

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The first meeting of the new General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, January 20th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

There were present: Miss E. M. Musson (in the Chair), Miss H. A. Alsop, Mr. E. R. Blackman, Miss G. Bremner, Miss J. Brown, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss L. S. Clark, Miss G. Cowlin, Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, Miss M. A. Gullan, Miss M. Hogg, Miss A. F. J. Lloyd-Still, Miss E. Meadows, Miss M. E. Sparshott, and Miss S. A. Villiers, *Elected Members*.

Lady Galway and Miss E. S. Haldane, *Nominees of the Privy Council*.

Dr. John Fawcett, *Nominee of the Board of Education*.

Dr. J. J. Buchan, Dr. F. H. Thomson and Dr. R. Worth, *Nominees of the Minister of Health*.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Lady Barrett, Miss E. Wilson, and Mr. F. W. Stratton.

The Chairman formally notified the nomination of the following new Members of the Council:—

*By the Privy Council*.—Lady Galway and Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D.

*By the Minister of Health*.—Lady Barrett, Dr. Buchan, Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Dr. Thomson and Dr. R. Worth.

### Election of Chairman.

After the Minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, the first business before the Council was the Election of Chairman of Council. Miss Musson thereupon retired from the Chair, which was assumed by Lady Galway, who announced that there were three nominations for the position of Chairman, one being Miss Musson.

As the two other ladies nominated did not wish to stand for election, she declared Miss Musson elected to the position of Chairman of the Council.

Miss Musson then resumed the Chair.

Miss Cox Davies wished to be the first to congratulate Miss Musson on the honour of the decoration (C.B.E.) conferred upon her by the King in the New Year's Honours.

Miss Musson having briefly expressed her thanks, saying that she considered the award was for the encouragement of the General Nursing Council, said that she thought the re-elected Members of the Council would wish her to express their thanks to the Chairs of Committees and to the Vice-Chairman of the last Council.

This was agreed.

### Election of Vice-Chairman.

The next business was the election of a Vice-Chairman. The Chairman announced that there were two nominations, but only one nominee—Miss Cox Davies—was willing to stand. She, therefore, declared Miss Cox Davies elected, and Miss Cox Davies thanked the Council for electing her.

### Deaths.

The Chairman then moved that the Council place on record its great regret at the death of Lady Hobhouse, a member of the last Council; and of Sir Percy Bassett Smith, K.C.B., C.M.G., Chairman of the Board of Examiners for the Final State Examination in General Nursing, whose death was reported by the Education and Examination Committee—and this was done with a rising vote.

### Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN reported—

(1) The following letter from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland:—

18, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

January 7th, 1928.

DEAR MADAM,—Your letter of 21st ult., enclosing copy of correspondence passing between your Council and the Ministry of Health with reference to recognition of Hastings Borough Isolation Hospital as a Training School for Fever Nurses, was submitted to a meeting of my Council yesterday. I was instructed to inform you that my Council consider it very unfortunate that a hospital of this size should be recognised.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. S. FARMER,

Registrar.

The Registrar,  
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

(2) Letter, dated December 16th, 1927, from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting the Council to send delegates to the thirty-ninth Congress and Exhibition of the Institute, to be held in Plymouth from July 16th to 21st, 1928.

Miss Musson said that it had been a decision of the Council in its early days that, as a Statutory Body, it should not be officially represented at meetings of societies which were not Statutory Bodies, but perhaps some members of the Council would like to attend in their individual capacities.

### Finance.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by Miss A. M. Bushby. The Committee recommended that the Bills and Claims submitted for payments be approved, and that the sum of £100 for stamps and £10 for Insurance Stamps be allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 11 and 12 of the General Purposes Committee, which were (1) that the estimate of Messrs. B. Colley & Sons, Ltd., amounting to £5 2s. 9d. for decorating the kitchen in the caretaker's flat, be accepted; and (2) that the estimate of Messrs. Davis & Son, amounting to £11 19s. 3d. for cleaning, dyeing and repairing heavy curtains in the Council's Offices, be accepted.

The Committee further reported that the total expenses of the election of Direct Representatives to the General Nursing Council in December, 1927, amounted to £1,106 6s. 6d. Of this sum, £166 15s. 4d. was expended in printing lists of Nurses registered in 1927. The type will stand for the next issue of the Register of Nurses, thereby reducing the cost of the Register by approximately £95.

### Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that a copy of the Amending Regulations under the Nurses' and Midwives' Act, 1925, of New Zealand, had been received. In the opinion of the Committee these Amending Regulations do not infringe the terms of the Reciprocal Agreement at present in force between the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board of New Zealand and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The Committee further reported that applications approved for Registration without Examination to December 16th, 1927, were 52,334, for approval for Registration by Reciprocity on January 20th, 1928, 4. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to December 16th, 1927, 7,754, for approval for Registration by Examination on January 20th, 1928, 5. Total, 60,097.

The Council agreed to include in the Register the names of 22 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fees and now wished their names re-included, and to the

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