

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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3. Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, moved that the Report be received.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met three times—on September 25th, October 2nd, and October 9th, 1923.

II. CONSIDERED—The amendment to Paragraph 10 of the Regulations for the Examination approved by the Council on September 21st.

Recommendation 8.

"That the Preliminary Examination consist of one paper of three hours and an oral and practical.

"That the paper include Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene, and Nursing.

"That alternative questions be set in each subject.

"That in Anatomy and Physiology three questions must be answered, of which one must be in Anatomy and one in Physiology.

"That in Hygiene and Nursing three questions must be answered, of which one must be in Hygiene and one in Nursing.

"That the oral and practical include all the subjects.

"That full marks for the practical be double those for the paper."

[THE CHAIRMAN said that Recommendation 8 should be read as notified on the Preliminary Agenda, i.e., with the following introduction:—

The following Recommendation will form part of the Report:—

"That Recommendation 15, Para. 10, Regulations for conduct of the State Examinations approved at the Meeting of Council on September 21st be rescinded, and that the following be substituted.]

III. CONSIDERED—Regulation 6 of Instructions to Candidates referred back by the Council on September 21st for re-drafting.

Recommendation 9.

That Regulation 6 read as follows:—

"Under no circumstances may a Candidate enter into communication with the Examiners (other than the Presiding Examiner in charge of the examination room) on the subject of her examination. If there are any points concerning her examination with which, in her opinion, the Examiner should be acquainted, she should communicate with the Registrar, who may, should she consider it desirable, forward the communication to the Examiners."

IV. CONSIDERED.

EXAMINERS—CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. *Appointment.*—Examiners shall be appointed twice a year from the Panel of Examiners for the State Examinations constituted by the Council; they shall be eligible for re-appointment while still on the Panel, but will not as a rule be invited to serve for more than four consecutive examina-

tions. Acceptance of an invitation to act as an Examiner will be regarded as an undertaking to carry out all the duties required of Examiners as set out in the Instructions issued by the Council.

A.—SETTING PAPERS.

2. *Joint Responsibility.*—Every Examination paper in examinations, for which two or more Examiners are appointed, shall be set by the Board of Examiners (*see* scheme for Appointment of Examiners)* for that Examination in consultation, and all the Examiners shall be jointly and severally responsible for every question contained in it.

3. *Copyright.*—It is a condition of appointment that any copyright possessed by the Examiner in Examination papers prepared for the Council shall be vested in the Council.

4. *Transmission of Papers.*—All copy or proof of Examination papers shall be forwarded by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners under seal in the special envelopes supplied, and shall be addressed to the Registrar.

5. *Proof.*—Only one proof of Examination papers shall be issued, the same proof being sent in rotation to all the Examiners concerned in the alphabetical order of their names. The Examiners shall be required to satisfy themselves that the proof is in every respect complete and accurate, and to sign the certificate to this effect stamped on the proof. Each signature will be taken as signifying that the Examiner in question has individually satisfied himself or herself that the proof is correct.

B.—GENERAL.

6. *Vacation Addresses.*—Examiners are informed that, when on vacation, their addresses must always be communicated to the Registrar, or measures must be taken by them to ensure the due forwarding of communications from the Council through their usual addresses.

As Examination papers and Answer books cannot be sent abroad, Examiners are requested to give early notice to the Registrar of their intention to go abroad at any time during which they may be called upon to correct Examination papers and Answer books, or conduct *viva-voce* examinations, in order that the Council may take the necessary steps for finding substitutes.

7. *Communications from Candidates and Training Schools.*—Any communication which Training Schools or Candidates may desire to make on the subject of the Examinations shall be made to the Registrar and not to the Examiners; and should any such communication be addressed to the Examiners it shall not be dealt with by them, but shall be referred to the Registrar. Any application by candidates or their friends for information as to the best mode of preparing for Examinations, or as to the manner in which such candidates have answered at the Examinations, shall be dealt with in like manner.

*The scheme for Appointment of Examiners is not yet completed.

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