

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-ninth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on June 19th at 20, Portland Place, London, W. SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, THE CHAIRMAN notified that Princess Mary had sent a signed photograph of herself for the Council Chamber. The photograph which was handed round for inspection, is a very charming portrait of Her Royal Highness.

THE CHAIRMAN also reported that the Rules for Future Nurses had been signed by the Minister of Health, and had been laid before Parliament for the necessary period, and were now in print.

The scheme for the election of Direct Representatives of Registered Nurses on the General Nursing Council, would be before a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

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 sum of £300 for stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 Petty Cash allowed.

The Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were authorised to invest up to the sum of £5,000 before the next meeting, if the Finance Committee considered this advisable.

MR. DONALDSON reported that the Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 12, 13 and 14 of the General Purposes Committee.

The General Purposes Committee reported that additional clerks being required to deal with the retention fee work, three clerks had been engaged, and approval was asked for four more, to be engaged if and when occasion requires. Recommendation 12 was "That this action be approved, and sanction be given for four additional clerks if required." Recommendation 13 recommended the purchase of two Army Tables at 23s. 6d. each, and Recommendation 14 was "that a caretaker be installed at 12, York Gate for the purpose of showing the house to possible tenants, and that the caretaker be paid the sum of 10s. weekly."

MR. DONALDSON also reported that the Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 4 of the Registration Committee.

This Recommendation was:—

"That nurses resident abroad who find it difficult to pay the retention fee yearly may pay the fees in advance for a period not exceeding four years, on the distinct understanding that neither the fee nor any proportion of it will at any time be refunded, and that the payment of the fee in advance does not absolve the nurse from the necessity of sending her address yearly to the Council."

The report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

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

An application from Miss Elizabeth Williams, Registered No. 6856, for a duplicate silver badge, her own having been lost in June, 1924, was granted.

Recommendation 4 under which permission is granted to nurses resident abroad to pay the retention fees in

advance, for a period not exceeding four years, has been dealt with in connection with the Report of the Finance Committee.

MISS BUSHBY decided to speak on recommendation 4, but was informed by the Chairman that this would be taken *in camera*. What was taken *in camera* was Paragraph IV immediately following. Miss Bushby was thus deprived of the opportunity of speaking.

The Committee reported that "according to reports in the Press, a Select Committee has been formed by the Minister of Health to consider the revised scheme for the election of Nurses Members of the General Nursing Council."

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

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

Applications received during the week ending—

May 9th, 1925 ..	423
" 16th, " ..	373
" 23rd " ..	325
" 30th " ..	384
June 6th, " ..	692

REGISTRATION TO JUNE 6TH, 1925.

Applications received 50,382

Applications:—

Approved by the Council to May 15th, 1925 ..	44,565
For approval at meeting on June 19th, 1925 ..	1,423
Ineligible to May 15th, 1925	766
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on June 19th, 1925	80
Withdrawn	932
Incomplete	2,616
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	50,382

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

General Register (including 9 by Examination) ..	1,008
Male Register	1
Mental Register	260
Mental Defective Register	30
Sick Children's Register	36
Fever Register	88
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	1,423

The Committee reported that they had expected to place before the Council a copy of the Register for 1925, but the printers had found it impossible to get it ready in time. They hoped to have it ready early in July. They gave the following figures as to the work involved:—

10,280 names added.
1,618 names removed (Deaths, Resignations, Non-payments).
354 names reincluded.
12,289 changes of address.
359 marriages.

The Committee recommended that the names of 47 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee for the year 1925, and who now wished the names re-included should be re-included.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

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

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