

#### Report of Committee of Council,

The Committee appointed by the Council on October 17th for filling the vacancy on the Council reported that it directed the Registrar to request each member of Council to nominate a candidate for the vacant seat.

Miss Musson here said :—

" I beg leave to add that the Committee met again to-day, and, having carefully considered the candidates proposed, beg to recommend as follows :—

*Recommendation 22*—" That Miss Katherine Fairlie Armstrong, Registered Nurse, who is not, and has not been a Matron of a Metropolitan or Provincial General or Poor Law Hospital, be elected to fill the vacancy on the Council."

This was agreed, and Miss Armstrong was also placed on the Education Committee in place of Miss Coode.

The public business then concluded.

#### Qualifications of New Member of Council.

Miss Katherine Fairlie Armstrong, S.R.N. (Registered Number 4793), who has been appointed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Coode, passed the Interim Examination in the Faculty of Arts, London University, 1912, and for four years thereafter worked as a school-mistress, teaching geography, mathematics, &c. She entered King's College Hospital for training in 1916, obtaining its certificate in nursing in 1919, and that of the Central Midwives' Board in 1920. From February to June, 1920, she held the position of Assistant Night Sister at King's College Hospital, and of Surgical Ward Sister from June, 1920—June, 1921. She then held the temporary appointment of Sister-Tutor at the City of Westminster Infirmary, was Sister-Tutor at the Royal Northern Hospital, London, August, 1922—1923, and since August, 1923, has been Sister-Tutor at King's College Hospital, London.

#### POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

Registered Nurses will note that the Finance Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, reported to the Council at its April meeting that it would be necessary to realise investments to meet the purchase price of 20, Portland Place (£5,500) and it was left to the Chairman of Council, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee in consultation with the bankers, to decide which should be sold. Presumably, therefore, the Council has been responsible for the expenses of the house since that date, and as the builders do not anticipate being out of the premises until January, and then decorators must take possession, it appears that the Council will have been financially responsible for both 12, York Gate, and 20, Portland Place for about a year before it removes.

#### THE PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION.

We observe that Miss Wiese brought forward the point that questions asked in the State Preliminary Examination of nurses in October, should not have been put to first year nurses, that she had the support of Mr. Donaldson, and that the Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee admitted there was ground for complaint. At the same time as nurses in training have so far been denied the Prescribed Syllabus of Training provided for in the Nurses' Registration Act, by the present Council, it is difficult to see what is to prevent an examiner asking any question he or she chooses.

#### THE PRACTICAL PART OF MENTAL NURSING.

Dr. Bedford Pierce gave as the reason for his amendment to the Rules passed by the Council, the effect of which was to shorten the examination in oral and practical mental nursing that the " practical part of mental nursing was relatively small." We wonder if this opinion is endorsed by the matrons and nurses in mental hospitals. Anyway, the sooner it is extended the better for the patients.

#### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Proceedings at Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, October 31st, 1924.

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

Amongst the correspondence dealt with was a letter from the General Secretary of the Medico-Psychological Association confirming the arrangement come to with that Body, and stating that after the Quarterly Meeting of the Association, on November 20th, the names of the Representatives of the Association to consult with the Education and Examination Committee of the Council would be intimated.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee, which was submitted by Col. Mackintosh, was approved, and in terms thereof, the Council resolved that the Written Part of the Preliminary Examination should be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, and the Oral and Practical Part on Tuesday, February 17th, and following dates. The Registrar was instructed to endeavour to arrange for the Oral and Practical Part being held in Hospitals.

The arrangements for the Final Examination, which will commence in October, 1925, were discussed, and the subject was continued till the next Meeting.

The following recommendations of the Uniform Committee were adopted :—

1. That the Uniform to be adopted should be the same as that adopted in England with the exception of the buttons, badge on shoulder, and badge on hat band.

2. That the design submitted by Mr. Boyd Cooper for the buttons should be accepted, and that his estimate for the supply of these be also accepted.

3. That the design for the badge on shoulder strap and hat band submitted by Messrs. George Kenning & Son be not adopted, but that a similar design be adopted which has no white cross outside the circle.

4. That competitive offers be got for the manufacture of the woven badge and hat band on the footing that these are supplied by the manufacturer at a certain price to those firms only who have been authorised by the Council to make Uniform and hats respectively.

5. That certain firms be approved in the larger towns in Scotland and in certain towns in England as makers of Uniform, on the footing that they agree to make this only for Nurses who produce a voucher to be issued by the Registrar.

6. That the estimate of Messrs. Henry Heath, Ltd., 105, Oxford Street, London, be accepted for the manufacture and supply of hats.

7. That a Booklet be drawn up on the same lines as the English Booklet, giving instructions in regard to the Uniform, and that advertisements be inserted in this.

8. That Rules be framed in regard to the wearing of the Uniform.

9. That the Uniform or such parts as might be possible should be registered under the Patents and Designs Act.

#### The Preliminary Examination.

At the Preliminary Examination held recently by the General Nursing Council for Scotland the number of Nurses presenting themselves for Examination in all subjects was 94, of whom 69 passed in Anatomy and Physiology, 70 in Hygiene and 77 in Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I. In addition a number of Candidates who had failed at a previous Examination were examined, of whom one passed in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene, one in Anatomy and Physiology and Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing, two in Hygiene and Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing, two in Anatomy and Physiology only, five in Hygiene only, and ten in Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing only.

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