

Disciplinary Case.

The Disciplinary case before the Council, reported on page 45, is notable as being the first in which the nurse was defended, and the first heard in the presence of the Press. The nurse herself did not appear, but was represented by her solicitor. There can be no doubt that the Council did its duty in removing her name from the Register. We can imagine no worse case, or one in which a nurse would be a greater danger to the public if admitted to care for the sick in private houses under State Authority.

Form of Resolution for Removal of Name.

In connection with the form of Resolution adopted by the General Nursing Council for the removal of a nurse's name from the Register we think that this is too vague. The duty of removing the name "now" is placed on no one. A better form would be "that the Council direct the Registrar to remove her name from the Register and to cancel her certificate." We commend this form of procedure to the new Council.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

At the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on January 6th, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Council, and Col. D. J. Mackintosh was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The following Committees were appointed:—

UNIFORM COMMITTEE:—Miss White (*Convener*), Miss Bladon, Miss Cameron, Miss Davidson, Miss Donald, Miss Merchant, Miss Pool.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE:—Col. Mackintosh (*Convener*), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Miss Bladon, Dr. Buist, Miss Cameron, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Donald, Miss Edmondson, Miss Fraser, Miss Merchant, Miss Milnes, Miss Pool, Miss White, Miss Williamson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:—Sir John Lorne MacLeod (*Convener*), Miss Bladon, Dr. Buist, Miss Cameron, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Col. Mackintosh, Miss Milnes, Miss Merchant, Miss Pool.

DISCIPLINARY AND PENAL CASES COMMITTEE:—Miss White (*Convener*), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Dr. Buist, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Col. Mackintosh.

Applications were considered from various Nurses who had lost their Registered Badges for the issue of permits to enable them to obtain duplicates. The Council gave authority for the issuing of duplicates on the expiry of twelve months from the date on which the loss was reported.

In terms of the Rules the Registrar was ordered to strike off the Register the names of all Nurses who had failed to pay by 31st December, 1927, the Retention Fee due for that year. It was arranged to obtain estimates for one hundred copies of the Register.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was resolved to write to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales expressing regret at the view taken by the Ministry of Health in regard to recognition of Hastings Borough Isolation Hospital.

Arrangements were made in regard to the holding of the Council's examinations in February, and the names of a number of Nurses who had already passed the Council's Final Examination and had attained the age of 21 were ordered to be added to the Register.

A PERSONAL "ASK-ME-ANOTHER" FOR 1928.

Suggested by Jane Van de Vrede, R.N., in *The American Journal of Nursing* for January, 1928.

Am I of the opinion that nurses, like ministers, should be "called" to this profession?

What qualities do I possess which make me feel that I inherently belong to the nursing profession?

Do I love nursing above everything as a vocation?

Has nursing made me realise increasingly the responsibilities involved, not only the responsibility of helping perhaps to save life and restore health to patients, but the responsibility I owe to my profession to be a person of integrity, worthy of honour and a credit to it?

In short, am I, as an individual, a credit to this profession? If not, how then can I expect my profession to be fully respected by others?

Do I realise that every time I stoop to do something which is beneath the dignity of my profession I lower the standards of the profession as well as of myself?

Does my profession lend dignity to me, make me anxious to take a part in the work of the world, or does it take away from my prestige?

Do I influence others to come into the nursing profession, or leave it?

Has my training given me clearer understanding of life and how to live it in such manner that I am a better woman, or a better potential wife and mother, a better human being? Or is the reverse of this true?

Do I realise that people expect much of me because I am a nurse? That nursing is recognised as an art and is, subconsciously, enshrined in their hearts?

Do I by my own actions disillusion my patients and the public? Do I realise that in this process of disillusionment I tear down the profession and cheat myself, economically as well as spiritually?

Do I personally believe that only nurses with education, refinement, good background, character and training should be members of this profession?

If so, what am I doing to increase my own educational equipment?

APPOINTMENTS.**LADY SUPERINTENDENT.**

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.—Miss Jane Short, S.R.N., has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Goole; and the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland. Miss Short has held the post of Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.

MATRONS.

Belgrave Hospital for Children, Clapham Road, S.W.9.—Miss M. Cursiter, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; and at King's College Hospital, London. Miss Cursiter has held the post of Ward Sister at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and Sister Tutor, Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, London.

General Infirmary, Salisbury.—Miss A. M. Bishop, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has been Sister Tutor at King's College Hospital, London; Matron at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield; and Matron at the General Hospital, Walsall. Miss Bishop is a certified midwife; holds the I.S.T.M. Certificate for Massage and for Medical Electricity; R.S.I. Certificate (Sanitary Inspectors' Course), and is an Examiner for the General Nursing Council.

Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham Down.—Miss F. Roden Baker, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; and at

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