

Wales will be accepted on the same terms for registration by the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia.

It was further agreed:—

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

(1) Nurses registered by Examination on the General Part of the Register of State Registered Nurses of the Nurses' Registration Board of Queensland.

(2) Intermediate Nurses, *i.e.*, those in training on the passing of the Nurses' Registration Regulations, 1923, 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 Wales will be accepted on the same terms for registration by the Nurses' Registration Board of Queensland."

The Registration Committee reported that to September 10th applications received otherwise than by examination were 55,320. Approved to July 16th, 52,267. For approval on September 24th, 8. Duplicate applications, 483. Applications withdrawn, 1,169. Applications in complete, 17. Applications for Registration by Examination, 3,749. (Passed 3,033. Referred in Examination, 716). Total applications to September 10th, 59,069.

Education and Examination.

Miss Mary L. Lane, S.R.N., late Sister Tutor at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Examiners for the October Examination due to the absence abroad of Miss M. A. Gullan.

The Heathfields Hospital, Ipswich Union, was recognised as a training school in affiliation with Withington Hospital and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and Blackburn Infectious Diseases Hospital, provisionally for one year from September 24th as a Training School for Fever Nurses.

The Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, was temporarily approved as a complete Training School, in connection with the application of a nurse trained in Scotland, and now resident in England, to be allowed to sit for the Final Examination held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had considered the following points, and that recommendations would be made later:—

(1) Training of Nurses for Mental Defectives.

(2) The large percentage of failures of Mental Nurses at the Preliminary Examination.

(3) Whether further steps are required to increase the facilities for training of Mental Nurses.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the Correspondence dealt with in the office was: *Letters received*, July, 3,232; August, 4,159. *Letters despatched*, July, 7,749; August, 53,236; that the interviews numbered 216, and that 304 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

Appointments.

The Committee also reported the appointment of Miss Minnie Patterson, S.R.N., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as a Principal Clerk in the Examinations Department, at a salary of £220 per annum, and of Miss E. M. Falconer as Principal Clerk in the Accountant's Department at a salary of £220 per annum, in place of Miss Lee, resigned.

Uniform.

The Uniform Committee reported that the supply of Overalls had now been sanctioned by the Minister of Health.

Twelve additional firms were authorised to make the State Uniform.

Contracts were renewed with Messrs. Boyd Cooper

for a period of twelve months for the supply of Registered Braid and Buttons from July 20th, and with other firms of various goods.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

The appointment of a Registered Nurse in the Examinations Department as a Principal Clerk, at the last Meeting of the Council, is a step in the right direction.

The appointment of an untrained woman as Examinations Officer in 1923, which is one of the highest paid posts under the Council carrying a maximum salary of £450 per annum, was much resented by professional nurses at the time, and such an appointment could only have been made by a Council mainly composed of persons without a sense of professional responsibility.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Nurses on the Register of the General Nursing Council for Scotland whose Certificates of Registration are dated before December 31st, 1925, are reminded that if they have not already done so they should send in their retention fee of 2s. 6d. without delay as this was due on September 30th.

REGISTERED NURSES BUREAU, LTD.

We note in connection with the Registered Nurses' Bureau, Ltd., that the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Sir Arbuthnot Lane, is conducting active propaganda on its behalf in the medical and lay press. Would Sir Arbuthnot Lane approve of an Agency for the Employment of Medical Practitioners run by a barrister acting as the Managing Director, and practically holding all Shares in the Company, with no professional Committee of Management upon which those employed have representation? We believe not.

If not then why should he do so in the case of an Agency for Nurses managed on the above lines, and having further amongst the objects mentioned in its Memorandum of Association: "To purchase . . . secret processes which may appear likely to be advantageous or useful to the Company"; "To lend or advance money . . . on such terms as may seem expedient"; "To borrow or raise money" and to "issue promissory notes," and which provides in its Articles of Association that "The Directors may . . . raise or borrow any sums of money either upon mortgage or charge on any of the property of the Company including uncalled capital."

Registered Nurses will be well advised to join only such Associations of Nurses as are under professional direction, in which they themselves take a share. This principle is carried out by the Nurses' Co-operation, Langham Street, W., the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, W., and the Co-operation in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., the staffs of which have therefore in each case a voice in the management of their Society, and in the protection of its ethical standards and status.

We are not unmindful that the Registrar and Assistant Registrar of the Registered Nurses' Bureau, who supervise its office are trained nurses, but it must be realised that they are the salaried employees of the Company, *i.e.*, of the lay Managing Director, who is apparently omnipotent.

We note a statement in the lay press concerning the Registered Nurses' Bureau that "the Matrons of the London hospitals have given it their support"—a statement which we imagine is too general to be accurate—but we advise those Matrons who have done so to reflect upon the points to which we have drawn attention above.

For further information concerning this Bureau we refer our readers to the article concerning it published in our September issue.

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