

Ex-officio.

Miss Musson, Chairman, and Miss Cox-Davies, Vice-Chairman, are *ex-officio* members of all Committees.

Disciplinary Case.

The next business was consideration of the case of Miss Edith Lucy Manning, S.R.N. 39101.

Mr. Pitt, solicitor to the Council, was present, and briefly gave the particulars of the case. The nurse was, he said, in attendance upon a case, the patient died, and money was missing. The nurse admitted her guilt, and her solicitor admitted it. Such being the facts, it was not necessary for him to say more. The only reason for the nurse's solicitor coming before the Council was to plead mitigation of the penalty.

Mr. Humphreys, solicitor for Miss Manning, said that the Council had all the facts, and it was not necessary to go behind the conviction. His purpose was to present any facts in mitigation of the punishment which must be administered. The nurse was not hysterical, not given to outrageous conduct, she had no debts. He begged the Council to consider whether it was likely that an ordinary, decent, middle-class woman would fall again. She was 36 years of age, and if the Council imposed the full penalty how was she to earn her living? The Council had discretion, under the Act, if they saw their way to suspend her. She could only earn her living by nursing, and he urged that she was very, very unlikely to fall again. She must have been in an abnormal condition for the time being.

Decision.

The Council having deliberated in private announced, on the return of the Press, the following decision:—

“That Edith Lucy Manning, S.R.N. 39101, has been proved guilty of misconduct, justifying the removal of her name from the Register; and that her name be now removed.”

Miss Manning's solicitor was then recalled, and THE CHAIRMAN informed him that after due consideration the Council found that nothing was possible but to remove Miss Manning's name from the Register.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for February 17th, and the Press then withdrew.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

The Members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales nominated by the Privy Council, and the Ministry of Health are, respectively:—

Nominees of the Privy Council.

Lady Galway (Marie Carola Francisca Roselyne), C.B.E. (Civil), a Dame of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, is the daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Rowland Blennerhasset, P.C., fourth Baronet, and Countess Charlotte de Leyden, daughter of Count and Countess de Leyden, of Amsterdam. She married, firstly, Baron Raphael D'Erlanger, of Paris; and, secondly, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Galway, K.C.M.G. In 1925, Lady Galway was Chairman of the Women's Section of the British Empire Exhibition.

It will thus be seen that Lady Galway is half Dutch, was for many years a Frenchwoman by marriage, and is now, presumably, Irish. Personally, we consider that as there are both Scottish and Irish Nursing Councils, entirely composed of persons of Scottish and Irish nationality, the least the Privy Council could have done in this instance was to place two representative Englishwomen upon the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. It is not presumable that amongst our many intelligent country-

women suitable Englishwomen could not have been selected to fill these important positions.

MISS E. S. HALDANE, LL.D. St. Andrews University, J.P., Companion of Honour. Miss Haldane, who is a Scottish woman, was a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and a member of its Executive Committee, and on the formation in 1908 of a Scottish Registration Committee was appointed its Chairman. She is Vice-Chairman of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, which was established when Lord Haldane held office as Secretary of State for War, is a Member of the Nursing Board of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and was at one time a manager of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. She is the author of various books and magazine articles of a serious character.

Nominees of the Ministry of Health.

LADY BARRETT, C.B.E., M.D., M.S., B.Sc.Lond. University Lecturer on Midwifery, London School of Medicine for Women. Obstetric and Gynaecological Surgeon, Royal Free Hospital, Fellow Royal Society of Medicine. President London Association of Medical Women.

DR. J. J. BUCHAN, M.D. Glas., D.P.H. Camb. (Glas.), Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Medical Officer Educ. Committee Bradford City. Formerly Examiner for D.P.H. University of Aberdeen.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, M.A. Warden, Queen's College, Oxford. Treasurer, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Appointed by the Ministry of Health and served as a Member of the first and second Councils.

DR. F. H. THOMSON, D.P.H., C.M. Aberdeen. Medical Superintendent, North Eastern Hospital, St. Ann's Road, Tottenham. Fellow Royal Society of Medicine.

DR. REGINALD WORTH, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. London. Medical Superintendent Springfield Mental Hospital, Tooting. Fellow Royal Society of Medicine, General Secretary Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Nominees of the Board of Education.

The other two nominated members of the Council are DR. JOHN FAWCETT, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. Member of the Senate of the University of London; and MISS ELEANOR WILSON, Principal, Dame Alice Owen's School, E.C., who served on the last Council. These appointments were notified in our last issue.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

With the exception of Miss E. S. Haldane none of the nominated members showed any interest in the movement for the State Registration of Nurses before the Nurses' Act was passed, and they must therefore have a very superficial knowledge of the question.

Thus in the past Lady Galway has rather been associated with V.A.D.s than with professional nurses and their needs and aspirations, and it will be remembered that a great opportunity was lost for recognising the nurses of the Empire when the Committee of the Women's Section of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, in 1925, of which Lady Galway was Chairman, failed to secure the right of professional nurses, from the Dominions and elsewhere, to participate in the care of the thousands of cases of sickness and accident during the duration of this magnificent Exhibition. We raised the question at the time, but received no satisfactory reply, and ultimately the nursing work in connection with the Exhibition was almost entirely entrusted to V.A.D.s—a deplorable arrangement in the interests of the public, and in justice to trained nurses.

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