

The Percentage of Failures in the Complete Examination was 24.2 per cent., and for the Part Examination 21.8 per cent.

FINAL STATE EXAMINATION.

Examination.	General Register.	Supplementary Parts of the Register.			
		Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Children's Nurses.	Sick Fever Nurses.
Entered—					
Whole	1364}1603	2}2	34}38	65}77	185}200
Part	239}	-}	4}	12}	15}
Absent—					
Whole	25}33	-}	3}	2}	4}
Part	8}	-}	-}	-}	-}
Present—					
Whole	1339}1570	2}2	31}35	63}75	181}196
Part	231}	-}	4}	12}	15}
Passed—					
Whole	946}1091	1}1	26}26	38}40	145}155
Part	145}	-}	-}	2}	10}
Failed—					
Whole	393}479	1}1	5}9	25}35	36}41
Part	86}	-}	4}	10}	5}

The Percentage of Failures was: *General Part of the Register*, Whole Examination 29.3 per cent. Part Examination, 37.2 per cent. *Supplementary Parts of the Register*, Male Nurses, Whole Examination, 50 per cent. Part Examination, None; Mental Nurses, Whole Examination 16.1 per cent. Part Examination 100 per cent. Sick Children's Nurses. Whole Examination 39.6 per cent. Part Examination 83.3 per cent. Fever Nurses, Whole Examination 19.9 per cent. Part Examination 33.3 per cent.

On the recommendation of the Committee the names on a List of Applications for Examinerships (not disclosed) were added to the Panel of Examiners.

The Committee also reported that they had considered the Board of Examiners for the Preliminary State Examination and that the Hon. Gertrude Best, S.R.N., A.R.R.C., had been invited to serve for a further year.

They also reported that they had considered the Report of the Conference with representatives of the British Hospitals Association, the Board of Control and the Association of Poor Law Unions on the draft scheme of Inspection of Training Schools.

It was agreed (1) to go into Committee (subsequently changed to *in camera*) on the Report of the Conference, and (2) That the draft scheme of Inspection of Training Schools be forwarded to the Minister of Health for his observation and approval.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £25 for Insurance Stamps, £10 for Petty Cash, and £5,300 for Examiners' Claims and Expenses in connection with the May 1928 Examinations were allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations

9 and 10 of the General Purposes Committee, which were (9) That six quarto steel-filing cabinets for Registry at £6 3s. 6d. each be purchased, and in connection with the decoration of the Council's Offices, which have been in occupation for over three years, that of three tenders for the above work that of Messrs. Colley & Sons, Ltd., amounting to £169 be accepted, and these Recommendations were agreed.

The Committee also reported that in accordance with authority granted at Council Meeting on May 18th, 1928, the sum of £2,000 has been invested in New Zealand 4½ per cent. (New) Stock costing £1,901 5s. od.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet.

DR. FAWCETT, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as submitted by the Auditor for the year ended March 31st, 1928, and also a Financial Statement, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, elucidating some of the items in this Account and Balance Sheet, together with the Recommendation of the Finance Committee "that the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as submitted be adopted."

Financial Statement.

By Chairman of Finance Committee.

Considered—The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet submitted by the Auditor for the year ended March 31st, 1928.

The expenditure of the Council is now fairly stabilised under the various headings seen on the Revenue Account, and reached a sum of £32,471 for the past year, a net increase of £3,123.

This expansion is accounted for chiefly by—

- (1) a rise in cost of salaries on the annual increment scale and for extra temporary help during the Election and £300 to cover payments for Health Insurance.
- (2) an increase of £1,894 for remuneration of Examiners, and to cover cost of more examinees, and the additional charges involved.
- (3) some increase for postage, fuel and light, examination expenses, domestic wages and claims for travelling expenses of Members of the Council.

On the other hand, there was a decrease under some heads amounting to £1,371, arising in—

- (1) Printing of Registers, £761.
- (2) Repairs, £512.

On this side of the account there was an additional expense of £1,024 for the Quinquennial Election.

On the receipts side of the Revenue Account the total is £35,844 6s. 4d., leaving a balance of £3,737 2s., less depreciation and structural repairs, £364 5s. 1d., leaving £3,372 16s. 11d., which with £1,722 14s. 2d. from interest on investments and from the Bankers equals £5,095 11s. 1d. in all.

Receipts for Examination Fees, £27,721 9s. 8d., show an increase of £1,432, but this does not compensate for the added

Revenue Account, Year Ended 31st March, 1928.

		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
DR.							
To	Salaries of Officers and Clerical Staff	8,385	18 10				
	Rent, Rates and Property Tax	314	12 0				
	Insurance	66	12 0				
	Fuel, Light, Water, etc.	200	5 7				
	Wages, Domestic Staff	414	1 8				
	Books, Printing and Stationery	1,259	9 11				
	Printed Registers	1,580	15 11				
	Purchases—Silver Badges	750	15 5				
	Hat Bands and Woven Badges	213	19 11				
	Uniform Caps	99	10 4				
	Postage, Carriage of Parcels and Telephone Charges	1,394	15 6				
	Travelling Expenses of Members	440	7 10				
	Repairs	1	7 6				
	Miscellaneous Expenses, including Advertising, Audit, Accountancy and Legal Charges	418	2 8				
	Examination Expenses	908	5 7				
	Examiners' Remuneration	14,476	4 5				
	Election Expenses	1,024	1 2				
	Inspection Expenses	68	17 4				
				32,107	4 4		
				3,737	2 0		
	Balance carried to Net Revenue			£35,844	6 4		
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By	Registration Fees and Certificate Fees					41	17 0
	Retention Fees					6,260	8 3
	Examination Fees					27,721	9 8
	Sundry Sales, viz. :—						
	Rules and Syllabus					133	18 2
	Printed Registers					44	11 0
	Silver Badges					769	15 4
	Hat Bands and Woven Badges					310	14 11
	Uniform Caps					102	12 0
						£35,385	6 4
	Rent received					120	0 0
	Advertisements					339	0 0

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