

The Work of the Council.

Miss Musson, Chairman, subsequently presented to the Council a brief Review of the work of the Committees of the Council during their five years of office, and this was afterwards communicated to the Press.

The Nominated Members of the G.N.C.

The Board of Education has nominated Miss Eleanor Wilson for another term of office, and Dr. John Fawcett, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Member of the Senate of the University of London, in place of Sir Wilmot Herringham.

So far, the names of the two nominees of the Privy Council, and the five nominees of the Ministry of Health, to seats on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have not been announced.

The sudden death of Lady Hobhouse removes from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales a member who has served upon it since its inception, as a nominee of the Privy Council.

We think experience goes to prove that the nomination on to an expert body, such as the General Nursing Council, of persons who are not acquainted with standards and methods of nursing education and discipline, does not add to its usefulness, more especially as wealthy and leisured women do not as a rule understand, or sympathise with, the psychology of professional women.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

We hope that the new Council, and especially its new members, will consider what needs doing during the Quinquennial period upon which they are now entering.

To mention a few things:—

Expenditure should be decreased.

1. The present enormous expenditure, which compares unfavourably with that of bodies engaged in similar duties, should be substantially decreased.

Annual Balance Sheet should be published.

2. The Council should publish an Annual Balance Sheet, showing the expenditure in detail.

Prescribed Scheme of Training required.

3. A Prescribed Scheme of Training, as required by the Nurses' Registration Act, should be obligatory on Nurse Training Schools, before recognition as Approved Schools, entitling their pupils to sit for the State Examination.

Miss S. A. Villiers, who was returned unopposed, as the representative of the Nurses on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses in the recent Election, stated before election, that she considers, in order to secure a uniform system of training, a recognised syllabus should be in use in all Nurse Training Schools, to which they should be required to conform as a condition of recognition by the General Nursing Council, and that she would be prepared to support such a syllabus in every way.

Lists of Training Schools, showing successes and failures, should be published.

4. Lists should be published of the successful examinees under the names of their respective Training Schools, as is the custom of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Also, lists giving the names of the approved Nurse Training Schools, and figures showing how many candidates they sent up for the Examination of the General Nursing Council, how many passed, and how many failed. Intending probationers would then be in a position to judge of the merits of respective schools.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on November 25th, and 13 members of the Council were present.

It was intimated that a letter had now been received from the Registrar of the London University Extension Board stating that a footnote would be added to the Regulations for the Diploma in Nursing to the effect that all reference in the Regulations to the Register of Nurses, etc., would include also the Scottish Register and Scottish Nurses.

The Council also considered further correspondence with the Registration Boards of the Australian States, and, after discussion, it was resolved to endeavour to arrange for the scheme of reciprocal registration applying also to existing and intermediate Nurses, so that any of these Nurses going to Australia would be accepted for Registration without being asked to pass Examinations there.

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EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN NURSING, 1927.

Pass List.

GENERAL NURSING.

Cook, Annie Louisa; Funnell, Edith Marion (also satisfied the Examiners in Methods of Teaching and Elements of Educational Psychology as an additional subject); Hillyers, Gladys Verena Louisa; McInroy, Isabella Gordon; Nuttall, Grace Florence.

FEVER NURSING AND EPIDEMIOLOGY.

Grenham, Mary Madeleine; Watson, Joyce Marjorie (awarded a mark of distinction in Part B.).

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION.

Bowes, Gladys Marguerite (awarded a mark of Distinction in Part B.).

Miss Funnell, Miss Grenham and Miss Watson are students prepared at the Battersea Polytechnic, the authorities of which are much to be congratulated that three of the eight successful candidates received the instruction which enabled them to pass this examination at that institution. We congratulate both teachers and students.

The Diploma was instituted by the University in July, 1926, and this is the first occasion on which an Examination has been held for the Diploma.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

The approaching resignation of Sir Dawson Williams of the editorship of the *British Medical Journal*, which position he has held for the last 30 years, has called forth many expressions of regret which, no doubt, are well deserved. Only a fellow editor can truly estimate the strain of such a life's work.

We regret, however, that the policy of the British Medical Association in supporting, first academically, and then practically, the State Registration of Nurses, found little support in the editorial columns of its professional organ, and indeed, many years before their victory in Parliament the State Registration party ceased to expect it.

Sir Dawson Williams is succeeded in the editorial chair by Dr. Norman Gerald Horner, the present Assistant Editor. Registered Nurses anticipate a more enlightened policy on nursing questions in the *British Medical Journal* in the future. Standards of modern nursing cannot justly be ignored in any policy defined by medical organisations calculated to protect the health of the community.

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