

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The ninety-third meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, July 20th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W., Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman of the Council, presided.

The Chairman announced that the Conference called by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, with representatives from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council (Northern Ireland) met at 20, Portland Place, London, W., on June 23rd. The Report of this Conference is published on page 209.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Haldane, LL.D., Miss Meadows and Dr. Christine Murrell.

THE CHAIRMAN extended a welcome in the name of the Council to MR. W. H. HARPER, new member, present for the first time.

Correspondence.

The following letter dated May 30th, 1928, from the Secretary, Transvaal Medical Council, was received:—

MADAM,

With reference to correspondence which has passed between us, I have pleasure in advising you that the following resolution has been passed by this Council:—

"The Transvaal Medical Council agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity nurses registered by examination or as intermediate nurses on the General Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and to consider applications for registration from existing nurses on their respective merits on the understanding that—

- (1) Nurses trained in a General Hospital and registered by examination on the General Part of the Register of Nurses of the Transvaal Medical Council;
- (2) Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and registered on the General Part of the Register of Nurses of the Transvaal Medical Council,

will be accepted for registration by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Note.—A General Hospital is defined as one which admits Men, Women and Children and gives instruction in the four main services—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 which together give instruction in the above-named services."

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) EWALD HERBERT,
Secretary.

81A, Von Brandis Street,
Johannesburg.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £300 for stamps for correspondence, £100 for stamps for receipts, £50 for Insurance Stamps, £35 for Petty Cash, and £350 for Stamps for Retention Fee Notices were allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to recommendations 10 and 11 of the General Purposes Committee. These were: (a) That in future Miss Bowie, Registrar's Secretary, be granted four weeks' annual leave, and (b) That a clock

in mahogany case to be hung on the wall in the front hall be purchased at a cost of £7 10s.

It also raised no objection to Recommendation 15 of the Uniform Committee that the designs of the braid, buttons, silver badge and woven badge be re-registered at the Patent Office for a further period of five years at a cost of £2 for each design.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that silver badges (marked duplicate), the loss of which was reported a year ago, should be issued to six applicants.

Application for approval for Registration were submitted.

General Register.—By Examination, 1,089. By Reciprocity, 5. *Supplementary Registers.*—By Examination, Male Nurses, 1; Mental Nurses, 26; Sick Children's Nurses, 40; Fever Nurses, 136. By Reciprocity, Mental Nurse, 1.

The Registrar was instructed to place upon the Register the names of six applicants whose applications had been found to be in order plus seven by examination.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee recommended that the additional Scheme of Application between the Chelsea Hospital for Women and Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End be approved, and that the Alderney Isolation Hospital, Poole, Dorset, in affiliation with Cardiff City Sanatorium, be recognised as giving complete training in Fever Nursing.

The recommendations were approved.

The Committee reported that Mr. E. R. Blackman had been appointed a member of the Education and Examination Committee in place of Dr. Worth, resigned.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the office between June 1st and 30th amounted to 2,903 letters received and 7,275 letters despatched, the interviews numbered 158, and 62 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

In connection with the recommendations to which the Finance Committee offered no objection, (a) that the Registrar's Secretary be granted four weeks' annual leave the Chairman of the Committee, Miss COX-DAVIS, said that Miss Bowie had been the Registrar's confidential Secretary for five years and her work had always been admirably done; and (b) that a clock in mahogany case to be hung on the wall in the front hall be purchased at a cost of £7 10s. She hoped the Council would sanction this as the clock had already been bought and was in position. The recommendations were approved.

The State Uniform.

The applications of four Registered Nurses for duplicate permits to obtain the State Uniform were granted.

The Uniform Committee reported that they had considered the renewal of contracts for supply of Registered Braid and Buttons, Registered Hat and Registered Hat Bands and Woven Badges. In view of possible reconsideration of the details of the State Uniform the Committee recommend that the contracts should be renewed for a period of six months only instead of twelve months as formerly, and this was agreed.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for September 28th.

The meeting then terminated.

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