

not be disclosed, that she applied in April, 1923, for registration, and was registered on April 11th, 1924, and (2) Miss Annie Hulme, who applied more than a year ago, the exact date of her application it will presumably be possible to verify from your own books, together with the dates of the applications of other nurses who have been waiting for months, and are still unregistered.

My Council cannot believe that there can be any necessity for such interminable delay, considering that the Nursing Profession are paying for a clerical staff of 43 persons.

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Secretary.

To the Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

SIR JENNER VERRALL proposed that Miss Breay's letter be referred to the Registration Committee for consideration and a report.

MISS WIESE said that she had been asked to call attention to the delay in dealing with the applications of six nurses for registration as mental nurses.

MISS BUSHBY drew attention to a letter in the current issue of the *Nursing Mirror* in which the applicant complained that she had been kept waiting for Registration for nearly a year.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had not seen it. He suggested that the Registration Committee should be empowered to deal with any additional evidence of delay in dealing with applications for registration reported to the Council, together with that reported by Miss Breay. They could not deal with the case in which the name was not given. This was moved by Miss SEYMOUR YAPP, seconded by Miss SPARSHOTT, and carried.

Report of Finance Committee.

MR. ROBERT DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

He reported that the refund on income tax had now been received.

Also that the Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 21 of the Uniform Committee :-

"That the Finance Committee be asked to provide the sum of £52 to cover the cost of printing the Uniform Booklets, provided advertisements are not procured in time. Advertisements have been accepted to the value of £204, leaving a deficit of £52."

MR. DONALDSON reported the deficit to date as £36, and the recommendation was approved.

In accordance with recommendations of the Committee the sum of £100 was allowed for stamps, £20 for Insurance stamps, and £25 for petty cash.

It was also agreed that Messrs. A. & E. Walter should be paid the usual rate of commission on all sales of the publications of the Council, viz., 10 per cent.

The estimate of Messrs. W. J. Pike, Ltd., for carting desks was accepted. "For supplying two large motors with four porters for removing desks from Stamford Hill (L.C.C. Stores) to Central Hall, Westminster (420 desks), and to Mile End Road (580 desks), £10 10s."

The Report on the Council's new house in Portland Place was not presented, but was subsequently taken *in camera*.

Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

The Committee reported that the following statements have been forwarded to the Minister of Health.

Applications received :-

During the week ending—				
April 5th, 1924	..	..	..	86
April 12th, 1924	..	..	..	81

April 19th, 1924	..	..	..	46
April 26th, 1924	..	..	..	56
May 3rd, 1924	..	..	..	80

REGISTRATION TO MAY 3RD, 1924.				
Applications received	..	..	..	43,042
Applications :-				
Approved by the Council to April 11th, 1924	..	..	..	37,908
For approval at meeting on May 16th	..	..	..	834
Ineligible to meeting on April 11th	..	..	..	481
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on May 16th	16
Withdrawn	462
Incomplete	3,341
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The following applications were considered *in camera* at the end of the meeting.

General Register	..	..	..	692
Male	..	..	..	23
Mental	62
Mental Defectives	6
Sick Children's Register	12
Fever Register	39
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				834

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING asked MISS MUSSON whether all applications had been dealt with.

MISS MUSSON said that all references had been written for. Delay often arose because referees did not reply.

MISS WIESE said she had been definitely asked to protest as some mental nurses were losing 4s. a week salary to which they would be entitled when registered. The delay in putting their applications through was therefore a serious thing for them.

MR. DONALDSON also spoke to the delay in dealing with the applications of mental nurses.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, presented the Report, which stated that the Final Draft Rules for Future Nurses had been considered. The draft of the Rules forwarded through the solicitor to the Ministry of Health by the Council on February 15th, 1924, has been the subject of negotiation since that date. The present draft embodied the amendments suggested during these negotiations either by the Council, the Solicitor, or the Ministry.

The Committee recommended :-

"That the Rules as now drafted be forwarded to the Minister of Health for his approval."

DR. GOODALL pointed out that Recommendation 13 if carried would have the effect of altering the Rules. Consideration of this Recommendation (10) was accordingly deferred.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Matron of the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital stating that they had over thirty candidates for the Preliminary Examination in July, and asking that their Hospital may be made a centre for the purposes of the Oral and Practical Examination.

The Committee recommended :-

"That the Council give permission to the Education and Examination Committee to arrange for an Oral and Practical Examination to be held by the Council's Examiners in any Hospital where not less than twenty-eight candidates present themselves for examination, providing that satisfactory arrangements can be made regarding equipment and accommodation and the Hospital undertakes to pay such additional expenses as may be incurred."

The next recommendation was :-

"That the minimum age of entry for candidates for the Final Examination in Fever Nursing be twenty years, but that no nurse who passes the Examination at that age be eligible for registration on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses till she has attained the age of twenty-one years."

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