

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Note of Proceedings at Meeting of the Council held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 22nd July.

In the absence of Sir John Lorne MacLeod, the Chair was taken by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, Vice-Chairman.

On the report of the Registration Committee, the names of 68 Nurses were added to the Register.

On the report of the Education Committee, the following arrangements in regard to the Council's Preliminary Examination were approved:—1. That the Written Part of the next Examination should be held on 6th October, and that the Oral and Practical Part should commence on 20th October. 2. That, in view of the inconvenience of holding Examinations during the holiday season, there should be next year three Examinations only, in place of four, and that these should be held in February, June and October, the Written Part to be held on the first Monday of each of these months, and the Oral Part to commence on the third Monday of each of these months.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council was held on the 18th ult. at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

The following were present:—Sir Edward Coey Bigger (in the Chair), Dr. Blayney, Dr. MacBride, Dr. Whitla, Miss Halbert, R.G.N., Miss O'Flynn, R.G.N., Miss Smithson, R.G.N., Mrs. Lanigan O'Keeffe, R.G.N., Miss Doyle, R.G.N., Miss Phelan, R.G.N., Miss Willis, R.M.N., and W. O'B. Reidy (Registrar).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Dr. Meenan, Dr. P. T. O'Sullivan, Miss Walsh, R.G.N., and J. J. Harding, Esq., R.M.N.

The Council received and adopted the reports of the Registration, Finance, Rules and Hospitals Committees.

The Registration Committee reported that at the date of the meeting there were 3,551 Nurses on the Register, the different parts being represented thus:—General, Medical and Surgical Nurses, 2,721; Male Nurse, 1; Mental Nurses, 787; Sick Children's Nurses, 19, and Fever Nurses, 23.

The Council decided to hold a special Examination on October 1st next and following days for Nurses whose applications for Registration were not received in time.

The following Hospitals were placed on the Council's list of recognised training schools:—Drumcondra Hospital, conjointly with the Mayo County Infirmary, Hardwicke Fever Hospital, the National Children's Hospital, Dublin, and the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle.

Miss Annie Black, R.G.N., was unanimously appointed Assistant Registrar. After the transaction of much routine business the Council adjourned.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

No section of the community is better acquainted with the evils—physical and moral—resulting from the slums than Public Health and District Nurses, who will note with pleasure that a motion bearing the names of all the medical members in the House of Commons has been handed in calling attention to the fact that the Housing Bill now under consideration by Parliament do not apply to the clearance of unhealthy (slum) areas, and "to move that, in the opinion of this House, the financial provisions for the clearance of unhealthy (slum) areas should be made not less favourable than that for other housing proposals under the present Housing Bill."

The sponsors of the motion are: Dr. Haden Guest, Chairman of the Medical Committee; Dr. Spero, the Secretary; Captain Walter Eliot, Colonel Fremantle, Dr. W. A. Chapple, Sir George Berry, Dr. Somerville Hastings, Dr. J. H. Williams, and Lieut.-Colonel Beauchamp Williams.

DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED STATEMENTS.

At the Annual Meeting of the College of Nursing, Ltd., held recently, the Chairman, on being asked why the College had issued no balance-sheet of the £80,000 which it had received from the Nation's Fund for Nurses, replied:—

"Once and for all he would set Miss MacCallum's mind at rest, and save her an immense amount of trouble, by telling her that no such amount ever existed. When the College received £80,000, they would be delighted to give an account of it!"

The following are extracts from the Reports of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, 1919-22:—

To College of Nursing, Ltd.:—

For Endowment	£35,650	0	0
For Scholarships	556	9	0
London Centre, College of Nursing, Ltd.	3,000	0	0
Grant to College of Nursing Fund	390	12	0
Sundry donations and collections transferred to College of Nursing, Ltd.	705	11	0
Grant to College of Nursing, Ltd. (including £16,802 7s. towards purchase of 20, Cavendish Square, for Nurses' Club)	33,002	7	0
Donations and collections transferred to College of Nursing, Ltd.	3,718	12	0
Cash transferred to College of Nursing, Ltd.	3,417	1	4
Grant to College of Nursing Fund	195	4	0
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	£80,635	16	4

Here we have two diametrically opposite statements for which the same gentleman, Sir Arthur Stanley, is responsible. They cannot both be correct; which is the true one?

It seems not unlikely that the College is endeavouring to hide from the public in general, and its own members in particular, that it has had the lion's share of the Nation's Fund for Nurses. Whichever of these statements is true, the point for nurses to consider is, whether the College is fit to act as a trustee for any fund. It would seem that a Society which does not know when it has received £80,000, ought not to be allowed to handle public money.

MAUDE MACCALLUM, S.R.N.,

Hon. Secretary.

Professional Union of Trained Nurses

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, BRADFORD.

At St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, the Mayoress recently presented to the recipients medals provided by the Corporation, prizes supplied by the medical staff, and also the certificates won. Nurse M. J. K. Thomson won the gold medal, Nurse E. Glascodine the silver medal, and Nurse M. R. Brown, bronze medal. Prizes went to:—Third year: 1, Nurse Goodyear; 2, Nurse C. Grant. Second year: 1, Nurse S. Berry; 2, Nurse E. O. Hicking. First year: 1, Nurse J. D. Johnstone; 2, Nurse D. Riley.

The following nurses received certificates:—Nurses Glascodine, Brown, Goodyear, Grant, Robson, Shand, Trueman, Brookes, Royston, Edmonds, Taylor, S. H. Thompson, Jackson, Cartwright, MacDonald, E. H. Gibb, Schofield, Sanders, M. B. Gibb, Johnson, Bedford, Hughes, Sargent, Simpson, Inman, Atkinson, Bullock, O'Gara, G. S. Stevenson, M. P. Stevenson, Plumb, Shaw, Richardson, Hawsworth, Borland, and Mr. Kenefick.

The Mayoress received a beautiful bouquet from the gold medallist on behalf of the staff, and the Matron afterwards presented gifts, including a silver tea service, to Miss Tilson, who is retiring after 22 years' service as dispenser.

The hard tennis court, provided by the nurses, was declared open by the Mayoress.

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