

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Seventy-eighth Meeting of the General Council for England and Wales was held on March 18th, 1927, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. Musson, presided, and reported to the Council that on the hearing of the appeal of the Hastings Town Council by Mr. L. G. Brock, C.B., on behalf of the Ministry of Health, against the refusal of the General Nursing Council to approve the Corporation's Infectious Hospital as a complete Training School in Fever Nursing, she had attended on behalf of the Council together with Miss Villiers, Dr. Goodall and the Registrar.

The Representatives of the Town Council gave such evidence as they were able in support of their plea, which was not convincing, and put in as evidence figures relating to the occupied beds at the Blackpool Isolation Hospital (31), Colchester (37), and Lincoln (37), to prove that the General Nursing Council had accepted hospitals with a lower daily average of occupied beds in recognising hospitals as complete Training Schools in fever nursing than it had laid down as its standard namely, 40.

Miss Musson informed the Council that she had since had the figures looked up, and when these hospitals were recognised they were Blackpool (44), Colchester (50), Lincoln (75). These figures had been sent to the Ministry of Health.

She herself spoke on the general principles of the recognition of hospitals, and Dr. Goodall and Miss Villiers in relation to fever nursing especially.

The decision of the Minister was not yet known.

Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved and the sum of £5 allowed for Insurance Stamps.

The Finance Committee reported that the sum of £2,000 had been invested in Wakefield 5 per cent. Loan, 1946-50, costing £2,010.

The Committee raised no objection to the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, (1) that Miss Barker be granted six weeks' further leave on half pay, a medical certificate to be submitted prior to the expiration of the six weeks' extension leave, and (2) that the office of the Council be closed for Easter Holidays from midday on Thursday, April 14th, until Tuesday morning, April 19th.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that they had considered the Mental Defectives' Act, 1913-1922, South Australia, and recommended:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity—

(1) Nurses registered by Examination on the Mental Nurses' Register of the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia.

(2) Intermediate Nurses, *i.e.*, those in training on the passing of the Mental Defectives' Act, 1913, and Existing Nurses, *i.e.*, those who were trained before the passing of the Act, provided the standard of training and examination is equal to that required in this country,

on the understanding that nurses registered on the Supplementary Part for Mental Nurses of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted on the same terms for registration by the Nurses' Registration Board of South Australia."

This was approved.

REGISTRATION TO MARCH 18TH, 1927.

Applications approved for Registration without Examination February 18th, 1927, 52,292; for approval for Registration without examination on March 18th, 1927, 1; for approval for Registration by reciprocity on March 18th, 1927, 8; applications approved for Registration by

Examination to February 18th, 1927, 4172; for approval for Registration by Examination on March 19th, 1927, 6: 4,178. Total, 56,479.

The applications for consideration were taken *in camera*. Also the recommendation that the names of 98 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included, be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the Rotherham Hospital and Dispensary was recognised as a complete Training School, and the Hazelmere and District Hospital, in affiliation with the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, as a Training School which in combination with another public hospital gives complete training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training.

The Gap Road Isolation Hospital, Wimbledon, was approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

The February Examinations.

The Committee made a report in regard to the Preliminary and Final State Examinations held in February, 1927.

The results were as follows:—

For the Complete Preliminary Examination 1819 candidates entered, 1,664 presented themselves, 1,213 passed and 451 failed. Re-entries for Part Examination were 180; 171 presented themselves, 134 passed and 37 failed.

For the Final Examination there entered:—

GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

Complete Examination.—1,029 entered. Of these 981 presented themselves, 652 passed and 329 failed. Re-entries for *Part Examination* were 163. Of these 153 presented themselves, 94 passed, and 59 failed.

Percentage of Failures.—Whole Examination, 33.5 per cent. Part Examination, 38.5 per cent.

SUPPLEMENTARY PARTS OF THE REGISTER.

Male Nurses.—Complete Examination, 1 entered, 1 failed. Percentage of Failures, 50 per cent.

Mental Nurses.—Complete Examination. 15 entered, 12 presented themselves. All passed.

Sick Children's Nurses.—Complete Examination. 53 entered, 46 presented themselves, 27 passed, 19 failed. Percentage of Failures, 41 per cent.

Part Examination.—Re-entries 7. Of these 7 presented themselves, 4 passed, 3 failed. Percentage of Failures 42.8 per cent.

Fever Nurses.—Complete Examination. 151 entered, 142 presented themselves, 121 passed, 21 failed. Percentage of Failures, 14.7 per cent. Part Examination. Re-entries 20, of these 15 presented themselves, 13 passed and 2 failed. Percentage of Failures, 13.3 per cent.

The Education and Examination Committee recommended and it was agreed:—

"That the names of the candidates who have satisfied the Examiners be referred to the Registration Committee for registration; that the names of those approved be entered in the appropriate parts of the Register, and that authority be given to affix the Seal of the Council to the Certificate of Registration to be issued to each candidate."

The Committee reported that the following members had been appointed a Sub-Committee to consider questions arising out of the examinations:—Miss Musson (*ex officio*), Sir Wilmot Herringham (*ex officio*), Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Alsop, Miss Bushby, Miss Cox-Davies, Dr. Goodall.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, Chairman of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the case of Miss Mabel Woodland, Registered No. 4362 (General Register) convicted on January 26th, 1927, at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, Brighton, and fined £5 or 26 days' imprisonment for stealing a quantity

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