

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W., on April 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

Miss E. M. Musson, S.R.N., R.R.C., chairman of the Council presiding.

MISS MUSSON, after the Minutes had been confirmed, said it was a great disappointment not to be able to present the Register to the Council. It had been hoped to do so, but there had been some delay at the printers. She hoped they would have it in about a week.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the Minister of Health, enclosing Amendments to Rules 31, 37, 38, 40 and 43, of the General Nursing Council, signed with the Minister's approval.

These related to the appointment of a Vice-Chairman, and the Chairman intimated that the election of a Vice-Chairman would take place at the next meeting, and asked for nominations.

A second letter, dated April 20th, 1926, from the Ministry of Health, enclosed the Scheme of Election signed with the Minister's approval.

Finance.

£100 was allowed for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash. Recommendation of the General Purposes Committee "That a fireplace be installed in the caretaker's sitting room at a cost of £39," and another providing for an expenditure of £222. 11s. 6d. on making the balcony secure and providing artificial stone columns to match the existing wooden columns were approved.

It was reported that the whole front part of the chimney in the Registration Room was defective, resting on nothing at all, and that dry rot had been discovered in the porch and verandah.

Registration.

There were 40 applications for Registration, 25 for admission to the General Register, 11 to the Supplementary Register for Mental Nurses, and 4 for the Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses. (These were considered *in camera* subsequently.) There were also 17 for approval for registration by examination. The applications incomplete are now 56.

The Registration Committee also recommended that the names of 101 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register be re-included. These were considered *in camera*.

The State Registered Uniform.

The Uniform Committee reported that they had considered the designs of the State Registered Uniform as approved by the Minister of Health in July, 1924. Also that many applications from Registered Nurses had been received recommending (1) alterations in the dress, and (2) additions to the present Uniform sanctioned. The Council agreed:—

(a) "That the Minister of Health be asked to authorise an alteration in the Schedule to the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, with respect to the uniform and Badge, which may be worn by Registered Nurses, allowing to the Council the liberty to alter the designs of the Uniform as and when required, provided that the materials braid, button and badge be those approved by the Minister of Health.

(b) "That washing Overalls with registered braid, and a Cap with embroidered badge, for indoor wear, be sanctioned for the use of Registered Nurses."

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, was in the Chair, and 12 members of the Council were present at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, which was held on March 26th last.

The Council instructed the Registrar to reply to the Matron of Craw Road Hospital, Paisley, informing her that the Council had decided to adhere to their Rule that nurses taking a combined training of four years at two affiliated schools could not sit for their Final Examination until they had completed four years' training.

The Council agreed to a reciprocal arrangement with the General Nursing Council for Southern Ireland for the re-registration of nurses between the Council and that body.

The report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the convener, and after some discussion was unanimously approved. A report showed that the Committee had considered the Registrar's report on the February examinations, had gone over the examination papers set, and made recommendations as to the appointment of examiners for the Midsummer Examination.

Miss Davidson submitted the report of the Registration Committee, and in terms thereof the names of 168 nurses were added to the Register, including 153 who had passed the February examination.

Miss White, convener of the Uniform Committee, submitted their report, and three firms were approved as makers of uniform.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRISH FREE STATE.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council was held on March 23rd, at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

The following were present: Senator Sir Edward Coey Bigger, M.D. (Chairman), Miss O'Flynn, Miss Halbert, Miss Doyle, Miss Smithson, Mrs. Lanigan-O'Keefe, Miss Willis, Miss Walsh, Dr. Whitla, Dr. MacBride, J. J. Harding, Esq., W. O'B. Reidy (Registrar), and Miss A. Black (Assistant Registrar).

The reports of the Registration, Finance, Rules, and Hospitals Committees were read and adopted.

A letter was read from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales intimating that *nurses registered in the Irish Free State would be admitted to the Register kept in England upon production of their Irish Free State Certificate of Registration.*

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to appointments and conditions of employment of nurses and probationer nurses in County Infirmaries, County Homes, and District Mental Hospitals.

The Registrar reported that it was expected that the legislation necessary for the Registration of Badges, &c., would be passed by An Dail early in June next, and that then the Council would be in a position to issue for sale the badge which had been approved by them early in 1925.

The list of candidates declared by the Board of Examiners to have been successful at the examination held in January, 1926, was placed before the Council and formally adopted. One hundred and ninety-eight candidates presented themselves for examination, and there were 17 failures.

The practical portion of the examination took place in the following hospitals: Jervis Street Hospital, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Mercers' Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Cork, South Charitable Infirmary, Cork, and the Waterford County and City Infirmary.

The written and oral parts of the examination were held in the National University, University College, Cork, and the Waterford County and City Infirmary.

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