

**GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.**

The Eighty-first Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, June 17th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. Musson, presided.

**Finance.**

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £60 for stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, and £4,500 for Examiners' Claims and Expenses allowed.

The Finance Committee reported that, in accordance with authority granted at Council Meeting on May 20th, 1927, £2,000 British East Africa (Kenya Government) 6% Inscribed Stock 1946/56 was purchased, at a cost of £2,255 4s.

The estimate of Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for printing 20,000 copies of the Schedule of Instructions with respect to the Uniform and Badge for Registered Nurses, at a cost of £240, was accepted.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet submitted by the Auditor for the year ending March 31st, 1927.

The Committee, at the end of the financial year 1925/6 calculated that at least £30,000 would be required for 1926/7.

They state that fortunately this sum has not been exceeded, owing to slightly less expenditure on various items. Rent, Rates and Taxes are less by £350 than in the previous year; Fuel and Light is less by £66; Postages, Carriage of Parcels and Telephone Charges are less by £456. It was anticipated that at least £1,500 would be required for expenses in connection with inspection of Hospitals, but this expenditure has not been incurred as no scheme of regular inspection has as yet been carried out.

Certain other expenses show a tendency to increase, including Travelling Expenses of Members, Examination and Examiners' Fees, but no higher than was anticipated.

At the end of the 1925/6 financial year the sum of £17,000 was included in that year's accounts under the heading of Registration Fees, but this source of income has now ceased, and there will be only Examination Fees, Retention Fees and Interest on Investments as income from which to carry on the work of the Council.

Retention Fees must be earmarked for maintenance and publication of Register, leaving only Examination Fees and Interest on Investments to consider.

Lastly, the Committee point out that, as will be noted from the Balance Sheet, Examination Fees do not cover the cost of all the Council's work; the maintenance and publication of the Register, the upkeep of Premises generally, repairs, renewals, and other incidental expenditure being met by the Retention Fees and Interest on Investments.

The Auditor's Report was considered *in camera*. In this connection SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM enquired what were the improvements Mr. Wilkinson suggested, were they anything sensible? THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE replied that so far he had not got them before him.

**Registration to June 17th.**

The Registration Committee reported:—Applications approved for Registration without Examination to May 20th, 1927, 52,306. For approval for Registration without Examination on June 17th, 1. For approval for Registration by reciprocity on June 17th, 4. Approved for Registration by Examination to May 20th, 5,082. For approval for Registration by Examination on June 17th, 7. Total, 57,400.

**Education and Examination.**

The following applications were approved:—Application by the Board of Guardians of the Chester Union, for recognition of an additional scheme of association between the Chester Union Infirmary and the Institutions of the West Derby Union.

The Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary, at present approved in association with York County Hospital, was recognised as a complete training school, for a period of one year from May 20th, 1927.

The Barton-upon-Irwell Poor Law Institution was recognised as a training school giving, in association with Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, complete training under Section I. (3) of the Scheme of Training.

The Gloucester Isolation Hospital, in affiliation with Birmingham Infectious Diseases Hospital, was recognised as a training school giving complete training for Fever Nurses.

**Scheme for Inspection of Hospitals.**

The Draft Scheme for the Inspection of Hospitals, approved by the Council as Training Schools, which had been circulated was referred to a Committee of the whole Council for consideration.

**REVENUE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1927.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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To Salaries of Officers .. .. .	7,071	1	2			
Rent, Rates and Property Tax .. .. .	325	11	0			
Insurance .. .. .	73	9	8			
Fuel, Light, Water, etc. .. .. .	205	18	7			
Cleaning (Wages) .. .. .	385	5	1			
Books, Printing and Stationery .. .. .	1,283	2	2			
Printed Registers .. .. .	2,341	2	2			
Badges, Silver—Purchases .. .. .	660	10	9			
Hat Bands and Woven Badges—Purchases .. .. .	240	4	10			
Uniform Caps—Purchases .. .. .	22	9	4			
Postage, Carriage of Parcels and Telephone Charges .. .. .	1,271	14	7			
Health and Unemployment Insurance .. .. .	225	19	3			
Travelling Expenses of Members .. .. .	418	19	11			
Repairs .. .. .	2	5	0			
Miscellaneous Expenses, including Advertising, Audit, Accountancy and Legal Charges .. .. .	494	6	7			
Examination Expenses .. .. .	840	16	11			
Examiners' Remuneration .. .. .	12,581	0	10			
Inspection Expenses .. .. .	48	14	8			
				28,472	12	6
Balance carried to net revenue .. .. .				5,343	10	5
				<u>£33,810</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
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By Registration Fees and Certificate Fees .. .. .				73	16	9
Retention Fees .. .. .				6,023	14	10
Examination Fees .. .. .				26,289	11	3
Sundry Sales, viz:—						
Rules and Syllabus .. .. .				136	3	7
Printed Registers .. .. .				45	9	0
Badges, Silver .. .. .				751	15	4
Hat Bands and Woven Badges .. .. .				375	12	2
Rent received .. .. .				120	0	0
				<u>£33,816</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>

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