

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Ninety-first Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, May 18th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, Miss E. M. MUSSON, C.B.E., R.R.C. (Chairman of the Council), being in the chair.

The State Register of Nurses.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Register of Nurses for 1928 was now published, and gave the following information as to the number of names included:—

In the GENERAL PART of the Register	..	42,532
In the SUPPLEMENTARY PARTS for		
Male Nurses .. .. .	..	204
Mental Nurses .. .. .	..	6,215
Nurses of Mental Defectives .. .. .	..	326
Sick Children's Nurses .. .. .	..	1,191
Fever Nurses .. .. .	..	2,594
		53,062

Resignation of Member of Council.

THE CHAIRMAN also announced the resignation of the Rev. G. B. Cronshaw of his seat on the Council, owing to reasons of health, and said that the official notification from the Ministry of Health, by which Department Mr. Cronshaw was nominated, had not yet been received, but she felt sure that the Council would wish to send an expression of regret to Mr. Cronshaw, who had served upon it from its establishment in 1920. This was agreed.

Finance.

The Finance Committee recommended that Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £20 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash be allowed. This was agreed.

They further recommended that the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of Finance Committee be authorised to invest the sum of £2,000 in consultation with the Council's bankers.

MR. BLACKMAN inquired in this connection whether the Finance Committee would go into the question of the reduction of fees. He earnestly desired that the Committee should give this question their consideration.

DR. FAWCETT (Chairman) said that the Committee would be pleased to do so.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL considered that it would be better if Mr. Blackman tabled a motion on the question. They would soon have the Balance Sheet for the year, and she thought it would come up best on that. She added that the matter had been considered over and over again.

The Finance Committee also reported that it raised no objection to Recommendations 11 and 12 of the General Purposes Committee. These were "That a telegraphic address for the Council be registered at the Post Office, the cost being £2 per annum," and "That of three estimates for cleaning the Council Room Carpet that of Messrs. Davis & Son, amounting to £6 4s., be accepted." These recommendations were approved.

Registration.

It was agreed that the applications of five Registered Nurses for duplicate silver badges should be granted, on the payment by them of the price of the badges and the additional expense of engraving the word "Duplicate." The loss of the badges was reported a year ago.

METHOD OF REPORTING TO COUNCIL PARTICULARS AS TO APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

The Registration Committee reported that they had considered the method of reporting to Council particulars as to Applications for Registration.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL moved in accordance with notice:—

RESOLUTION.

That Recommendation 14 of January 21st, 1927, be rescinded, and that in future the monthly Report to Council regarding admissions to the Register take the following form, a detailed Report on Registration being given at the end of each year:—

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL FOR REGISTRATION.

	By Examination.	By Reciprocity.
General Register	—
Supplementary Register for—		
Male Nurses	—
Mental Nurses	—
Sick Children's Nurses	—
Fever Nurses	—
Total	—

In moving the Resolution, the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL expressed the view of the Registration Committee that the present method of presenting the Report of the Committee to Council was that, in view of the altered conditions under which nurses are admitted to the Register, it is no longer necessary that the part of the Report dealing with Applications for Registration be presented *in camera*. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

REGISTRATION TO MAY 18TH, 1928.

Applications approved for Registration without examination to April 20th were 52,350; for approval for Registration by reciprocity on May 18th, 6. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to April 20th, 8,941; for approval for Registration by Examination on May 18th, 5. Total, 61,302.

The lists of the 11 applicants for Registration were considered *in camera*.

It was agreed to re-include in the Register of Nurses the names of 36 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee recommended that complete approval be now granted to the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, and that the provisional approval granted to the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary be extended to June 17th, 1929. This was agreed.

The Committee reported that, in accordance with the Resolution of Council passed April 20th, 1928, representatives of the following bodies met the members of the Education and Examination Committee on Wednesday, May 2nd:—

British Hospitals Association,	at 11.30 a.m.
Board of Control,	at 2.30 p.m.
Association of Poor Law Unions,	at 4 p.m.

The draft Scheme of Inspection of Hospitals was discussed and several helpful suggestions were made by the various representatives. These suggestions will be considered by the Committee and a report submitted to Council at an early date.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that it had met on May 11th, and considered a case of supposed personation.

The Council decided to consider this case *in camera*.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had met and considered the relationship between the General Nursing Council and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. It recommended:—

That a conference be called with Representatives of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and of the Joint Nursing

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