

salaries of forty-three officials, the office cost, the cost of the upkeep and publication of the Register, and later of the Examination Department. It would be an eye-opener when compared with the expenditure of the Scottish and Irish Councils, and of the Central Midwives' Board.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING HELD AT 13, MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, ON OCTOBER 19TH, 1923.

The Council agreed to recognise the following schemes of combined training:—(1) Three years at the Royal Infirmary, Montrose, and one year at Dundee Royal Infirmary; (2) three years at Kirkcaldy Hospital and one year at the City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh.

The following arrangements were approved in regard to the Council's examinations:—

1. As previously arranged, written and practical Examinations to be held at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen; and that, in addition, the written Examination be also held in any place at which there are as many as twenty-five candidates, counting both parts of the Examination for all parts of the Register; provided suitable premises and a suitable examination supervisor can be arranged for:

2. That candidates must apply for an official form, which must be returned to the Registrar by registered post duly filled in at least eight weeks before the date on which the Examination will commence.

3. That in the case of candidates for the Preliminary Examination the form must be accompanied by (1) certificate of instruction; (2) certificate of birth or infant baptism, or statutory declaration as to age; (3) if married, a copy of the marriage certificate; (4) the examination fee. A special form to be issued for the use of candidates who have previously entered but failed to pass.

4. That in the case of candidates for the Final Examination the form must be accompanied by (1) certificate of instruction; (2) certificate of good conduct; (3) marriage certificate (if married since passing preliminary examination); (4) the examination fee.

5. That the examination shall be conducted by means of written papers and oral and practical Examinations. No candidate shall pass unless she satisfies the examiners as to her competence in both the written and oral and practical parts. The examiners' decision in regard to each candidate will be final.

6. Written Examination: This shall consist of papers on (1) elementary anatomy and physiology. Time allowed, two hours. Paper to consist of five questions, two to be on anatomy, two on physiology, and the fifth to be on either, in the option of the examiners. Of these questions the candidate must answer four—two on anatomy and two on physiology. (2) Hygiene and elementary

theory and practice of nursing, Part I. Paper to consist of five questions, two on hygiene, two on elementary theory and practice of nursing, and the fifth on either, in the option of the examiners. Of these the candidate must answer four—two on hygiene and two on elementary theory and practice of nursing.

7. That there shall be an oral examination on elementary anatomy and physiology, and on hygiene, and a practical examination on the theory and practice of nursing, Part I, the latter to be conducted by a registered nurse.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

At a meeting of the Council of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, held at Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1, on November 8th, the following resolution was passed, and the Secretary was instructed to forward it to the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd.:—

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses condemns most strongly the action of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in further degrading the Profession by attempting to obtain half-pennies for its Endowment Fund at places of public entertainment. It draws attention to the fact that only in a profession managed by persons outside the profession, who are not responsible to the members thereof, could such action, with the consequent lowering of status, be possible. It further maintains that the reports of the College of Nursing do not give sufficient details as to the manner in which money obtained in this way is spent.

MAUDE MACCALLUM, *Hon. Secretary.*

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

The past week has been full of great events—Royal weddings, the laying to rest of a great patriotic past Prime Minister, the "Great Silence" in thought of the Heroic Dead, and the dissolution of Parliament. We live in eventful times.

The dissolution of Parliament on Friday this week was announced by Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons on Tuesday, and the timetable of events, according to the *Times*, will be as follows:—

FRIDAY.—Prorogation and issue of Dissolution Proclamation.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.—Nominations.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.—Polling day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.—Declaration of results.

This is quick work, and we must see to it that our friends have all the help possible in their constituencies. The Registered Nurses badly need professional representatives—as the medical profession has—in the House of Commons; and we fear until such representation exists nursing as a profession will continue to be crushed down lower and lower by medical intolerance and economic pressure, supported by self-seeking women, who, well-placed in the profession themselves, are totally out of sympathy with the aspirations of the self-governing group.

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