

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Report of Proceedings at a meeting held at 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on April 25th,

Sir John Lorne MacLeod occupied the Chair and ten members of the Council were present.

On behalf of the Education and Examination Committee, Col. Mackintosh reported that the Committee had that day received a deputation from Aberdeen Parish Council in regard to the question of arrangements requiring to be made in order to obtain recognition of Oldmill Hospital as a complete Training School.

Amongst the correspondence dealt with was a letter from the Medical Superintendent, District Asylum, Inverness, suggesting that Inverness should be constituted an additional Centre for the purpose of the Council's Examinations.

The Registrar was instructed to reply that under the Council's Rules if 25 nurses from the various classes of hospitals in the districts indicated that they desired to be examined at Inverness the Council would on any such occasion arrange that the written Examinations be held there.

The Council considered in detail various minor alterations to the Draft Rules for Future Nurses suggested by the Scottish Board of Health and already considered by the Education and Examination Committee.

The Registrar reported that the Written Part of the Council's Preliminary Examination had been held on April 15th, and that the arrangements for holding the Oral and Practical Part of this Examination were complete.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland is to be congratulated on the honourable distinction of being the first of the three Councils to hold a Statutory Examination in connection with the State Register of Nurses.

At the Preliminary Examination held by the General Nursing Council for Scotland in April 73 candidates presented themselves for examination; of these, 67 passed in Anatomy and Physiology, 60 in Hygiene, and 67 in Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I.

Removal of Office.

We are asked by the General Nursing Council for Scotland to give publicity to the fact that on May 28th its office was removed from 13, Melville Street to 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The publication of the State Register of Nurses in the Irish Free State has been considerably delayed, but we are glad to learn that it is now expected to be on sale very shortly.

JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES' COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland, held at 118, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, the following members were present, Lieut.-Col. Dawson, C.M.O. (in the chair), Misses Tate and Campbell, and Professor Johnstone.

The reports of the Finance and Midwives' Committee were read and adopted and correspondence was dealt with. It was agreed that the resolution of January 11th, 1924, fixing the dates of the second midwives' examination for the first week in July be rescinded, and that the examination be held on June 10th and 11th, 1924. It was also agreed to rescind the resolution of January 11th fixing the date of the first preliminary examination for July, 1924, and to hold the first preliminary examination in October, 1924, and the first final examination in October, 1925.

Applications from the Queen Street Children's Hospital and the Ulster Hospital for recognition as training schools for sick children's nurses were considered and accepted.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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NURSES' REGISTRATION.

Mr. A. Williams asked the Home Secretary whether he is aware of the hardship caused in some cases by the fact that fully trained and certificated nurses who, whilst serving abroad, were not in a position to know of the conditions attaching to application for registration until after the period of grace had expired, *i.e.*, in July last, and are therefore debarred from the advantages of registration; and whether he is in a position to recommend that, in such cases, their application be reconsidered?

Mr. Wheatley: I am aware that hardship has arisen in the circumstances mentioned by the hon. Member, but only one or two instances of this nature have been reported to the Department. I am not in a position to recommend the reconsideration of such applications since a statutory time limit is fixed by Section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, and amending legislation would be required to enable the General Nursing Council to admit them.

SPECIAL SCHEME FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NURSING PROFESSION ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, FRAMED BY THE COUNCIL.

Major Barnett has given notice of the following question:

MAJOR BARNETT.—To ask the Minister of Health whether the General Nursing Council for England and Wales duly submitted its amended election scheme before 14th March, 1924 as required; if so, whether such scheme has met with his approval and will be laid on the Table of the House; and, in the event of such scheme not having been submitted or not having been approved, what steps he proposes to take to give effect to the decision of his department, as approved by the House. (*Wednesday, 4th June.*)

AN ASSET TO NATIONAL HEALTH.

We have great pleasure in recording the return to Parliament for the Kelvingrove Division of Glasgow of Captain W. E. Elliot, M.C., by the splendid majority of 4,321. Captain Elliot, who is a member of the Medical Profession, was one of the most original humorists in the last Parliament, and is a sympathetic, understanding friend of the Nursing Profession. He will be an asset in the promotion of the national health, which the present Government is anxious to conserve, and just conditions for nurses. Our colleagues in Glasgow, will, we feel sure, rejoice at the return to the Mother of Parliaments of their brilliant compatriot.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

At the request of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, the Representative of the Charity Commissioners in the House of Commons received a deputation introduced by Miss Dorothy Jewson, M.P., from the Independent Nurses' Societies with regard to the Nation's Fund for Nurses, on Wednesday, May 28th.

These Societies maintain:—(1) That part of the money given by the public to the Fund has not been spent by the College of Nursing, Limited, in accordance with: (a) The London County Council's Licence issued under the War Charities Act, 1916; (b) The intention of the members of the public who answered the *Daily Telegraph* Appeal, which was presumably for nurses in need of help owing to war service.

(2) That all the money collected is not included in the several Reports, in spite of the fact that the Council of the College of Nursing is also, with the addition of a few other interested persons, the Council of the Nation's Fund.

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