

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-second Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, November 21st, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting, with two amendments, were signed as correct.

### Correspondence.

#### LETTER FROM MISS COODE.

The Chairman reported that a nice letter had been received from Miss Coode thanking the Council for its letter of the 23rd ult., assuring it of her continued interest in its work, and wishing it success in the future.

#### LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Health giving sanction to the following:—

(1) The salary of the Education and Examination Officer on the scale of £350, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £400.

(2) The payment as from October 17th, 1924, of salaries set out in the accompanying enclosure, marked "A."

(3) A salary to Miss Whiffin at the rate of £4 4s. a week as from June 20th, 1924.

(4) The inclusion of Miss Bowie, Miss King, Miss Bowman, Miss Hodgson, as members of the permanent staff.

The letter further stated that these sanctions involve the approval of increased salaries to a considerable number of the staff, and are given on the understanding that it is not the intention of the Council to grant any regular periodical increments, but rather to regard the salaries now sanctioned as the maxima appropriate to the duties which the several officers are now performing.

### Report of the Finance Committee.

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

The Committee reported that the following report had been received from the Architects regarding the house, 20, Portland Place:—

"We would report that the structural work is now practically complete. It is fortunate that the canvas was provided to be removed from the walls in certain rooms, otherwise the failure of the building in certain parts, and other defects, would not have been discovered, as they could not be seen from the outside. These defects have now been remedied to the satisfaction of the London County Council, but have caused a certain amount of delay in the general work. The builders, however, have now a straight course, and we see no reason why the work should not be completed in January."

The recommendations which were approved included the allowance of £60 for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash, and the sum of £1,330 approximately for examiners' claims and expenses in connection with the October Examination. Also the payment, in accordance with the Architect's Certificate, of the sum of £1,000 being the third instalment for work done at 20, Portland Place (making £2,000 to date), to Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd., builders, and £60 to Messrs. Hukins & Meynell, architects.

The Committee raised no objections to Recommendations 18, 19, and 20 of the General Purposes Committee.

#### FORTY-FIVE POUNDS FOR SECOND HAND CURTAINS.

These were: (1) That the following equipment be sanctioned—six filing cabinets, at a cost of £7 9s. 6d. each; (2) That the Wednesday before Christmas Day be given as

a holiday, and that the office be closed from December 24th to December 27th, inclusive; (3) That a letter from the valuer with regard to curtains for 20, Portland Place, had been considered, and the Committee recommended that the sum of £45 3s. be paid to the Official Solicitor of the Royal Courts of Justice for the curtains as valued, and the sum of £2 13s. for the valuer's fee.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

### Report of the Registration Committee.

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

The Committee reported that it had considered an application from Miss Ethel Marion Cheverton Smith (No. 2698) for Duplicate Certificate of Registration, as the certificate issued to her on March 17th, 1922, had been destroyed by fire. The charred remains of the certificate had been received by the Committee. It recommended that a certificate (marked Duplicate) of her registration on the General Part of the Register be issued to the applicant on the payment by her of a fee of 10s., and that as the charred remains of the original certificate were in possession of the Council the usual waiting period of one year should not be enforced.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

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

Applications received during the week ending:—

October 11th .. .. .	82
October 18th .. .. .	77
October 25th .. .. .	54
November 1st .. .. .	93
November 8th .. .. .	132

#### REGISTRATION TO NOVEMBER 8TH, 1924.

Applications received .. .. . 44,996

Applications:—

Approved by the Council to October 17th, 1924	41,181
For approval at meeting on November 21st, 1924 .. .. .	495
Ineligible to October 17th, 1924 .. .. .	600
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on November 21st, 1924 .. .. .	56
Withdrawn .. .. .	795
Incomplete .. .. .	1,869
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The following applications were taken *in camera* at the close of the meeting:—

General Register (including 10 by examination)	434
Male Register .. .. .	1
Mental Register .. .. .	39
Sick Children's Register (including 1 by Exam.)	9
Fever Register .. .. .	12
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	495

The Recommendation that the appropriate Certificate be granted to each of these applicants was also made *in camera*.

The Committee further recommended that the names of 38 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee for the year 1924, and who now wished their names re-included in the Register, be re-included, and that the name of a nurse who did not wish her name re-included in the Register be removed.

The Report as a whole was agreed.

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