

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

The Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council, which petitioned for the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons to investigate its claim for the approval by the Minister of Health and by Parliament of an unrestricted Election of Direct Representatives of the Registered Nurses on the General Part of the Register for England and Wales, has reason to be gratified with the satisfactory result, as recorded elsewhere in our columns. In considering the list of witnesses who came forward to support this claim, do not let us forget that the only medical man amongst them was Mr Herbert J. Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., although Dr. Bedford Fenwick was quite ready to do so had his evidence been required.

There will be a meeting of the Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council early in October, by which time we anticipate that the Minutes of Evidence as well as the Report of the Select Committee will have been published.

MARGARET BREAY, S.R.N.,

Hon. Secretary.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

MISS MACDONALD "AT HOME."

On Saturday, October 3rd, from 4 to 6 p.m., Miss Macdonald will be "at home" to Members of the Association and friends, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. She will be glad if the Members will receive this intimation as an invitation, and hopes to see many of them on the 3rd.

LECTURES.

On Thursday, October 10th, at 3 p.m., Councillor Beatrice Kent will give a lecture on Prison Nursing. Councillor Kent has made a special study of this branch of nursing work and has been one of the chief pioneers in promoting its development. We expect, therefore, to hear much that is of interest on a subject of growing importance.

On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., Miss Macdonald will give a lecture with lantern slides, on "Our Journey to Helsingfors and After." Miss Liddiatt has presented to Miss Macdonald, as a memento of the Congress, a very fine collection of lantern slides, made from photographs taken by herself, with the proviso that the first lecture, for which these slides are used, shall be given at the R.B.N.A. The cost of Tickets for the lecture will be one shilling to defray the cost of the lantern, &c., and arrangements for the lecture will be made more simple if some at least of the Members will procure their tickets beforehand.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Sale of Work will be held in December in aid of the Trained Nurses Annuity Fund. We make this announcement early as many of our members are kind enough to do a piece of work for the Sale during the holidays, a very nice thought on their part thus to introduce into their holiday enjoyments a little bit of help for those members of their profession who have lost much of the glamour of the holiday time because they have been cut off from the greatest fun of all—work.

At present sixty-three nurses are receiving annuities, but we are anxious to secure to many more a permanent grant from the Fund, and clever artists of the needle and the brush, of whom there are not a few in the Association, have opportunity, through this sale, of helping a great deal.

ISABEL MACDONALD, S.R.N.,

Secretary to the Corporation.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Sixtieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on July 17th, at 20, Portland Place, W.1., Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.

Correspondence.

Consideration of a letter from Captain Diver, Clerk to the Select Committee on the General Nursing Council, printed on the Agenda, was deferred and taken *in camera*.

The letter requested the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to send a representative of the Council to give evidence before the Committee on Wednesday, July 22nd, and stated that the Terms of Reference to the Committee covered two matters:—(a) To consider the rules of the General Nursing Council with regard to the prescribed training for Nurses; and (b) the reservation of seats on the Council for Matrons.

Report of the Finance Committee.

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

The Committee recommended that bills and claims submitted for payment be approved, and the sum of £350 for Stamps, £40 for Insurance Stamps, £30 for Petty Cash, and the sum of approximately £2,500 for Examiners' Claims be allowed. The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 6 of the Registration Committee:—

"That the form of Certificate to be granted to Nurses registered by Examination, as submitted, be approved, and that the estimate of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., for supplying 20,000 copies at a cost of £158 12s. 6d., be accepted."

(NOTE.—If the form is engraved instead of printed, the cost will be approximately doubled.)

Mr. Donaldson also reported that the Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 14 of the Education and Examination Committee. This was:—

"That Recommendation 12 of the Council Minutes of October 19th, 1923, referring to the Scale of Payments to Examiners, Section II, Final State Examination, para. 2, Marking Scripts, be rescinded, and the following substituted:—

"That in the Final Examinations the fees for marking scripts be at the rate of £2 per 100 scripts for every answer required, and that according to the resolution of July 25th, 1924, where the number of scripts is less than 50 the charge should be half of that for the 100."

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of the General Purposes Committee.

(16) "That sanction be given for fire drill to be arranged for the staff at a cost of 16s. per quarter, this fee also to include quarterly inspection of the fire appliances in the offices."

(17) "That two 1½ gallon size Improved Konus Kemik Pattern Hand Chemical Fire Extinctors be installed at a cost of £3 each, and brackets at 7s. 6d. each—a total cost of £6 15s."

(18) "That in view of her length of service, Mrs. Perriman, the daily cleaner, receive full pay less the amount due to her under the National Health Insurance Scheme, during her six weeks' absence owing to illness."

(19) "That the estimate of Messrs. Heal for carpet shaped to fit Council Room, leaving margin of 14 inches all round with first quality under-felt, at a cost of £54 15s. be accepted."

(20) "That the following equipment be purchased: 2 dozen towels."

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