the work done in mental hospitals; also that the conditions of service should be such as to attract the best type of probationers; and that Nurses' Homes should, where possible, be away from the atmosphere of work. The work was intensely interesting, and it was not large salaries so much as congenial conditions of work which would attract probationers.

Miss Macaulay reported that she had in July received a kind letter from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick wishing well to the Association, who had also pointed out the advantages of affiliation with the National Council of Trained Nurses.

Miss Breay, who was present, explained the organisation of the National and International Councils of Nurses, and votes of thanks were passed both to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her kind interest, and to Miss Breay for her attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman mentioned the desirability of the formation of an Association of certificated Registered Mental Nurses, with which those present were thoroughly in accord.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Miss Hearder and those present then adjourned to Miss Macaulay's quarters, where she most hospitably entertained them to a delightful tea.

The charming grounds of the Hospital, which lend themselves to the open air treatment, now considered to be so beneficial to mental patients, with beautiful vistas through avenues of trees, were greatly admired, and a visit to one of the cheerful wards showed it to be in excellent nursing order.

#### REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council are urged to attend the meeting at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, October 5th (this week), at 4.30 p.m. The President, Miss Beatrice Kent, has returned to London from Switzerland, and will be in the chair.

#### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"We may console ourselves with the reflection of the dying Socrates to his sorrowing companions; he who has arrayed the soul in her own proper jewels of moderation, justice, courage, nobleness, and truth is ever ready for the journey."

*Lord Morley on the Death of Mill.*

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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### 4.—Report of the General Purposes Committee.

MISS COX DAVIES (Chairman of the General Purposes Committee) moved that "her" Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met twice—on August 14th and 28th.

II. REPORTED—That the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Haines, had resigned as they found the work too heavy, and that the Chairman of the Committee had interviewed two applicants for the post. Mr. and Mrs. Fairhall had been appointed and took up duty on August 7th.

III. REPORTED—That five applicants for the post of Registration Clerk had been interviewed, and that Miss Nellie Barker had been appointed and would take up duty on September 12th.

Miss Barker's qualifications are:—Registered Nurse, No. 18340; Certificated, Guy's Hospital, London; Sister and Superintendent Sister, N.W. Railway Nursing Service, Lahore; Sister and Matron, Civil Hospital, Basrah; Principal Matron, Civil Nursing Service, Iraq.

(Miss COX DAVIES later mentioned that she had been asked a question as to Miss Barker's secretarial qualifications, and said that she had had five months' secretarial training at the Secretarial College, South Molton Street, and secretarial experience as Principal Matron).

*Recommendation 16.*

"That this action be approved."

*Recommendation 22* of the General Purposes Committee at its meeting held on July 20 was then moved:

"That on the occasion of Miss Davies' leaving, a bonus be paid to her representing approximately the additional sum that would have accrued to her had the vote for increased salary been sanctioned by the Ministry."

THE CHAIRMAN said that this Recommendation should have been placed on the Agenda as Recommendation 16, but as it was deferred from the last meeting and directed to be considered at this meeting it could be considered.

IV. Reported that the following equipment has been purchased:

Six Lock Steel Filing Cabinets, at a cost of £11 7s. 8d. each.

Card Index Cabinet at a cost of £13.

#### Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN said in connection with the work of the Registration Clerk that it was really remarkable that not a certificate had been lost. There had been several complaints as to applications which had been lost, but up to the last month, except for one case, believed to be a case of theft, not yet investigated, there had been no losses. There was one case of a nurse who was entrusted

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