

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-sixth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, March 20th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., 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.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that a letter had been received from Miss A. S. Barratt resigning her seat on the Council, and stating that although she was making good progress after her accident she was advised that she must curtail all outside activities. He had written to Miss Barratt asking her to tender her resignation to the Board of Education, who appointed her on the Council. He presumed the Council would wish to send a letter of thanks to her for her services, as they had done to the other members who had resigned. This was agreed.

THE SCHEME FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES.

THE CHAIRMAN further reported that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health stating that he had approved the Amended Copy of the Scheme for the Election of Direct Representatives of Nurses on the General Nursing Council submitted to him, and that it would be laid upon the Table of the House.

CONFERENCE CONVENED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

THE CHAIRMAN also stated that a letter had been received from the Board of Control inviting the Council to send two delegates to a Conference convened by it to take place on April 21st next, in connection with the Report of the Departmental Committee on the mental question.

On the proposition of DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, seconded by MR. DONALDSON, Miss MUSSON was appointed as one delegate, and the appointment of the second was left to the Mental Nursing Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee.

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

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £30 allowed for Stamps and £15 for Petty Cash.

In accordance with the Architect's Certificate the Council authorised the payment of £500, being the seventh instalment for work done at 20, Portland Place; to Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd., the Builders. (This brings the amount so far paid to the Builders to £5,000.) The payment of £30 in respect of professional services by the Architects, Messrs. Hukins & Mayell (making £240 to date).

The Committee reported that it raised no objection to Recommendations 12, 13, 14, 15 of the General Purposes Committee.

These recommendations were:—

(1) "That the following equipment be purchased:— Twenty Filing Cabinets at a cost of £7 2s. each; Index Cabinet (12 drawers) for Education Dept. at a cost of £5 19s.; Index Cabinet (96 drawers) for Registration Dept. at a cost of £78; Manila Folders—5,000 at £3 3s. per 1,000."

(2) "That the office be closed for Easter Holidays from Friday, April 10th, to Monday, April 13th, inclusive."

(3) "That a uniform be purchased for the caretaker at a cost of £6 9s. 6d."

(4) "That the estimate of the London & County Window Cleaning Co. for £1 17s. 6d. per monthly clean be accepted."

The Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee that a postal bag be provided for the new premises at 20, Portland Place, and the fee of £5 per annum be paid to the Postmaster-General.

The Council approved the action of the Finance Committee in accepting the estimates of Messrs. James Shoolbred & Co., Ltd., for removal of furniture, papers, &c., amounting to £29 10s., and for removal and safe carriage of the two iron safes, amounting to £8 5s.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

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

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

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

Applications received during the weeks ending:—

February 14th, 1925	157
February 21st, 1925	138
February 28th, 1925	132
March 7th, 1925	223

REGISTRATION TO MARCH 7TH, 1925.

Applications received 46,611

Applications:—

Approved by the Council to Feb. 20th, 1925	42,866
For approval at meeting on March 20th, 1925	566
Ineligible to February 20th, 1925	741
Ineligible to be brought before meeting on		
March 20th, 1925	6
Withdrawn	877
Incomplete	1,555

46,611

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

General Register (including 18 by Examination)	411
Mental Register	104
Mental Defective Register	8
Sick Children's Register	18
Fever Register	25

566

It was agreed to re-include the names of 116 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names to be re-included in the Register.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Education and Examination Committee.

MISS LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, moved that the Report be received.

On the recommendation of the Committee the following hospitals were recognised as complete Training Schools:—

Merthyr Tydfil	General Hospital.
Wallasey	Victoria Central Hospital.

The following hospitals were provisionally recognised:—

Pontypridd Union	Llwynypia Homes Infirmary.
Rotherham Union	The Hospital.

The Report as a whole was approved.

Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE, Chairman of the Mental Nursing Committee, moved that the Report be received.

On the recommendation of the Committee the following Hospitals were recognised as Training Schools for Male and Female Mental Nurses:—

Kesteven Mental Hospital, Sleaford, Lincs.
Leicestershire and Rutland Mental Hospital, Narborough, Leicester

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