

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-fifth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, February 20th, at the Ministry of Health, Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

Correspondence.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The following letter was received from Miss Seymour Yapp :—

DEAR SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM,

I am writing to ask you to accept my resignation. I have been keenly interested in the work of the General Nursing Council and always shall be, although no longer a member.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) L. SEYMOUR YAPP.

THE CHAIRMAN said he presumed the Council would wish to adopt the same course as that taken when a previous member of the Council resigned, and to ask each member of the Council to send in a nomination, the appointment to be decided by ballot at the next meeting of the Council.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE proposed that the best thanks of the Council be sent to Miss Seymour Yapp for her services as a member of the Council, and expressed special appreciation of her help on the Mental Nursing Committee.

This was seconded by MR. DONALDSON, and carried unanimously.

THE CHAIRMAN asked that all nominations might be in by March 3rd.

MISS ALSOP inquired whether the Provincial Poor Law Matron to be appointed must be at present holding an appointment as such, and the CHAIRMAN replied that the expression used in the Election Schedule was "is or has been."

THE CHAIRMAN also notified that (1) a letter, dated January 27th, 1925, had been received from the Ministry of Health enclosing a copy of the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for Mental Nurses and those Nursing Mental Defectives, signed with the Minister's approval, and (2) a letter, dated February 4th, 1925, had also been received from the Ministry of Health agreeing to the amendments to the Rules for Future Nurses suggested by the Council.

Report of the Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

The Committee reported that Mr. Donaldson had been re-elected its Chairman.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and £100 allowed for stamps, stamps Examinations Department £50, Insurance Stamps £20, Petty Cash £15, and the sum of approximately £1,330 for Examiners' claims and expenses in connection with the January Examination.

In accordance with the Architect's Certificate the Council authorised the payment of £1,000, being the sixth instalment (making £4,500 to date) to the Builders, Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd., for work done at 20, Portland Place. Also £60 to Messrs. Hukins & Mayell, Architects (making £210 to date).

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 17 of the Education and Examination Committee.

That Recommendation 12 of October 19th, 1923, be rescinded so far as referring to Preliminary State Examination, Section 2, Marking Scripts, and that in this Section all words be deleted after "A fee of £6 per hundred."

Recommendation 12, Section 2, of October 19th, 1923,

in reference to the Scale of Payment to Examiners was as follows :—

"Marking Scripts.—A fee of £6 per hundred. When a paper is divided into two sections marked by separate Examiners, a fee of £3 per hundred for each section."

(The payment for marking these papers is thus doubled.)

The Committee raised no objections to Recommendations 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the General Purposes Committee.

The General Purposes Committee reported :—

That Miss Mackirdy had had sick leave for six weeks and three days, and that salary had been paid for the three days over the six weeks authorised by Council for members of the permanent staff. It recommended that this action be approved—(20).

That an increase of £1 rs. per week had been granted from January 19th, 1925, to Miss Lee in order that her services as Deputy Accountant might be retained and thus secure continuity for the work of the Department. The Committee recommended that this action be approved—(21).

That the electric clock in the Board Room had been out of order for some time. It recommended that a new clock be obtained in exchange by paying the difference in price, viz. £3 10s.—(22).

That an Upholsteress be engaged at a salary of £2 5s. per week to put the curtains in order for the house, 20, Portland Place—(23).

That the House Committee have power to carry through the purchase of linoleum and stair carpet required for 20, Portland Place—(24).

The recommendations were approved.

The Finance Committee further recommended :—

"That the Garage at 20, Portland Place be let to the present tenant at a rental of £120 per annum, inclusive of rates and taxes; that the Solicitor be instructed to draw up a Repairing Lease for 21 years, and that power be given to the Chairman of Council and Chairman of Finance Committee to carry the matter through."

"That the estimate of A. J. Shingleton for supplying and fitting blinds to all windows in 20, Portland Place for the sum of £82 4s. be accepted."

"That the sum of £24 10s. be paid to Mr. A. Y. Mayell for one 8 ft. by 4 ft. desk and one small table."

"That the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner, amounting approximately to £2,200, for 250 copies of the 1925 Register of Nurses, be accepted."

MR. DONALDSON stated in regard to the Register that it cost £222 more than last time, that it was becoming increasingly bulky and that "something would have to be done."

The Report as a whole was adopted.

Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received.

The Committee reported that Miss Musson had been re-elected its Chairman.

That the Committee had considered the question of Reciprocity with Queensland and is prepared to accept reciprocity in regard to Future Nurses, but desires further correspondence in regard to Existing and Intermediate Nurses after the Queensland Registration Board have considered the regulations of the General Nursing Council.

That an advertisement is being inserted in the Press reminding Intermediate Nurses of the termination of the period of grace for registration without examination, and that the procedure adopted in regard to Existing Nurses is being followed.

That the Committee has considered the letter from Miss Reimann, Secretary, International Council of Nurses, which was referred by Council on January 16th, 1925. This letter does not appear necessarily to convey an invitation for an official delegate to be sent and need not therefore be answered in that sense, but the Committee reminds the Council

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