

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that they had considered a case reported by the Registrar in which registration appears to have been obtained by personation, supported by falsified documents.

The case was considered *in camera* at the conclusion of the meeting, and the following resolution was subsequently sent to the press:—

That a *prima facie* case is made out, and that the case of Daisy Stewart, S.R.N. 14513, be heard at the next meeting of Council, and that the Registrar be instructed to inform her of the Council's intention, in the manner prescribed by the Rule 17 (6).

Examination in Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that E. Barton White, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Bristol Mental Hospital, Fishponds, had agreed to serve on the Board of Examiners for Mental Nurses, in place of the late E. S. Simpson, Esq., M.C., M.D., East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

The appointment was approved.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between May 1st and the 31st amounted to 2,576 letters received and 3,674 letters despatched; that the interviews numbered 121, and that 142 Permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The State Uniform.

The Council offered no objection to an application from the General Nursing Council for Scotland to be permitted to adopt the Registered Nurses' Overalls and the Cap approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, provided the distinctive button and distinctive badge of the Scottish Council be used.

The public business then concluded and the press withdrew.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTION OF THE G.N.C.

Every Registered Nurse should note that the election of the 16 elected members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales takes place in November next, and it is quite time that she considered whom she wishes to represent her and her interests for the next five years, whether she is entitled to vote for the 11 Direct Representatives of the Nurses on the General Part of the Register, or for the Representative of the Nurses on one of the Supplementary Registers.

It should be remembered that in accordance with the Scheme for the forthcoming Election provided that a Nurse is nominated in accordance with the Scheme laid down, any Registered Nurse may stand for election, whatever her position in the nursing world.

This privilege was granted as a result of the recommendation of the "Select Committee of the House of Commons on the General Nursing Council," appointed on the Petition of the Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council, which took evidence on this point in July, 1925.

A PRIMA FACIE CASE.

It is interesting to note in connection with the *prima facie* case made out against a Registered Nurse in which "registration appears to have been obtained by personation, supported by falsified documents," that the proposal of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick when she was a member of the General Nursing Council that a Rule should be drafted dealing with personation was considered unnecessary. As this recommendation was not approved, it will be interesting to know under what charge this case of presumed personation will be presented, as this will be a leading case. Is it a felony, a misdemeanour, or misconduct?

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON AND SUPERINTENDENT.

Maternity and District Nurses' Home, Tredegar, Mon.—Miss I. Smith has been appointed Matron and Superintendent. She was trained at the St. Marylebone Hospital, London, and at the East End Mothers' Lying-In Home, where she was later Sister Tutor. Miss Smith has also been Maternity Superintendent at the North Middlesex Hospital; Matron of the Maternity Home, Ripley, Derby, and Matron of the Corporation Maternity Home, Crewe. She is a certified midwife.

MATRON.

Pretoria Hospital, South Africa.—Mrs. Constance Hoole, R.R.C. (née Ebdon) has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Johannesburg Hospital, where she was subsequently Sister and Assistant Matron. She worked in France during the Great War in connection with the South African Military Nursing Service, and on her return to Johannesburg was appointed Matron of the new Children's Hospital at Johannesburg, in connection with which the Committee arranged for her to spend a year in Great Britain to study up-to-date methods of the administration of Children's Hospitals, whilst the Hospital was being completed. It was opened shortly after her return to South Africa, and she carried it on with great success until her marriage.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital, Gartnavel.—Miss A. E. Fletcher, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the City Mental Hospital, Nottingham, and at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax. She has been Charge Nurse at the City Mental Hospital, Nottingham, and has also been engaged in private nursing.

SISTER SUPERINTENDENT OF PRIVATE NURSES.

Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.—Miss E. Penley Cooper, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Superintendent of Private Nurses. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has since been Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Scarborough; Ward Sister, Night Sister and Home Sister at the East Leeds War Hospital; Ward Sister at the City Isolation Hospital, Leeds; and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Children, Aberdeen, and at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

HOME SISTER.

Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.—Miss E. R. Hitt, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and the Alexandra Hospital, W.C.1; she has been Ward Sister at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital; Night Sister at the Alexandra Hospital, W.C.1; Ward Sister, Housekeeping Sister, Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton. Miss Hitt has also been engaged in Private Nursing in Mentone, France.

SISTER TUTOR.

Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N.7.—Miss E. A. Allison, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has since been Outpatient and Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton; Senior Sister Tutor at the Royal Hospital, Salford; and Home and Tutor Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea. She is a Certified Midwife.

Royal Hospital, Sheffield.—Miss T. M. Rees, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and has since been Theatre Staff Nurse at the Maida Vale Hospital; Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Cassac Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders, Penhurst; Night Sister at the Royal Hospital, Richmond; Sister in Charge of the Private Pavilion at the General Hospital, Willesden; and Sister Tutor at the District Hospital, Kingston.

MASSAGE SISTER.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss N. C. Normoyle has been appointed Massage Sister. She was trained at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, where she was afterwards Masseuse. She has also held the position of Masseuse at the Pilkington Special Hospital, St. Helens, and at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield. She holds the certificate of the C.S.M.M.G. for Massage and for Medical Electricity.

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