

15th April, and for holding the Oral and Practical part of the Examination on 29th April.

Consequent on the Council's recent decision to adopt a two years' standard for Fever Nurses' training; it was resolved to amend Rule 22 (6) in regard to the admission of Intermediate Nurses by deleting the words "three years' training" in this Rule and inserting in place thereof the words "two years' training."

The Report of the Registration Committee on the number of applications for Registration was approved.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a Sub-Committee of whom had inspected the premises, the Council resolved to take on lease the first flat, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, together with storage accommodation in the basement, possession of these premises to be obtained not later than 28th May, 1924.

The Annual Report on the work of the Council for the year to 31st December, 1923, was adjusted and approved.

ANNUAL REPORT of the GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for SCOTLAND to the SCOTTISH BOARD OF HEALTH on the work of the Council for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

MEETINGS.

During the year under review there were held 14 Meetings of the Council; 19 Meetings of the Registration Committee; 12 Meetings of the Finance Committee; 10 Meetings of the Education and Examination Committee; and two Meetings of the Uniform Committee.

RULES.

In addition to a number of minor alterations on Rules already framed, the Council adopted during the year a Rule providing that Nurses who were practising before 1st January, 1900, might be accepted for Registration without evidence of any Hospital training provided the Council were otherwise satisfied of their knowledge and experience.

A Rule in similar terms had been proposed by the Council two years before, but was dropped owing to the opposition of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

During the year the Council were able to arrange with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland for the re-registration in a second country of a Nurse already on the Register of the Council of another country, and a Rule embodying this arrangement was passed. As, however, the standard in regard to Fever Nurses differed in England and Scotland, this Rule specially excepted the Fever Nurses' part of the Register. After the Rule was passed, the Society of Medical Officers of Health in Scotland represented to the Council through the Board that the period of training for Fever Nurses should be reduced from three years to two years. The Council accepted the suggestion, and prepared Draft Rules providing for this.

REGISTRATION.

Rules for the admission to the Register of future Nurses were prepared, and were practically complete at the close of the year.

The following number of applications for Registration were received during the year:—

For the General part of the Register...	1739
For the Male Nurses' part of the Register ..	4
For the Mental Nurses' part of the Register	228
For the Mental Defectives Nurses' part of the Register	6
For the Sick Children's Nurses' part of the Register	57
For the Fever Nurses' part of the Register.	350
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The following number of applications were dealt with during the year:—

	Accepted.	Rejected.	Total.
General Nurses	1760	94	1854
Male Nurses	8	—	8
Mental Nurses	217	2	219
Mental Defectives' Nurses	7	1	8
Sick Children's Nurses ...	46	—	46
Fever Nurses	351	9	360
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LIST OF APPROVED HOSPITALS.

The Council have, during the year, dealt with a large number of applications from Hospitals for approval as Training Schools for future Nurses, and in doubtful cases Hospitals were visited by a Sub-Committee of the Council. The list of Training Schools was, however, not yet complete at the close of the year under review. A number of schemes of combined training between two Hospitals have been dealt with.

REGISTERED UNIFORM.

The Council resolved to adopt the same uniform as that adopted by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales subject to certain variations. Owing to certain delays in having the English uniform approved, the Council were not able during the year to complete their arrangements on this matter.

BADGES.

The Council adopted a Badge for each class of Registered Nurse, and made arrangements for the supply and issue of these to Registered Nurses at a price of 4s. 6d.

PUBLICATION OF REGISTER.

The Council printed their Register, made up to 31st December, 1922, and placed this on sale at a price of 5s. per copy. Three copies were sold during the year.

STAFF.

The Staff of the Council at the close of the year consisted of the Registrar, two Typists, and one Junior Clerk.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MARCH 26th.

NURSES' REGISTRATION.

Dr. Chapple asked the Minister of Health whether the Law Officers of the Crown have advised that existing nurses may, until July, 1925, apply for registration under the Nurses' Registration (Amendment) Act, 1919, passed by Parliament on July 7th, 1923; and, if so, whether this right will extend to all other applicants qualified under Section 3 of the Act if they can comply with the conditions set out in the amendment referred to?

Mr. Wheatley: I am consulting the Law Officers of the Crown but I have not yet received their opinion.

The nurses alluded to include totally untrained persons without any hospital training—a proposal initiated by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and brought forward by Dr. Chapple.

MARCH 27th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Mr. H. Morrison asked the Minister of Health whether he has received from the National Asylum Workers' Union a resolution protesting against the expenditure of the General Nursing Council and asking that the fees charged by the council should be reduced; and what action he proposes to take in the matter?

Mr. Wheatley: The resolution to which the Hon. Member refers cannot be traced, but I am not prepared to express any opinion on this question until I have received definite proposals from the General Nursing Council as to the scale of registration and examination fees necessary, in their opinion, to make the Council self-supporting.

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