

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-seventh Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, April 24th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. SIR WILMOT P. HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council presiding.

THE CHAIRMAN commented on the fact that the Council met for the first time in its own rooms. He hoped that it felt comfortable, and also that the press found the provision made for it satisfactory.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting (March 20th) were signed as correct.

Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that a gracious communication had been received from the Princess Mary through her Lady-in-Waiting, expressing the interest of Her Royal Highness in her visit to the new Headquarters of the Council and wishing it every success.

The letter was received, and it was directed that it should be entered on the Minutes.

A letter dated March 20th was also received from the Ministry of Health, enclosing a copy of the Rules for future Nurses, approved and signed by the Minister.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. R. W. Donaldson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash was allowed.

In accordance with the Architect's certificate the Council authorised the payment of the sum of £220 to the Builders, Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd. (This brings the amount so far paid to the builders to £5,220). This, Mr. Donaldson stated, was the last amount to be paid in accordance with the contract, but there were still adjustments to be made, and extras to be added.

The Committee reported that it raised no objection to Recommendation 18 (now 16) of the General Purposes Committee. This Committee reported that it had purchased 10 filing cabinets at a cost of £7 each, 1 typist's desk at a cost of £8 2s., and 1 rug for the waiting room at a cost of £4 5s.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

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

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

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

Applications received during the week ending

March 14th, 1925	179
" 21st, "	125
" 28th, "	151
April 4th, "	272
" 11th, "	175

REGISTRATION TO APRIL 11TH, 1925.

Applications received	47,513
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Approved by the Council to March 20th, 1925		43,432
For approval at meeting on April 24th, 1925		569
Ineligible to March 20th, 1925	747
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on April 24th, 1925	3
Withdrawn	908
Incomplete	1,854
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The following Applications were taken *in camera* at the close of the Meeting:—

General Register	454 including 7 by Exam.
Male	1
Mental	69
Mental Defective Register ..	3
Sick Children's Register ..	22
Fever Register	20
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It was agreed to re-include the names of 95 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names to be re-included in the Register.

It was reported that 22 Nurses who have failed to pay their Retention Fee do not wish their names re-included in the Register.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, moved that the Report be received.

On the recommendation of the Committee the following hospital was recognised as a complete Training School:—

Plymouth Homœopathic and General Hospital.

At the request of the Ministry of Health the provisional approval granted to the Highfield Hospital, Sunderland Union, was extended to December 31st, 1925.

The application of the authorities of the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary to have a scheme of association with York County Hospital recognised in place of its present association with the Holgate Hospital, was granted.

The following hospitals were recognised as Training Schools for Fever Nurses:—

Chiswick and Ealing Isolation Hospital.
Colchester Isolation Hospital.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME FOR CONDUCTING THE STATE EXAMINATIONS AND TO THE REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

The recommendation that the Amendments to the Scheme for conducting the State Examinations and to the Regulations for conducting the State Examinations be received was made, and the amendments considered in detail later.

The Committee also reported that it had considered the question whether the State Examinations for "all the Registers" should be held three times yearly instead of four times, and that it recommended that the State Examination be held three times yearly in the following months: viz., February (early in month), May (end of month), October (end of month).

THE CHAIRMAN here remarked that he thought the Committees were sometimes undertaking work which it was not intended they should do. In a matter of this kind he thought the Council would like a statement to appear on the Agenda showing what had led to the recommendation. Did the Council desire to have further information before it, or would it allow that information to be added to the report of the Education Committee?

MISS LLOYD STILL said the question arose owing to information that some of the schools would prefer that the examination should be held three times a year. She was able to supply the information which the Chairman suggested ought to be before the Council, and said that the Committee had communicated with 319 Nurse Training Schools (evidently not by direction of the Council), and the answers received showed there was a very large majority in favour of the Examinations being held three times a year. For the General Register, 188 were in favour of the examination being held three times a year, 46 in favour of four times, and two in favour of twice a year. No reply was received from 77. Of Training Schools for Sick Children's Nurses, 14 were in favour of an examination three times a year, and one in favour of one of four times a year.

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