

Dorothy I. Henderson, the Keogh Prize to Nurse Kathleen Hughes, the Morrison Prizes to Nurses Dorothy I. Henderson and Elizabeth A. Donaghy, the Bernard Loftus Brown Prizes to Nurses E. M. Barnes and D. I. Henderson, and the Governors' Prize (for probationers obtaining the highest number of marks in the two Junior Examinations held during the year) to Nurses Audrey Bristow and Angela Fahwasser.

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chair proposed by Miss Haughton and seconded by Sister Dora.

THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.

The annual Council meeting of the Irish Nurses' Union was held on Tuesday, May 24th, in the offices of the Irish Women Workers' Union, 7 and 8, Eden Quay, Dublin. Miss Guinane, Vice-President, was in the chair, and delegates were in attendance from Limerick, Wexford, Roscommon, Tironaill, Tipperary, and Dun Laoghaire, as well as Dublin. The annual report stated that 89 new members were enrolled during the past year. Negotiations had been undertaken on behalf of nurses and midwives in Sligo, Galway, Mayo, Dundalk, Clonmel, Cavan, Waterford, Wexford, etc. Shorter hours had been secured in Sligo Hospital, and increases of salary for dispensary midwives in Monaghan, Leitrim, parts of Cork and the Dublin Union. Evidence on behalf of nurses had been given before the Commission on Technical Education by Miss Holohan and the Union Secretary. A claim for scale salary, uniform and travelling allowances, had been formulated for school inspection nurses, and sent to the various County Councils, and the Ministry for Local Government. Two appointments were to be made shortly in Dublin city, and the salary suggested was based on that gained by the Union for child welfare nurses previously. The hope was expressed that before another year had passed, appointments would be made throughout the country, as these were long overdue.

It was reported that although for some years past all the Dublin nursing homes had charged an extra 10s. 6d. per week for tuberculosis work, the L.G.D. refused to recognise this rate, and consequently a local body which agreed to the Union's claim for the extra 10s. 6d. had had to supplement the amount sanctioned in one case in dispute, in order to secure a temporary nurse for holiday duty last summer.

The names of Mrs. Porter, Dublin, and Mrs. McMahon, Limerick, had been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government in reply to his request for the Union's views as to filling the vacancy on the Central Midwives' Board caused by the resignation of Miss Michie.

Some of the benefits gained by the Union since it was established in 1919 were: salaries of trained nurses raised from an average of £30 and £40 to £60 and £75; public service nurses, non-resident, from £80, plus bonus, to £182 per annum; dispensary midwives' salaries from an average of £25 to £50 and £67.

Officers for the coming year were appointed as follows: President, Mrs. McCarry, Dublin Union Hospital; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Porter and Miss Holohan; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Miss Molony and Miss Bennett, I.W.W.U., and Dr. Hennessy, Irish Medical Committee; Hon. Treasurers, Mrs. Porter, Miss Holohan and Miss Murphy; General Secretary, Miss Price.

R. A. PRICE, *Secretary*.

Kai Tiaki advises Nurses leaving New Zealand to communicate with the Director, Division of Nursing, Health Department, Wellington, and ask for the necessary credentials to the British College of Nurses.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Eightieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, May 20th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. MUSSON, presided, and announced that the Register of Nurses for 1927 was now published and could be purchased.

The Register.

The total number of names upon the Register was 50,740. On the *General Part* 40,442, and on the *Supplementary Parts*, for *Male Nurses* 204, for *Mental Nurses* 6,405, for *Nurses for Mental Defectives* 342, for *Sick Children's Nurses* 1,071, for *Fever Nurses* 2,276. The total number of nurses now registered, including 1,285 whose names have been added since January, 1927, is 52,025.

Finance.

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

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 11 of the General Purposes Committee that 4 Army Tables at 15s. each and a Chairman's Hammer for the Council Room, price 45s., be purchased.

The Chairman of Council, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were authorised to invest the sum of £2,000, in consultation with the Council's Bankers.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that they had considered the appointment of the Returning Officer for the Election of Council in November, 1927, and recommended that Mr. James Wilson, O.B.E., late Town Clerk of the Borough of St. Marylebone, be appointed Returning Officer.

The recommendation was approved.

REGISTRATION TO MAY 20th, 1927.

The Committee reported that applications for approval without Examination on May 20th were 3; applications for approval by reciprocity on May 20th, 3. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to April 22nd, 5,075. Applications for approval for Registration by Examination on May 20th, 7.

The Committee recommended that the names of 43 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and who now wished their names re-included in the Register be re-included.

This was approved.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the application of the Authorities of the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, for recognition of an additional scheme for affiliation with the General Infirmary, Salisbury, and the application by the Authorities of the National Hospital, Queen Square, for the Relief and Care of Diseases of the Nervous System, for recognition of two additional schemes of affiliation, with (a) the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and (b) Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, London, were approved.

In the absence of Miss LLOYD STILL, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee, Miss Cox

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