

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The eighty-fifth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, December 16th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. The Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. MUSSON, R.R.C., presided.

Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN read the following letter from the Ministry of Health, dated 2nd December, 1927:—

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th November, enclosing a resolution of the Council regarding the decision of the Minister upon the appeal of the Town Council of Hastings, respecting the recognition of the Borough Sanatorium as a complete training school for fever nurses.

In reply, I am to point out that the General Nursing Council and the Town Council placed their views fully before the Minister in the memoranda furnished, and at the hearing of the appeal on the 15th March, and his decision was given after exhaustive consideration of the issue from every point of view. I am to remind you that in this matter the Minister is exercising an appellate jurisdiction, and he cannot undertake to discuss with the Council a decision given by him in his judicial capacity under Section 7 of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. H. CROSS,
Assistant Secretary.

The Registrar.
The General Nursing Council of England and Wales.

It was moved from the Chair, and agreed, that this letter, together with the previous correspondence with the Ministry of Health on the subject, should be sent to the General Nursing Councils for Scotland and for Northern Ireland.

Finance.

MR. R. W. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved, as a matter of urgency, that the payment of £28, to the Returning Officer, for expenses in the recent Election, should be authorised in addition to the agreed fee. This was sanctioned.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £200 for Stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

The Finance Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 12, 13 and 14 of the General Purposes Committee. These were (12) that a pair of registered scales at a cost of £20 be purchased for the Postal Department; (13) that the estimate of Messrs. Edmundson's Electricity Corporation, Ltd., for alterations, and repairs, necessary to existing lights, and fixing of new lights, for the sum of £16 5s. be accepted; (14) that a bonus on a graded scale be paid to 18 members of the clerical staff, the sum involved amounting to £52, provided approval was obtained from the Ministry of Health. Later in the proceedings it was reported that this approval had been received.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that it had considered a letter dated October 24th, 1927, from the Registrar of the Central Midwives' and Nurses' Council, Burma.

It recommended:—

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

(1) Nurses trained in a General Hospital* and registered by Examination on the Register of Nurses of the Central Midwives' and Nurses' Council of Burma.

(2) Nurses trained in a General Hospital and registered under Part II.3 (b) of the Consolidated Rules made under Section 9 of the Burma Midwives' and Nurses' Act, 1922, on the understanding that Nurses registered on the General

*A General Hospital is defined as one which admits men, women and children, and gives instruction in the four main subjects—medical, surgical, gynaecological and children's diseases.

Such general training may be given in one General Hospital recognised as a Complete Training School, or in recognised Affiliated or Associated Hospitals.

Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted on the same terms for registration by the Central Midwives' and Nurses' Council of Burma.

Nurses registered in Burma under Part II.3 (c) and (d) of the Consolidated Rules cannot be admitted by reciprocity to the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales."

This was agreed.

The Committee further reported that it had considered the arrangements for the election of the Council, and "that the Registration Committee are aware of the very large amount of work entailed in preparing for dispatch on a certain date 53,287 Ballot and Notification Papers, and that the work was considerably complicated by the fact that the Retention Fees and changes of address were coming in daily. The Committee desire to place on record their cordial appreciation of the way in which this task was punctually carried out by the Registrar and her Staff, and of the willing manner in which extra hours of work were voluntarily undertaken."

It was moved from the Chair, and agreed, that this appreciation of the work of the Staff be placed on record.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported: Applications approved for Registration without Examination to November 18th, 1927, 52,328; for approval for Registration by reciprocity on December 16th, 1927, 6; approved for Registration by Examination to November 18th, 1927, 6,497; approved for Registration by Examination at Special Meeting of Council, December 2nd, 1927, 1,243; for approval for Registration by Examination on December 16th, 1927, 14; Total, 60,088.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, the following Hospitals were approved as Complete Training Schools for General Nurses: Batley and District Hospital, Batley, Yorks, and Durham County Hospital, Durham, and provisionally, for a further period of six months from November 19th, the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Chelmsford.

The Blackburn Infectious Diseases Hospital was approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses, and the St. Peter's Hospital, Vallance Road, E.1, for the application of the Guardians of the Parish of Stepney, as a Training School for Male Nurses.

The State Examinations.

The Committee reported the results of the recent Preliminary and Final State Examinations.

Results.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.
<i>Preliminary Examination—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	2,335	111	2,224	1,633	591
Part Examination ..	285	19	266	155	111
	2,620	130	2,490	1,788	702
<i>Final Examination—</i>					
<i>General Register—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	1,248	29	1,219	858	361
Part Examination ..	262	8	254	160	94
<i>Male Nurses' Register—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	2	—	2	2	—
Part Examination ..	1	—	1	1	—
<i>Mental Nurses' Register—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	39	1	38	31	7
Part Examination ..	3	—	3	2	1
<i>Sick Children's Nurses' Register—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	75	—	75	53	22
Part Examination ..	10	—	10	6	4
<i>Fever Nurses' Register—</i>					
Complete Examination ..	160	5	155	182	27
Part Examination ..	23	—	23	20	3
	1,823	43	1,780	1,261	519

The Percentage of Failures was:—*General Part of the Register*: Whole Examination 29.6 per cent., Part Examination 37 per cent. *Supplementary Parts of the Register*:

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