

purpose of an Isla Stewart Memorial Library in connection with the Nurses' Home, as well as a further £800 in the hands of the League, the President gave the welcome information that the contract for the erection of the Library had been signed, the ground cleared, and it was probable that building would begin in the autumn. This announcement was received with great applause.

The members then adjourned to the Great Hall, where they were received by the new President, and had the opportunity of congratulating her personally on her election. The friendliest atmosphere prevailed and the members gathered round the small tables so invitingly set out for tea for intimate conversation between old friends.

Delightful music was provided by Miss L. E. Holloway, a Staff Nurse at the Hospital, and everybody appeared in the happiest and highest of spirits.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., R.G.N., formerly Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, has been appointed President of the College of Nursing for the years 1927-1929 in succession to Dame Sarah Swift, resigned. This means that Miss Gill, who is already a Director of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, will now take a seat upon it as the President of an Affiliated Association.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Eighty-second Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, July 15th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. MUSSON, R.R.C., presided.

Correspondence.

The following letter dated June 28th, 1927, from the Ministry of Health was considered:—

MADAM,—

I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the appeal made to him under Section 7 (2) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, by the Town Council of Hastings, against the refusal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to recognise the Borough Sanatorium as a complete training school for fever nurses. I am to forward herewith the formal document in which the Minister's decision is embodied, together with a copy of a covering letter which has been addressed to the Town Council of Hastings.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) P. BARTER.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council,
20, Portland Place, W.1.

NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT, 1919.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V., Ch. 94), that any person aggrieved by the refusal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to approve any institution for the purpose of the rules under that Act relating to training may appeal against the refusal to the Minister of Health, and that the Minister after considering the matter shall give such directions therein as he thinks proper, and that the Council shall comply with any directions so given. AND whereas the Council of the Borough of Hastings have appealed to the Minister against the refusal of the General Nursing Council to recognise the Borough Sanatorium of the said Council as a complete training school for fever nurses.

NOW, therefore, the Minister, after consideration of the matter and in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section, hereby affirms the decision of the General Nursing Council, but directs that the said Council shall give to the said hospital approval as a complete training school for fever nurses in the case of all probationers who are now serving in it or who may enter it before the 1st day of July, 1934; subject to the following conditions:—

(1) A probationer training in the said hospital shall not be qualified to sit for the final examination until she has completed a three years' course of training.

(2) The approval shall have effect so long only as the number of the staff other than probationers does not fall below the number so employed on the 15th day of March, 1927.

GIVEN under the Seal of Office of the Minister of Health this 28th day of June, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(Signed) R. B. CROSS,

(Seal). Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Health.

Discussion on this decision ensued, and it was ultimately resolved to refer it to the Education and Examination Committee.

Finance.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £100 for stamps, £50 for Insurance Stamps, £25 for Petty Cash, and £315 for Stamps for Retention Fee Notices allowed on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

An additional sum of £500 was allowed for Examiners' Claims and Expenses, being amount under-estimated on the sum approved at Council Meeting on June 17th, 1927.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 12, 13 and 14 of the General Purposes Committee (a) granting six weeks' further leave on half pay to Miss King, First Division Clerk; (b) providing for a uniform overcoat for the caretaker at a cost of £5 2s. 6d., and a nest of trays at a cost of £3 19s. 6d.; and (c) substituting patent chains for present cords, etc., in the windows of the Chairman's Room, at a cost of £15 10s. subject to the approval of the Architect of the proposed method.

It was further reported that Members of Council were often inconvenienced by having to pay out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the work of the Council, and by having to wait in some cases for a period of from four to six weeks for repayment, and advances in respect of estimated out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with business authorised by the Council for the ensuing month up to an amount not exceeding £20 were sanctioned.

Expenses of Forthcoming Election.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was resolved "That the fee to be paid to the Returning Officer for conducting the forthcoming Election be one hundred guineas."

Education and Examination.

The following application was approved:—Application by the authorities of the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's-on-Sea for recognition as a complete Training School. The Berrington Hospital, Atcham Union, in affiliation with St. Stephen's Hospital, Westminster Union, was recognised as a training school which, in combination with another public hospital, gives complete training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training.

Preliminary and Final State Examinations.

The Education and Examination Committee reported the results of the Preliminary and Final State Examinations held between the dates of May 17th-June 2nd inclusive:—

RESULTS.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.
<i>Preliminary Examinations—</i>					
Complete Examination	2,145	77	2,068	1,536	532
Re-entries, Part Examination	224	10	214	135	79
	<u>2,369</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>2,282</u>	<u>1,671</u>	<u>611</u>
<i>Final Examination—</i>					
<i>General Register—</i>					
Complete Examination	1,437	30	1,308	1,022	376
Re-entries, Part Examination	218	4	214	116	98
Male Nurses' Register	4	—	4	3	1
Mental Nurses' Register	42	1	41	37	4
<i>Sick Children's Nurses Register—</i>					
Complete Examination	70	4	66	48	18
Re-entries, Part Examination	16	1	15	10	5
<i>Fever Nurses' Register—</i>					
Complete Examination	209	5	204	160	44
Re-entries, Part Examination	16	1	15	11	4
	<u>2,012</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,957</u>	<u>1,407</u>	<u>550</u>

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