

that the provisional approval granted to the Durham County Hospital be extended to December 31st, 1927.

The Committee also reported that they had considered a further list of applications for Examinerships, and recommended that the names of these Examiners be added to the Panel of Examiners.

#### The October Examinations.

The Committee made a report in regard to the Preliminary and Final State Examinations held in October, 1926. The results were as follows:—

For the Preliminary examination, 1,988 entered, 1,916 sat, 1,507 passed, and 409 failed. Of the 202 re-entries for part of the examination, 122 passed, 74 failed, and 6 were absent.

For the Final examination, General Register, 1,228 entered, 1,181 sat, 892 passed, and 289 failed. Of the 147 re-entries for part of the examination, 98 passed the examination, 45 failed and 4 were absent. Both the Male Nurse candidates for the Final examination passed, 16 Mental Nurse candidates passed and one failed, and the only Nurse for Mental Defectives who entered for the Examination passed. With regard to the Sick Children's Register, 44 of the 55 candidates for the Final Examination who sat passed, but only 4 of the 11 re-entries for part of the examination were successful. Of the 139 Fever Nurses who sat for the Final examination, 102 passed; and of the re-entries for part examination, 7 passed out of 13.

The Education and Examination Committee recommend:

"That the candidates approved by the Examiners be admitted to registration, that their names be referred for that purpose to the Registration Committee, that their names be entered in the appropriate parts of the Register, and that authority be given to affix the Seal of the Council to the Certificate of Registration to be issued to each Candidate."

The Report as a whole was approved.

#### Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that they had considered the present method of appointing Examiners for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, and recommend that the Mental Nurses' Committee be instructed to discuss the subject with the advisory Committee of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

This was agreed, and the Report as a whole approved.

#### Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported, (a) That the correspondence dealt with in the office between September 27th and October 31st amounted to:—8,086 letters received, 25,521 letters despatched; (b) That the interviews numbered 150; (c) That 186 Permits were issued for the State Uniform.

#### Resignation.

The Committee also reported that Miss Minnie Patterson, S.R.N., who was appointed a Principal Clerk in the Examinations Department in July last, and took up duty on September 7th, has resigned her appointment.

#### The State Uniform.

The Uniform Committee reported that applications had been received from six Registered Nurses for duplicate Permits to obtain the State Registered Uniform, and that the loss of these Permits had been reported six months ago. The Committee recommended that duplicate Permits be issued to these Nurses. This was agreed, and the Report as a whole adopted.

#### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

No report was presented by the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

The Public Business then concluded, and the Press withdrew.

We regret that space does not permit us to publish the long list of successful candidates in the recent Final State Examination. We are however asked by the Registrar to state that the following additions should be made to the List circulated:—

Under the heading "King's College Hospital," No. 39, Cooper, Rhoda; and

"Park Royal Hospital," No. 27, Allen, Barbara Ann Stockbridge.

#### POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

With the present month the year closes in which the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has had, for the first time a Registered Nurse as Chairman. During the year the meetings of the Council have been conducted with dignity, efficiency, courtesy, and harmony, a welcome relief after the medical *regime* which preceded it.

It is well to bear in mind that next December the five years' term of office of the present Council will conclude, so that its nurse members will then have to give an account of their stewardship if seeking re-election. We must remember also that the next election will be open and unrestricted, any duly nominated Registered Nurse being eligible to stand for election. The electorate has, of course, been greatly enlarged since 1922.

We note the resignation of the Principal Clerk in the Examinations Department, who took up the work of that position in last September only. No reason is assigned.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

#### October Examinations.

The Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland reports that the October Examinations for both the Preliminary and Final parts were held in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness, with the following results:—

#### PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

*Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.*—Total entered, 327, total passed, 253. *Hygiene.*—Total entered 318, total passed, 278. *Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing.*—Total entered, 290, total passed, 230.

#### FINAL EXAMINATION.

Number entered, *First paper*, General, 142, Fever, 69, Sick Children, 13, Mental, 5. Total, 229. *Second Paper*, General, 143, Fever 71, Sick Children 13, Mental 5, Total 232.

Total passed.—First paper 220, Second paper 210.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS.

We notice that the Balance-Sheet and Accounts of the Cowdray Club (The Nation's Nurses and Professional Women's Club, Ltd.), 20, Cavendish Square, W., presented to the Fifth Ordinary General Meeting, showed a net loss for the year of £2,315 2s. 8d. The Restaurant Takings and House Receipts showed a profit, and it appears as if the direction in which economy should be effected is in Salaries, Wages, Sick Pay, National Insurance and Uniforms amounting for the year to £8,096 17s. 4d., which, out of a total expenditure of £20,800 1s. 2d., appears a very large proportion.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)