

of food, the property of the Brighton Board of Guardians'

The following letter from Miss Woodland, obtained in accordance with Rule 17 (3), was read by the Registrar:—

"In reply to your letter of 12th inst., re the charge which was brought against me. The articles which I had was a small quantity of margarine, 7 eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint milk, which I was taking out with me to make a cake and bring back.

"The articles mentioned are issued to my ward every day and these were left over, also chicken and fish which was left I was taking instead of wasting it, with no intention of doing wrong or robbing the Guardians, which was said I did. It was done quite innocently enough although foolish of me to bring it away. I heard afterwards that clothing had been taken from the Institution and a watch was being kept on the 24th and all parcels was stopped at the gates.

"Would you please ask the Council to consider my length of service, 22 years, and also my War services,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years.

"I am enclosing testimonials which I would like the Committee to see and if you would like references as to my character, the Hon. Lady Rendel of 38, Sussex Square, Kemp Town, Brighton, would speak for me, also Mr. Horace Burfield, Clerk to the Guardians, Parochial Offices, Princes Street, Brighton."

Further, that the Committee had considered the case of Miss Dorothy Maud Eugenie Willcock, Registered No. 41945, convicted on February 17th, 1927, at Hendon Petty Sessions, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for theft.

The Committee reported that the Registrar was instructed to write to the respondent in accordance with Rule 17 (3).

A letter was read from the Governor of Holloway Prison who said that Miss Willcock did not wish to make any statement.

These cases were considered *in camera* at the conclusion of the meeting, and the subjoined Resolutions were subsequently sent to the press.

#### RESOLUTION I

(1) "That a *prima facie* case is made out for the removal of the name of Miss Mabel Woodland, S.R.N. 4362, from the Register."

(2) "That the case be heard at the next meeting of Council on April 22nd, 1927."

#### RESOLUTION II.

"That it having been brought to the notice of the Council by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, that Dorothy Maud Eugenie Willcock, S.R.N. 41945, was on February 17th, 1927, at the Hendon Petty Sessions, convicted of theft and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and no further evidence having been offered by the respondent her name be removed from the Register, and that notification of such removal be sent to the Press, and that she be required to surrender her Certificate of Registration to the Council."

#### Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that Mr. E. S. Simpson, M.C., M.D., East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley, one of the Board of Examiners for Mental Nurses, died suddenly on February 2nd, 1927, and the Council on the proposition of the Chairman sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Simpson.

The West Park Mental Hospital, Epsom, was approved as a complete Training School for Mental Nurses, and Craig House Royal Edinburgh Mental Hospital was temporarily approved in order to permit a Mental Nurse, trained there, and who will be resident in England, to sit for the Examinations held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

#### Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The correspondence dealt with in the office between February 1st and 28th amounted to 3,458 letters received,

and 4,596 letters despatched. The Interviews numbered 105. One hundred and thirty-two permits were issued for the State Uniform.

#### Election of Uniform Committee.

Miss Alsop, Miss Bremner, Miss du Sautoy, Mr. Donaldson, Miss Price and Miss Villiers were elected to form the Uniform Committee.

#### Election to fill Vacancy on Council.

The following ladies were nominated for the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of Miss Wiese.

Miss Jean Brown, R.M.N. 4604, Ewell Colony, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. Nominated by Miss du Sautoy.

Miss Grace Lakeman, S.R.N., 13701, R.M.N. 807. Nominated by Miss Cox-Davies.

Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N. 12707, R.M.N. 873, Matron Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone. Nominated by Miss Villiers.

On a ballot being taken Miss Lakeman received the greatest number of votes, and was declared elected.

The public business then concluded, and the press withdrew.

### POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

The outstanding feature of the February Examinations was the high percentage of failures.

In the Preliminary Examination it was 27.1 per cent. for the Complete Examination, and in the Final Examination for the Whole Examination 33.5 per cent. for the General Part of the Register, and for the Supplementary Parts, Male Nurses, 50 per cent., Sick Children's Nurses, 41.3, and Fever Nurses, 14.7; while the re-entries for Part Examination the percentage was for the most part higher. The twelve Mental Nurses who presented themselves all passed, but that is an extremely small number out of the hundreds who must have been eligible to sit for the Examination. Otherwise, with the exception of the Fever Nurses, the failures were abnormal, and call for investigation of the causes by the G.N.C. into mental capacity of candidates, standards, teaching, methods of examination, etc.

In connection with the Report of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee it is to be noticed that, for the first time, so far as we are aware, the names of the accused nurses, with the charges against them, were printed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting, and also that the replies received to the communications addressed to them, in accordance with Rule 17 (3) were read at the Council Meeting. We hope this procedure will be observed for the future.

### APPEAL OF THE HASTINGS TOWN COUNCIL AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF THE G.N.C. TO APPROVE THE CORPORATION'S INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

On March 15th at the Ministry of Health the hearing took place of representations in regard to the appeal of the Hastings Town Council under Section 7 (2) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against the refusal of the General Nursing Council to approve the Corporation's Infectious Diseases Hospital as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

The Officers of the Ministry appointed to hear the Appeal were Mr. L. G. Brock, C.B., Mr. H. A. Macewan, O.B.E., M.B., and Mr. G. R. Hill.

The Representatives of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales were Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C. (Chairman of the Council), Dr. E. W. Goodall, O.B.E., Miss S. A. Villiers, and the Registrar.

The Representatives of the Hastings Town Council were: Councillor George Shoesmith (Chairman of the Public

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