

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Sixtieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, July 17th, at 20, Portland Place, W., at 2.30 p.m. Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., the Chairman of the Council, presided.

We must defer till our next issue the report of the business transacted.

Two items are of unusual interest to Registered Nurses.

COUNCIL COSTS £20,000 A YEAR.

The Report of the Finance Committee includes the Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet submitted by the Auditor for the year ending March 31st, 1925, which shows that the expenditure of the Council has been £20,042 18s. 11d. with a balance carried forward to Net Revenue of £7,462 3s. 4d. For Registration and Examination the nurses have paid in fees £24,892 13s. 5d.

A "CHRISTMAS CARD" CERTIFICATE.

Upon the recommendation of the Registration Committee, the Council have decided to discontinue issuing the handsome engraved Certificates stamped with the Official Seal—which Registered Nurses have been granted, and which are so highly valued. In its place an insignificant printed card will be issued.

Miss Bushby took exception to this, and moved a resolution to refer the recommendation back to the Registration Committee for reconsideration.

She said the sample sent to her "looked like a Christmas Card." Miss Wiese supported.

Mr. Donaldson said he was not at all happy about the new Certificate. (Neither will the nurses be when they receive it.—ED.)

Dr. Goodall remarked that "some nurses had trouble to produce the large Certificate, the smaller one was a great advantage. He thought sentiment could be carried too far." The male hoof in the G.N.C. has stamped out nursing ideals upon numerous occasions, the basic reason, in our opinion, why nurses should inspire the "sentiment" of their own Governing Body.

Of course, the majority of the Council agreed to deprive Registered Nurses of the one tangible evidence of their £20,000! and substituted the "Christmas Card" for the beautiful certificate.

THE REGISTER.

We have received from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales a copy of the Register of Nurses for 1925.

The Register contains 42,173 names, 34,652 in the General Part, 216 on the Supplementary Part for Male Nurses, 4,762 on the Supplementary Part for Mental Nurses, 190 on the Supplementary Part for Mental Defectives' Nurses, 761 on the Supplementary Part for Sick Children's Nurses, and 1,592 on the Supplementary Part for Fever Nurses. There are nearly 10,000 more names on the Register than on that of 1924. The number of pages is now 2,264, and the price £1 1s., instead of 10s. 6d., quite a reasonable one when the labour involved is taken into consideration.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The General Nursing Council for Scotland reminds nurses who desire to be registered as Intermediate Nurses (*i.e.*, Nurses who have completed training since October 30th, 1919), that their applications must be in the hands of the Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, not later than September 30th, 1925, as after that date no applications can be entertained.

Admission to the Register after September 30th, 1925, can be obtained only after training in an Approved Training School and passing the Council's Examinations.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen has sent a donation to help the special appeal to prevent the closing of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E. 1.

The Minister of Health, the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, has presented the "Meritorious Service" Medal of the Order of the British Empire to Mr. Bertie Wallace Tibble.

Addressing Mr. Tibble, the Minister said it was a great satisfaction to him to be entrusted with the pleasant duty of presenting a medal which had been so nobly earned. He understood that Mr. Tibble had been a voluntary blood donor to the London Hospital for two or three years, and though of small means had always refused the usual payment of five guineas a time for blood transfusions. He had actually been summoned seventy-six times to offer his blood, and had on 50 separate occasions given one pint of blood. He warmly congratulated Mr. Tibble on the high public spirit which induced him so freely to offer his blood even to people who were entirely unknown to him.

Mr. H. Myers, a member of St. Thomas' Hospital Board, has given a motor-car so that patients may be taken to and from the hospital. This is a very welcome gift, as it often happens that patients cannot stand a journey by train, and now they can be comfortably taken home by car. This is a good example other generous persons interested in hospitals might follow.

The "Lordly Palace" of St. Thomas is wonderfully situated on the south side of Father Thames, opposite the Palace of Westminster, close on to the Embankment. Those within must long for the olden time when its waters were gaily dotted with birdlike craft, white sails flowing—when a sail up or down upon its waters was the health-giving recreation of King and People. We often stand on Lambeth Bridge for a blow, and marvel more and more at the waste of our splendid river. Why not a motor launch? It certainly would be an asset for the nursing staff. If only the King and Queen would use their Royal Barge of a summer's day, Society would soon make use of our grand river as a fashion resort.

Fulham Guardians have decided to re-name the Fulham Infirmary the St. Christopher Hospital. It was pointed out that the change removed the stigma of pauperism.

The Committee of Management, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W. 1, are glad to be able to report that further contributions have been received to the Mortgage Redemption Fund, bringing the total up to £6,500. A promise of £1,000 has been received if the balance of £500 required to complete the £8,000 is raised during the next few months, and they, therefore, earnestly appeal for contributions to enable them to claim this sum.

The Hospital has been very full during the past six months, and occasionally it has been necessary to arrange for patients to be received elsewhere or to be attended in their own homes.

The recent enlargement of the Ante-Natal Department has enabled the Hospital to deal with the great increase in this important branch of the Hospital's work.

During the six months there were 974 In-Patients and 967 women were attended in their own homes, while the attendances in the Ante-Natal Department numbered 5,882 and in the Child Welfare Department 1,648.

The doors of the Hospital are always open for the admission of urgent cases of difficulty and danger to the

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