

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-eighth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on May 15th at 20, Portland Place, W. In the absence of the Chairman, DR. GOODALL proposed, and Miss BUSHBY seconded, that Miss MUSSON take the chair, and this was carried.

Miss MUSSON announced certain amendments to the minutes, including on page 27, the insertion of the phrase "in the opinion of the Committee (Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee) a prima facie case was found for investigation by the Council."

Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Board of Education notifying that Miss Eleanor Wilson, Principal of Dame Owen's School, E.C., had been appointed to serve on the Council in place of Miss Barrett, resigned, the appointment to be for the period ending December 1st, 1927, when Miss Barrett's appointment would have terminated.

Miss MUSSON stated that Miss WILSON was present, and welcomed her, on her appointment, in the name of the Council.

Report of the Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that its Report be received. Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £150 for stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash were allowed.

MR. DONALDSON reported that the Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 10 and 11 of the General Purposes Committee.

Recommendation 10 was that the following equipment be purchased:—

	£	s.	d.
2 Typewriters at a cost of £21 each	42	0	0
1 Adjustable Armchair for Rest Room	2	12	6
4 Army Tables at £1 5s.	5	0	0
1 Filing Cabinet	6	0	0
12 Bentwood Chairs at 7s. 6d.	4	10	0
2 dozen cups and saucers and 1 teapot	—	—	—
	£60	2	6

Recommendation 11 was "that clerks who have been two years in the service of the Council be granted three weeks' annual leave instead of two weeks."

Both recommendations were agreed, and the Report as a whole approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

DR. GOODALL presented the Report of the Registration Committee, which recommended "that in accordance with Recommendation 3 passed by Council on November 16th, 1923, a Silver Badge (marked 'Duplicate') be issued to Miss Elizabeth Hulton, on payment by her of the price of the badge and the additional expense of engraving the word 'Duplicate.'"

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

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

Applications received during the week ending:—

April 18th 1925	191
" 25th "	201
May 2nd "	280

REGISTRATION TO MAY 2ND, 1925.

Applications received 48,185

Applications:—

Approved by the Council to April 24th, 1925..	44,001
For approval at meeting on May 15th, 1925 ..	564
Ineligible to April 24th, 1925	750
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on May 15th, 1925	16
Withdrawn	929
Incomplete	1,925
	48,185

The following applications were taken *in camera* at the close of the meeting:—

General Register (including 2 by Examination)	412
Mental Register	106
Mental Defective Register	8
Sick Children's Register	15
Fever Register	23
	564

It was agreed to re-include in the Register the names of 34 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included.

The Committee also reported that 7 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.

The Committee reported that it had considered a further list of General and Poor Law Hospitals whose authorities had replied to inquiries instituted by the Council.

On the recommendation of the Committee the following hospital was recognised as a Training School which in combination with another public hospital gives complete training under Section I (2) of the Scheme of Training:—

Warwick Union Infirmary (in affiliation with Lambeth Hospital, London).

Mr. T. T. Higgins, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was appointed, on the recommendation of the Committee, to serve on the Board of Examiners to set and mark the written papers in connection with the Final Examination for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, in place of Dr. Southam, who is unable to serve.

In reference to the dates by which candidates for the Final Examinations must have completed their training, it was agreed:—

"That so long as the Examinations are held in February (early in month), May (end of month) and October (end of month) the dates by which Candidates for the Final Examinations must have completed their training, shall be as follows:—

For the Examination in February	January 31st.
" " May	May 31st.
" " October	October 31st.

and that the case of any candidate which presents hardship owing to the training being completed between the Examinations, shall be considered on its merits."

THE FOURTH PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION.

MISS LLOYD STILL reported that the Fourth Preliminary State Examination was held on April 21st, for the Written Paper, and on April 27th to May 1st Oral and Practical Part. 1,534 candidates entered for the examination. Of these 62 were absent, 1,225 passed, and 247 failed.

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