

### Registration.

The Committee reported that the Applications for Registration to date were 56,464; of these, 51,242 were approved by the Council to November 20th, 1925, 674 were ready for submission to the Council that day, 995 were ineligible to November 20th, 60 ineligible were to be placed before the Council that day, 1,015 were withdrawn, and 1,291 were incomplete.

In addition applications for registration by Examination were 1,187. Of this number 997 applicants had passed, 321 applications were approved on November 20th, and 665 would be submitted for approval that day, 11 applicants were under age, and 190 failed.

### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool (in connection with Howbeck Infirmary, West Hartlepool) and the Pembrokeshire County War Memorial Hospital, Haverfordwest (in affiliation with Swansea General and Eye Hospital) were recognized as Training Schools, and the Tilbury Hospital, Essex, was provisionally recognized. The provisional approval granted to the Hartlepoons Hospital, Hartlepool, and the Highfield Hospital, Sunderland, was extended until June 30th.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Committee reported that they had considered the case of a Registered Nurse convicted of theft and that a *prima facie* case had been made out for the removal of the name of the Nurse from the Register.

### Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that they had considered the Reports of three Council Members who visited two Institutions for Mental Defectives, in which it is pointed out that no effective training in sick nursing was available, as in this type of Institution the great majority of patients are able bodied.

The Committee is of opinion that nurses in many Institutions for Mental Defectives cannot be properly prepared to enter for the Preliminary Examination as at present conducted by the General Nursing Council. In order that these nurses may be registered under Rule 3(2), it would seem necessary that special arrangements for their Examination should be made and that before drafting new regulations a conference of persons interested be called by the Council.

The Committee recommended:—

“That early in the New Year the Council call a Conference of representatives of the leading Institutions for Mental Defectives and others interested in the subject, to consider the training and examination of persons engaged in the Nursing of Mental Defectives.”

THE CHAIRMAN said that a letter had been received from the London County Council which he had not brought before the Council as he had referred it to the Mental Nursing Committee. It appeared that bedside nursing was not necessary for Mental Defectives at all, and the question was if this was not necessary were they sick nurses at all. The care exercised by a nurse for Mental Defectives was that of a sort of companion.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE said that the Nurses Registration Act made provision for the registration of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disease. Mental defectives presumably came under this heading.

DR. GOODALL enquired why nurses for mental defectives could not possibly be trained for the Preliminary Examination, to which DR. BEDFORD PIERCE replied that the reason was very few sick wards were available for these cases, and the training, as regards sickness, was entirely inadequate

The recommendation to hold a Conference was agreed. It was also agreed:—

“That the alteration in the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination, passed by Council in April, 1925, be incorporated in the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for Mental Nurses, and that all Mental Hospitals be informed of the change.”

### The Month's Correspondence.

The General Purposes Committee reported:—

(a) That the Correspondence dealt with in the office between November 1st and November 30th amounted to 7,010 letters received, 13,614 letters despatched. (b) That the interviews numbered 140. (c) That 178 Permits were issued for the State Uniform

### The State Uniform.

The Uniform Committee reported that it had authorised eight additional firms to make the State Uniform.

At the last meeting of which the Report in relation to the Uniform Committee was unavoidably held over. Four more firms were authorised to make the State Uniform.

The Committee reported that a communication was sent to all those firms whose contracts for making the State Registered Uniform had expired, asking them to submit samples of material used by them, and other particulars regarding the Uniform. On its recommendation authority granted to the Committee to renew the contracts for another year of those firms which have complied with the Council's requirements regarding the making of the State Registered Uniform.

Applications were considered from 32 Registered Nurses for duplicate Permits to obtain the State Registered Uniform. The loss of the permit in each case was reported six months ago. In accordance with Recommendation 20, passed by Council on December 19th, 1924, duplicate Permits be issued to these Nurses.

### Disciplinary Case.

The next business to be considered was the disciplinary case above referred to. THE CHAIRMAN said that he thought the Council would wish the procedure in these cases to be that adopted by the General Medical Council, namely that the evidence would be taken in public, and that the Council would then deliberate in private, after which the result would then be made known.

The Respondent did not appear before the Council which thereupon considered the case *in camera*.

The following information has since been officially communicated to us by the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales:—

### COPY OF FINDING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 18th DECEMBER, 1925.

“That the name of Miss Helen Ruth Rhoda White, Registration Number 29081, has been removed from the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.”

To this is appended the following letter:

Copy of Letter from the Chief Constable, Birmingham, to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

(Ref. 360489)

Chief Constable's Office.  
(Criminal Investigation Department)  
Corporation Street,  
Birmingham.  
October 4th, 1925.

NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT, 1919.

HELEN RUTH WHITE.

SIR,—In accordance with a Home Office instruction that all convictions of nurses or persons describing themselves as nurses should be reported to you, I have to inform you that the above

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