

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on September 24th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W., Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C. (Chairman of the Council) presiding.

The Minutes having been confirmed, the Chairman announced that when attending one of the Committees of the Council, Dr. Bedford Pierce had learnt of the death of his wife. She thought it would be the wish of the Council that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be sent to him. This she had done.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Minister of Health enclosing a copy of the amendments proposed by the General Nursing Council in their Rules, with respect to the Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses duly endorsed with the Minister's approval, and a further letter referring to two recommendations of the Council regarding the Staff and proposed salaries. (These are given in the table below.)

Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 allowed for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash. The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 14 of the General Purposes Committee which was "That the estimate of Weavers & Cracknell for cleaning the windows at a charge of £1 10s.

per month be accepted," the word "tender" being substituted for estimate.

Registration.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that the Council had been in correspondence with certain Dominions where Acts for the Registration of Nurses had been passed since our own. They had at last agreed to reciprocity. They had not wished to take our uncertificated *bona-fides*, neither did the Council wish to take theirs. Another difficulty had been that in Australia hospitals with a small number of beds were accepted as Training Schools, this difficulty had been met by a lengthened training in such Dominion Hospitals. In the interests of our Nurses going to these Dominions, it was very necessary that terms of reciprocity should be arranged.

In reply to a question by SIR JENNER VERRALL, THE CHAIRMAN stated that it had not yet been possible to enter into reciprocal arrangements in regard to Mental Nurses.

It was then agreed:—

"That the General Nursing Council agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity—

(1) Nurses registered by Examination on the General Part of the Nurses' Register of the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia.

(2) Intermediate Nurses, *i.e.*, those in training on the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1920, and Existing Nurses, *i.e.*, those who were trained before the Act, provided the standard of training and examination is equal to that required in this country,

on the understanding that Nurses registered on the General Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and

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(a) Staff Required.

(b) Proposed Salaries, Minimum and Maximum, with Increment.

(a) Staff required .. 46*.

Registrar's Office Staff.	Registration Department (which includes compilation of Register and Retention Fee work).	Examinations Department.	Accountant's Department.	Uniform Department.	Postal Room and Hall.
Registrar. Assistant Registrar. Secretary to Registrar. 2 First Divn. Clerks (Stenciller). (Typist). 1 Third Divn. Clerk. (6)	Registration Officer. 1 Principal Clerk. 3 First Divn. Clerks. 9 Second " " 3 Third " "	Examinations Officer. 2 Principal Clks. 5 First Divn. " 5 Second " "	Accountant. 1 Principal Clk. 1 First Divn. " 2 Second " "	1 First Divn. Clerk. 1 Second Divn. Clerk.	1 First Divn. Clerk. 2 Third Divn. Clerks.
	(17)	(13)	(5)	(2)	(3)

(b) Proposed Salaries.

No. of Staff, 46.	Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.
Registrar 1	£600 per annum	£25 per annum	£700 per annum.
Assistant Registrar .. 1	£450 "	£20 "	£550 "
Heads of Departments .. 3	£350 "	£20 "	£450 "
Secretary to Registrar .. 1	£250 "	£15 "	£350 "
Principal Clerks .. 4	£220 "	£15 "	£280 "
First Division Clerks .. 13	£156 "	5s. per week	£182 "
Second Division Clerks .. 17	£104 "	2s. 6d. "	£130 "
Third Division Clerks .. 6	£52 "	2s. 6d. "	£78 "
46	£7,338 per annum.		£9,114 per annum.

* Also 6 temporary clerks when and as required.

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