

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-first Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., on Friday, October 17th, Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

### Minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that he knew of no amendment to the Minutes before they were signed as correct. He enquired whether any member of the Council had remarked any error.

MISS DU SAUTOY said that at the last meeting a member of the Council (Miss Bushby) made a protest. There was no mention of this on the minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN thereupon stated that, at a former meeting of the Council, Miss Bushby had asked to have a protest made by her put upon the minutes, and to this he had agreed. But it occurred to him afterwards that he was not right in so doing. He therefore went to a gentleman who was an acknowledged authority on procedure and consulted him. This gentleman first asked whether there was any special Rule of the Council permitting the record of protests, and, on receiving a reply in the negative, said that it should not be done, that the Minutes should be records of the Acts of the Council. The authority whom he had consulted had been Chairman of the London County Council, and a predecessor of his own as Vice-Chancellor of London University. (Presumably Sir William Collins, F.R.C.S.)

### Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN read the following letter from the Ministry of Health.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the question of the staffing of the Council's offices, and to the recent consultations which Mr. Ure had with the General Purposes Committee.

The matter has now received full consideration, and I am to state that sanction is hereby given to the following staff at the salaries indicated hereunder:—

Registrar, £550; Assistant Registrar, £400.

Three Departmental Officers in charge respectively of: (1) the Education and Examination Department, £350; (2) the Registration Department, £300; (3) the Accountants' Department, £350. These salaries to have effect as from June 21st.

As regards the clerical staff, the Minister is advised that it would probably be inopportune to fix a permanent establishment at the present time, and he is accordingly prepared to sanction the employment of the present clerical staff on a temporary basis for another period of six months. I am accordingly to ask if you will be good enough to forward a statement of the present temporary clerical staff, together with the salaries paid, in order that this may receive the Minister's sanction. In addition to the foregoing, I am to state that the Minister sanctions the employment of two caretakers by the Council.

The Minister is informed that Mr. Ure discussed with the Council certain proposals which, it was thought, might facilitate the administration of the Department, and he feels sure that the Council will give these suggestions their consideration, as opportunity may offer. The Minister is, however, impressed with the desirability of adopting the suggestion that the Chartered Accountant who makes up the Council's ledgers should also, from time to time, conduct a current internal audit. The Minister is of opinion that this would undoubtedly facilitate the financial work of the Department, and he hopes that it will be adopted by the Council.

I am, Madam,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) L. G. Brock.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### Report of the Finance Committee.

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

The recommendations included:—(1) The allowance of £100 for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, £15 for Petty Cash, and £50 for stamps for the Examinations' Department; (2) the payment of £600, the second instalment for work done at 20, Portland Place, to the builders (Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd.), in accordance with the architect's certificate, also a further sum of £50 for half-year's ground rent at 20, Portland Place, which, on the request of Mr. Donaldson, was sanctioned by the Council; (3) the payment of £52 10s. to Messrs. Dolby & Williamson, consulting engineers, and £60 to Messrs. Hukins & Mayell, architects, in respect of professional services.

The Committee raised no objection to:—

*Recommendation 4* of the Registration Committee, "that a copy of the Yearly Register of Nurses be supplied to any member of Council who wishes to have one."

*Recommendations 16, 17, 18, and 19*, of the General Purposes Committee:—(16) "Approving the authority given on September 5th to the Registrar by the Chairman of Council, and Chairman of the General Purposes Council, to engage a substitute at a salary of £3 3s. per week in place of Miss Findlay, shorthand typist, on sick leave, also two extra clerks at a salary of £2 per week each, for the Accountant's Department, to assist with retention fee work." (17) Recommending "that since the Minister's sanction to the increase of salary for the Accountant (from £260 to £350 per annum), asked for on December, 1923, was dated as from June 21st of current year, a bonus be paid to her which would cover the increase of salary from December 18th, 1923, on which date this recommendation was approved by the Council, to June 21st, 1924." (18) "That increase of salary be granted to certain members of the Staff." (In accordance with an appended list.) (19) "That full pay for one month be granted to Miss Findlay."

*Recommendation 20*, of the Uniform Sub-Committee:— "That 20,000 Uniform Booklets be ordered instead of 10,000, as approved at Council Meeting on September 19th, 1924."

The Report as a whole was approved.

### Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, having moved that the Report be received, asked leave to add a recommendation that the names of 34 nurses be re-included on the Register, and that the names of 13 nurses be withdrawn on their own request.

THE CHAIRMAN said that these recommendations should be 11a and 11b. Leave was given to add them after Recommendation 11.

The Committee recommended "that a copy of the Yearly Register of Nurses be supplied to any member of Council who wishes to have one."

That a certificate (marked "Duplicate") of her registration on the General Part of the Register be issued to Miss Annie Taylor (Registered No. 2385) on payment by her of a fee of 10s., as the certificate issued to her on February 3rd, 1922, had been stolen.

It was reported that the qualification to be entered in the Register for Future Nurses by examination had been considered, and the Committee recommended that the following entry be made:—

G.N.C. Cert. of Exam. Date. Training School.

It was reported that the cases of nurses had been considered "who originally applied for registration under the Rules Modification Order, 1923, and have not given the information required. On July 18th, 1924, the Committee

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