

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Proceedings at Meeting held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 28th, 1924.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair, and ten Members were present.

Col. Mackintosh submitted the Report of the Education and Examination Committee, which showed that, amongst other things, the Committee recommended that the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Perth, be recognised as a Training School for the Fever Nurses' Part of the Register. The Committee also recommended approval of the scheme of affiliated training between Craw Road Hospital, Paisley, and the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, and a scheme of affiliation between the Royal Infirmary, Montrose, and the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow.

The Committee further recommended the addition of a number of Medical Practitioners and Nurses to the Panel of Examiners, and that the following should be appointed Examiners at the Preliminary Examination to be held in February:—

Dr. W. J. Richard, Merryflatts, Govan.
Dr. Claude B. Ker, City Hospital, Edinburgh.
Dr. J. A. Innes, Aberdeen.
Dr. Charles Bennett, Glasgow.
Miss Margaret M. Craig, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.
Miss Ellen F. Bladon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

The Committee also made certain recommendations in regard to the arrangements to be made for the Final Examination which is to commence in October, 1925.

The Report was unanimously approved.

The Report of the Registration Committee was submitted by Miss Gill, and was approved. In terms thereof, the names of 93 nurses were added to the Register.

The Report of the Uniform Committee was submitted by Miss White and was approved. In terms of the recommendations, the Council resolved to accept Mr. Boyd Cooper's estimate for the supply of braid and ties. The Council decided to adopt rules in regard to uniform similar to the rules adopted in England and Wales, and resolved that these should be published along with a descriptive booklet. If advertisements can be got to an amount which will cover the cost of printing the booklet, it was resolved that the latter should be distributed free of charge.

JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES' COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

A meeting of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland was held on December 19th, 1924, the following members being present:—Lt.-Col Dawson in the chair, Misses Musson, Harkin, McComb, Curtin, Campbell and Professor Johnstone. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. It was agreed that the resolution of November 21st, 1924, ordering that the further portion of the draft rules considered be adopted, sealed and submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs for approval be rescinded in so far as to permit of certain small amendments being made therein. A report of an interview of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with a deputation from the Lurgan Board of Guardians was received and adopted, and it was agreed that the Guardians be informed that the Council did not see their way to alter their original decision that a Matron and a Sister Tutor must be appointed in order that the hospital might be recognised as a training school for future nurses. A report from the Uniform Committee was received, but consideration of it was postponed for further information. A committee appointed for the purpose submitted replies to the questionnaire issued by the International Council of Nurses.

Dr. Robert Hall attended on behalf of the medical staff

of the Belfast Infirmary in order to explain certain temporary difficulties arising from the changes in the nursing arrangements required by the Joint Council's regulations. After consideration of his representations the Council agreed that until the rules for admission to the Register by examination come into force on October 1st, 1925, probationers at the Belfast Union Infirmary who have had two years' training may proceed to Purdysburn Fever Hospital, notwithstanding that they have not passed the preliminary examination, names of all such to be notified to the Joint Council.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Home Affairs conveying the Minister's approval of the period of validity of the rules for Midwives originally made by the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, and approved by the Privy Council on December 19th, 1921, being extended for a period of four months from December 19th, 1924.

A letter was received from the committee of the Tyrone County Hospital informing the Council that they accept the terms offered by the Joint Nursing Council for the provisional recognition of the hospital.

Miss Matthews, Matron of the Municipal Hospital, Graymount, was co-opted a member of the Joint Council in place of Miss Tate, Ulster Hospital, Belfast, who resigned.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Keightley Union Hospital.—Miss Phoebe Gray Gibson, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Superintendent Nurse at the Darlington Union.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.—Miss Minnie Gertrude Smith, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Theatre Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Guernsey, Accident War Sister at the General Hospital, Birmingham, was on war service from 1914 to 1920, and Night Superintendent and Home Sister, General Hospital, Birmingham.

Royal Mental Hospital, Gartnavel, Glasgow.—Miss Mabel Wakefield has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the City Mental Hospital, Humberstone, Leicester, and obtained general training at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

SISTER TUTOR.

Westminster Hospital, S.W. 1.—Miss Ada Florence Gent, S.R.N. has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where she subsequently held the position of Assistant House Superintendent. She has also been Sister of the Children's Ward at the Birmingham and Midland Children's Hospital, and Sister Tutor at the District Hospital, Mansfield.

Cardiff City Mental Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff.—Miss Winifred Parker, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Home Sister. She was trained at Rotherham Infirmary, and has been Ward Sister at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, Home Sister at the Hospital for Disabled Officers, San Remo, Italy, and Sister Tutor at the Croydon Mental Hospital. She is a Certified Midwife.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The following promotions are announced:—

ACTING SENIOR SISTER TO BE SENIOR SISTER.—Miss Maggie Moddrell.

SISTERS TO BE SENIOR SISTERS.—Miss Catherine Emma Jenkins, Miss Emily Mathieson Blair.

SISTER TO BE ACTING SENIOR SISTER.—Miss Evelyn Rose James.

STAFF NURSE TO BE ACTING SISTER.—Miss Kate Maud Beall.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

Metropolitan Asylums Board.

The following is the statement of results of the certificate examinations of nurses held in October last under the Metropolitan Asylums Board in (a) the Board's Infectious Hospitals, (b) the Board's tuberculosis service, and (c) the Board's children's service:—

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