

and February 28th amounted to 4,030 letters received, and 6,399 letters despatched; (b) that the interviews numbered 131, and (c) that 176 permits had been issued for the State Uniform.

Referring to the equipment already mentioned under the heading of Finance, Miss COX DAVIES stated that it was necessary in consequence of the increase in the size of the Register, and the work in connection with the Retention Fees. It would decrease the clerical labour.

The State Uniform.

The Uniform Committee reported that Miss VILLIERS has been re-elected Chairman of the Committee; also that 28 more firms had been authorised to make the State Registered Uniform for Nurses.

Clause 3 of the Agreement entered into between the Council and those firms approved to make the Uniform was amended. After the word "Uniform," in line 2, the Clause now runs "They will observe and comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Council for the time being in force with regard to the uniform, and will strictly conform to the terms thereof both as regards design, material, and otherwise."

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THE PENAL CASES COMMITTEE.

The announcement by the Chairman of [the General Nursing Council for England and Wales that Sir Wilmot Herringham had been appointed Chairman of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee, raises important issues. We are of opinion that the Chairmen of all Standing Committees should be Registered Nurses, but this is especially the case with the Penal Cases Committee, which has to investigate charges against Registered Nurses, and, if a *prima facie* case is found against the Nurse to prepare the evidence to present to the Council.

The principle that the discipline of nurses should be in the hands of nurses was laid down by Miss Florence Nightingale, and is as sound to-day as when it was advanced by her sixty years ago.

FINANCE.

We notice that the Chairman of the General Purposes' Committee emphasised the fact that the new Addressograph and other equipment purchased would decrease the clerical labour, which it certainly will do very considerably. We hope, therefore, that the result will be to diminish the clerical staff—a much-needed financial reform.

THE SCHEME OF ELECTION.

In connection with the Scheme of Election for the Council, verbal amendments suggested by the Minister of Health to the Scheme submitted have been passed, but the Scheme itself, which so vitally affects Registered Nurses, has never been on the Agenda for a Council Meeting or publicly discussed, which in our opinion should have been done.

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF COUNCIL.

Of great importance is the announcement contained in the letter from the Minister of Health that he has allowed the appeal of the Darlington Infectious Hospital to be recognised as a Training School, which the Council had refused. One of the things which we have always hoped would be improved by the organisation of Nursing Education by the Council is the nursing in the smaller infectious hospitals, which in many instances leaves much to be desired. We are sure the Council felt it had good ground for its action, and regret its decision was not upheld. We believe the solution of this difficult question is to be found in the proposal of the Fever Nurses' Association for the affiliation of large and small infectious hospitals.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair and 12 members of Council were present at the meeting of the Council, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on February 26th.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., Convener, but it was arranged to leave the bulk of this over for discussion at the next meeting.

Miss Davidson submitted the Report of the Registration Committee and in terms of this the names of 20 Nurses were added to the Register.

On the Report of the Finance Committee it was intimated that as instructed at last meeting, a further sum of £1,000 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan had been purchased.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 1926.

The written part of the Final Examination was held on February 5th under the authority of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, when there presented themselves 36 candidates for Examination in Edinburgh, 94 in Glasgow, 18 in Dundee, and 9 in Aberdeen.

The Oral and Practical part of the Examination was held at Glasgow on February 25th, 26th, and 27th, in the Knightswood Hospital, at Edinburgh on May 1st in the City Hospital, at Dundee on March 2nd in King's Cross Hospital, and at Aberdeen on March 3rd in the City Hospital.

The results are as follows:—

General Nurses Examination.—Number Entered, 91. First paper (Medical and Surgical subjects), one candidate failed in Oral and Practical Part. Number passed, 90. Second Paper (Nursing and Cooking), one candidate failed in Written Part, and one in Oral and Practical Part. Number passed, 89.

Fever Nurses' Examination.—Number entered: First Paper (Infectious Diseases, &c.), First time, 50; Second time, 2. All passed both in Written and Oral and Practical Part. Second Paper (Nursing and Cooking), First time, 50; Second time, 5. Two failed of the First time candidates in the Oral and Practical Part. Number passed, 53.

Sick Children's Nurses' Examination.—Seven candidates entered and all passed.

Mental Nurses' Examination.—Four candidates entered and all passed.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

There presented themselves for examination 57 candidates in Edinburgh, 164 in Glasgow, 44 in Dundee, and 45 in Aberdeen.

The results are as follows:—

Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.—Total Entered, 254. Failed in Written Part 46, failed in Oral and Practical Part, 6. Total passed, 202.

Hygiene.—Total Entered, 266. Failed in Written Part, 47, failed in Oral and Practical Part, 12. Total passed, 207.

Elementary Theory and Practice of Nursing. Part I.—Total Entered, 236. Failed in Written Part, 9; failed in Oral and Practical Part, 12. Total passed, 215.

Of the candidates taking all subjects for the first time the figures from the various classes of training schools are as follows:—

General. 113. Passed in all subjects, 82. Failed in all subjects, 3.

Fever. 56. Passed in all subjects, 38.

Sick Children. 21. Passed in all subjects, 21.

Mental. 20. Passed in all subjects, 10.

Mental Deficiency. 3. Passed in all subjects, none.

Of the candidates who had failed previously, taking all subjects, the figures are:—

General, 2. *Fever,* 2. *Mental,* 1. Passed in all subjects, none. Failed in all subjects, 1.

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