

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Seventy-Ninth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, was held on April 22nd at 20, Portland Place, London, W. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. Musson, presided and announced that a letter had been received from Miss M. G. Lakeman (who was present) acknowledging her appointment as a member to the Council.

Finance.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for stamps, £25 for Insurance stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash allowed.

The Finance Committee raised no objection to the Recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, that a Card Index Cabinet should be purchased for the Examinations Department at a cost of £5 17s. 6d.

Registration.

REGISTRATION TO MARCH 18TH, 1927.

The Registration Committee reported that applications approved for Registration without Examination to March 18th, 1927, were 52,301, for approval for Registration without Examination on April 22nd, 1; for approval for Registration by reciprocity on April 22nd, 4; Applications approved for Registration by Examination to March 18th, 5,018. Applications for approval for Registration by Examination, 57. Total 5,075.

The Committee recommended that the names of 44 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, be re-included.

The applications were taken in *in camera*.

Education and Examination.

The following hospitals were, on the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee recognised as Training Schools:—

For General Training.—Westmoreland County Hospital, Kendal, in affiliation with Ancoats Hospital, Manchester. Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Margate, in affiliation with University College Hospital, London. Hampstead General Hospital, London, and Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford.

For Fever Training.—Caerphilly Isolation Hospital, in affiliation with the Hospitals for Infectious Diseases under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, approved by the Council. Chester Isolation Hospital, in affiliation with Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, temporarily, for the purpose of permitting an existing nurse, now resident in England, to sit for the examinations held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Correspondence.

The correspondence dealt with in the office between March 1st and March 28th, amounted to 5,135 letters received, 8,306 letters despatched. The interviews numbered 96, and 105 permits were issued for the State uniform.

Disciplinary Case.

The last item on the Agenda was a disciplinary case, that of Miss Mabel Woodland, S.R.N. 4,362, till recently a nurse at the Brighton Infirmary, who was cited to appear before the Board to answer to charges concerning her conviction of theft at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, Brighton, on January 26th, from the Brighton Guardians.

At the direction of the Chairman, the Registrar read three letters bearing on the case.

(1) The formal notice sent to Miss Woodland informing her that the circumstances of the case had been brought to the notice of the Council, and that these would be considered at the meeting of the Council on April 22nd. The charges included the theft of margarine, milk, eggs, chicken, fish, a lemon and an orange, the property of the Brighton Guardians. That in the event of her attendance she should bring with her any necessary papers relating to her evidence, and that she might be represented by a solicitor or by counsel, provided that she gave seven days' notice of this.

(2) A letter from Miss Woodland, stating that she would be unable to attend before the Council, and sending her certificate and badge.

(3) A letter from a former Matron of the Brighton Infirmary, testifying to her high opinion of Miss Woodland.

As Miss Woodland was not present, the Council deliberated in private, and the following resolution passed by it was subsequently sent to the Press:—

Resolution.

"That in accordance with Rule 17 (4), the name of Miss Mabel Woodland, State Registered Nurse, No. 4,362, be removed from the Register, and that notification of such removal be sent to the Press."

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for May 20th.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

The removal of the name of a Nurse from the State Register after many years of service is a sharp reminder of the necessity for scrupulous honesty in regard to hospital property; a reminder which is timely, for we believe there is in a certain amount of laxity in this respect.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon nurses by all in authority, that hospital property must be carefully conserved, carefully used, carefully guarded, that they, in so far as they have charge of it, are its custodians, answerable to their employers, and to their own consciences, for the way in which they use it.

We hope the publicity given to this removal of a nurse's name from the State Register on the serious charge of taking the property of the Brighton Guardians will emphasise the duty incumbent on all nurses of safeguarding hospital property.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh on Friday, April 22nd, in the absence of Sir John Lorne MacLeod, the Chair was taken by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., Vice-Chairman of the Council, and nine Members of the Council were present.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, Perth District Asylum, Murthly, and the Royal Mental Hospital, Morningside, Edinburgh, were recognised as Training Schools for Mental Nurses.

Various arrangements were made in regard to the Mid-Summer Examinations and in view of the outbreak of smallpox at Dundee, the Registrar was instructed to endeavour to arrange for the Examination on this occasion being held at Perth, in place of Dundee.

Further reports of the Examiners who conducted the February Examination were gone over in detail and the names of Nurses who had already passed the Council's Examination and had now reached the age of 21, were ordered to be placed on the Register.

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