

Colley & Sons, Ltd. (Builders), and £30 to Messrs. Hukins & Mayell, Architects (making £150 to date).

Estimates were considered for the supply of Council Room Table, two Reporters' Tables, and 36 Chairs for the Council Room, 20, Portland Place. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the estimate of C. Weinberg in the Curtain Road was accepted:—

Table, in ten sections .. .. .	£120	10	0
Two Mahogany Reporters' Tables ..	10	10	0
Thirty-six Chairs, Mahogany, Rexine seats .. .. .	94	10	0
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	£225	10	0

It was further decided that the price of the 1925 Register should be £1 is., the Chairman stating that the reason of the rise in price was owing to the enormous increase in size. The sales would not cover the expense of the Register, which cost the Council about £1,200 a year.

**Report of the Registration Committee.**

Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received, in doing so she said that the Chairman had pointed out that there was an increase of 9,906 names on the 1925 Register, but that only really represented a small quantity of the work, and the enormous number of letters necessitated in connection with applications under the Rules Modification Order.

Three hundred and ten applications were refused as ineligible and six hundred and ten were withdrawn, the applicants not being able to conform with the terms of the Order.

**APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.**

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

Applications received during the week ending:—

December 13th, 1924 .. .. .	42
December 20th, 1924 .. .. .	44
December 27th, 1924 .. .. .	15
January 3rd, 1925 .. .. .	75

**REGISTRATION TO JANUARY 3RD, 1925.**

Applications received .. .. .	45,455
Applications approved by the Council to December 19th, 1924 .. .. .	42,188
Applications for approval at meeting on January 16th, 1925 .. .. .	261
Applications ineligible to December 19th, 1924	714
Applications ineligible to be brought before meeting on January 16th, 1925 .. .. .	18
Applications withdrawn .. .. .	855
Applications incomplete .. .. .	1,419
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	45,455

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

General Register .. .. .	200
Male .. .. .	1
Mental .. .. .	39
Mental Defective Register .. .. .	3
Sick Children's Register .. .. .	10
Fever Register .. .. .	8
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It was further agreed that the names of eight nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention fee for 1924, and who now wished their names to be included in the Register, should be re-included.

The Report as a whole was agreed.

**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 was asked to consider what should be done in the case of a district nurse being asked to take cases that might be attended by an unqualified medical practitioner.

It stated that the Committee does not quote the letter for obvious reasons. The Committee instructed the Registrar to say that while at the present moment no penalty had been proposed for such cases, and that it was on the whole undesirable to propose such a penalty, it would seem advisable that any local District Nursing Association should warn its nurses of the difficulties and even risks in which they might be involved by taking work under an unqualified medical man.

MR. DONALDSON asked what was the position if there was no reference to such a situation in the Rules of the Council.

Miss Musson, who was in the chair of the Educational Committee when the instruction to the Registrar was adopted, stated that the Committee had not given any definite opinion, but considered it only right to warn nurses of the risks of adopting such a position.

**LETTER FROM THE HON. SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.**

The Committee reported that the following letter referred by the Chairman to the Committee was considered:—

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES,  
New York, U.S.A.

December 17th, 1924.

My dear Miss Riddell,—The International Council of Nurses wishes to express its gratitude to those among its members and others who have responded so generously to the request for information sent out in the early spring. As a result a vast amount of interesting and valuable data has been gathered concerning nursing in various countries which will eventually, it is hoped, be put into suitable form and placed among the permanent records of the Council for future reference.

The information obtained has already proved helpful to the Committee on Education and the Secretary of the Council. It has also been of assistance in securing recognition for several foreign Nurses in this country.

It is found, however, that fuller and more definite information is needed about the schools of nursing in different countries. The standards of individual schools may vary widely, and it is important that facts concerning them, and of recent date, should be available through the International Council of Nurses.

The Council begs your assistance, therefore, in securing this information about the schools of your country which are registered by your Government or approved by your National Nurses' Association. A brief questionnaire has been prepared, which you will find enclosed. We shall be greatly indebted to you if you will have this translated into your language where necessary, and sent to each school in your country. We also request that the nomenclature of your own country be used in giving information about the general education. We shall be glad to receive the material in the form you receive it from your schools, as we realise that this may make the burden we are putting upon you somewhat easier.

It is our hope to have all this data printed, together with some general information about nursing conditions of the different countries. In order to have this ready for the Congress in Helsingfors, all material must be in the hands of the printer not later than April 15th. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that this information should be returned to the writer of this letter, c.o. Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.

We fully understand, dear Miss Riddell, that this is asking a great deal of you. We are counting, however, upon your interest in the educational problems of our profession, and your willingness to co-operate with us in our efforts to establish closer relationships between the Nurses of different countries.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Signed) CHRISTIANE REIMANN,  
Secretary, International Council of Nurses.

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