

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, April 16th, at 5 p.m.

We hope that all Presidents and delegates of affiliated Associations will take note of the date, and keep themselves free to attend the meeting.

One of the things to be discussed will be the methods of raising the contribution of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the International Council of Nurses, and also of maintaining its own activities.

We hope that the members of the affiliated Associations, as well as their delegates on the Grand Council, will take an active interest in the National Council of Nurses, and keep themselves well informed as to its affairs. Its strength depends not only upon those whom they have elected to serve on its Governing Body but on the co-operation of the individual members.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will be held on April 17th, at 4.30, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, as several matters before Parliament affect members of the Nursing Profession.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

PUBLIC HEALTH COURSE FOR NURSES.

The Public Health Section of the College of Nursing, Ltd. has organised a course of study and lectures, lasting from April 1st to 15th, to assist nurses of the public health staff in their professional education. The courses held in the two weeks may be taken separately if desired, and, for both or either, grants may be given by the local authorities (under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act with the approval of the Ministry of Health) to cover the expenses of the nurses. The study and coaching week has been arranged during the Easter holidays to make it easier for nurses to attend, and this week starts on April 1st. The post-graduate week lasts from April 8th to 15th. The study week will be under the charge of a tutor and will include classes in anatomy, physiology, and hygiene, and lectures on sanitary law. During the post-graduate week there will be lectures on Poor-law reform, State insurance, cancer research, sunlight treatment, the maternal mortality-rate, diseases of early infancy, encephalitis lethargica, the wife under English law, and the lost heritage of childhood. Amongst the lecturers will be Sir Henry Gauvain, Mrs. Crofts, Sir John Robertson, and Mr. Cecil Chapman, and it is hoped that Medical Officers of Health will assist by permitting as many of their nursing staff to attend as possible. The course will be held at the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club is being held in the Club House, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 27th, at 3 p.m. (the day this JOURNAL is published). The Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club, will preside, and at the conclusion of the Business Meeting will receive the guests in the drawing-room of the Club.

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 Friday, March 19th, Miss E. M. Musson, S.R.N., R.R.C. (Chairman of the Council) presiding.

Minutes.

Arising out of the Minutes THE CHAIRMAN said that within the last hour a letter had been received from the Minister of Health approving in principle the appointment of a Vice-Chairman, but suggesting certain small amendments, and that the Council should pass a Resolution incorporating these. This was done, the amendments being to insert in Rule 31 (3) after the word "candidate" the words "for either office," and in Rules 37, 38, and 40 to insert the word "presiding" before "Chairman."

THE CHAIRMAN reported that SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM had been elected Chairman of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee by a postal vote, there being no need to call a Committee.

She also reported that having learnt of the serious illness of Miss Maude MacCallum, a former member of the Council, she had written a letter of sympathy, and sent her a few flowers in its name, and had received a letter expressing Miss MacCallum's thanks and pleasure at receiving them.

Correspondence.

The Correspondence included the following letters:—

(1) LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 8TH, 1926, FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to your letter of the 24th November, enclosing copies of the Scheme of Election amended in accordance with the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, and to state that the Minister will be prepared to approve, subject to the following drafting amendments. In order to avoid the possibility of confusion, the wording of columns 2 and 3 of the first section of the Tables on pages 3 and 7 respectively, should be identical, viz., "Registered Nurses" (*i.e.*, Nurses registered in the General Part of the Register). I am also to suggest that the first sentence of the Note on page 12 should be retained with the omission only of the words "each of the five parts of," and that the other verbal amendments shown in green ink on pages 5, 6 and 9 of the enclosed copy of the Scheme should be made.

I am to suggest that the scheme should be amended in the form above indicated, and again submitted to the Minister.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) T. LINDSAY.

(2) LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 24TH, 1926, FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the appeal by the Council of the County Borough of Darlington, under Section 7(2) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against a decision of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and I am to state that the Minister has decided to allow the appeal and to direct that the General Nursing Council shall approve the Hospital for Infectious Disease provided by the Borough Council as a complete training school for fever nurses, on the condition that, except with the consent of the General Nursing Council, there shall not be more than 10 probationers in training at the Hospital at one time. For the purpose of this direction the term "probationer" is to be interpreted as meaning a nurse who has had less than two years' fever training.

A formal instrument in which the Minister's decision is embodied is enclosed, together with an extract from the report made by the officers of the Ministry appointed to hear the appeal.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) P. BARTER.

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