

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The forty-second meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Tuesday, December 18th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1, at 2.30 p.m., Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Health, dated December 4th, enclosing copy of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate for Male Nurses endorsed with the Minister of Health's approval.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. Report of the Finance Committee.

Sir Jenner Verrall, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the report be received. It included a recommendation:—

"That the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved and that the sum of £150 for stamps, £15 for petty cash, and £25 for insurance stamps be allowed."

The Committee reported that it raised no objection to the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee—(1) to sanctioning the provision of a typist's chair at a cost of about 40s.; (2) that the salary of Miss Smith, the accountant, be raised from £260 per annum to £350; (3) that a bonus of £35 be paid to Miss Smith for the extra work she had done during the past 18 months. It also raised no objection to the recommendation of the Uniform Committee which had considered estimates for the printing of the booklets, "that the estimate of Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for both booklets be accepted, the prices being approximately £256 with advertisements in the Tailors' booklet, and £160 without advertisements."

The Committee further reported that nominations having been received for the post of auditor, it was decided to ask representatives from these firms to attend the next Council meeting for an interview. Also that permission had been received from the Ministry of Health to retain the present staff up to March 31, 1924, with a request that before then a statement should be made as to the permanent staff required.

Further matters in connection with the Finance Committee were considered later *in camera*.

2. Report of the Registration Committee.

Dr. E. W. Goodall, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the report be received. It was reported that an application had been received from a nurse who is registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, to be registered under the reciprocity rule on the corresponding part of the Register kept by this Council. Unless a nurse has obtained a certificate of training, no entry is made in the Scottish Register in the column headed "Hospital in which qualifying training was received." As the applicant in this case had been qualified for registration by experience, no entry appeared in this column.

Consequently, there is no evidence in cases of this kind as to where the applicant was trained or gained experience. As there is likely to be considerable diversity of practice in respect of the entries on the Registers of other countries, this Committee are of the opinion that in the case of nurses who register under a reciprocity rule that fact should be entered in the column headed "Qualifications," for that is indeed the qualification by virtue of which they are registered on the English register.

The Committee recommended "that in the column of the Register headed 'Qualifications' the entry in the case of nurses who have registered by reciprocity should be as follows:—'On Register of General Nursing Council for —, according to the country.'"

(An amendment to insert the words "or an equivalent entry," before "according to the country," was carried.)

Applications for Registration.

The Committee reported that the following statements had been forwarded to the Minister of Health:—

Applications received during the week ending—

November 10th, 1923	..	31
" 17th, "	..	41
" 24th, "	..	22
December 1st	..	24
" 8th	..	21

Registration to December 8th, 1923:—

Applications—

Received	..	..	..	41,947
Approved by the Council to November 16th	..	..	..	29,803
For approval at Meeting on December 18th	..	..	..	2,557
Ineligible to Meeting on November 16th	..	..	..	1,120
Ineligible to be brought before Meeting on December 18th	92
Withdrawn	20
Incomplete	8,355

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General Register	1,467
Male	23
Mental	755
Mental defectives	19
Sick children's register	71
Fever Register	222

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Consideration of the applications was deferred to be taken *in camera* at the end of the Meeting.

3. Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, moved that the Report be received. The chief items of interest were:—

That the Committee appointed Miss Lloyd Still and Dr. Goodall as their representatives to attend the Conference with members of the Board of

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