

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Eighty-Eighth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, February 17th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Miss E. M. MUSSON, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the Council, presided.

Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN reported that a letter had been received from Sir Charles Hobhouse, thanking the Council for its letter of sympathy on the death of Lady Hobhouse; also apologies for absence, owing to illness, from Miss Sparshott and Mr. Stratton.

Chairmen of Committees.

It was reported by the respective Committees that the following members of the Council had been elected as their Chairmen:—

Finance: Dr. John Fawcett, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Registration: Miss H. A. Alsop.

Education and Examination: Miss A. Lloyd-Still.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases: Miss A. M. Bushby.

Mental Nursing: Dr. R. Worth.

General Purposes: Miss R. Cox-Davies.

Uniform: Miss S. A. Villiers.

Finance.

The Finance Committee recommended that Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £50 for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash, be allowed. Also that the estimate of Messrs. Butler & Tanner for printing 250 copies of the Register of Nurses for 1928, at a cost of £1,440 10s., be accepted, and this was agreed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 12 of the General Purposes Committee, "That Miss King, Stenciller in the Registrar's Department (First Division Clerk), be granted three months' sick leave on full pay, to date from February 1st, 1928."

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that they had considered a letter, dated November 30th, 1927, from the Registrar, Nurses' Board, Victoria. They recommended:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity:—

Nurses trained for a period of not less than three years in a General Hospital,* having not less than a daily average of 40 occupied beds and registered by Examination on the Register of the Nurses' Board of Victoria, on the understanding that Nurses registered by Examination on the General Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted for registration by the Nurses' Board of Victoria."

The Committee further reported that they had considered a letter from the Secretary, Transvaal Medical Council. They recommended:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for registration by reciprocity:—

(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,

on the understanding that Nurses registered by Examination or as 'Intermediate Nurses' on the General Part of the Register

*[Note.—A General Hospital is defined as one which admit 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.]

of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be accepted for registration by the Transvaal Medical Council and, further, that applications from 'Existing Nurses' will be considered on their respective merits."

Both recommendations were approved.

The Committee reported that applications approved for Registration without Examination to January 20th, 1928, were 52,338; for approval for Registration by Reciprocity on February 17th, 2. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to February 17th, 7,759; for approval for Registration by Examination on February 17th, 6; total, 60,105.

The Committee subsequently considered *in camera* the lists of the above eight applicants for Registration, and the applications of 80 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and who now wished their names re-included in the Register.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that they had considered a further list of applications for recognition as Training Schools from Voluntary and Poor-Law Hospitals. They recommended that the Italian Hospital, London, in affiliation with University College Hospital, London, be approved as a Training School which, in combination with another Public Hospital gives complete training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training; and that the provisional approval of the Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland, be extended for a further period of one year from December 31st, 1927; and the Connaught Hospital, Walthamstow, hitherto approved in affiliation with Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, was granted provisional approval as a complete Training School for a period of one year from February 17th.

The recommendations were approved.

The Committee further reported that the following were appointed a Sub-Committee to consider matters arising out of the State Examinations: Miss Musson and Miss Cox-Davies (*ex-officio*), Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Alsop, Miss Bushby, Dr. Fawcett, and Miss Hogg.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported: (1) that they had considered a Disciplinary Case, (2) the action taken with regard to a reported offence under Section 8 (1) (a) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. [This Section is as follows: "Any person who (a) not being a person duly registered under this Act, at any time after the expiration of three months from the date on which the Minister of Health gives public notice that a register of nurses has been compiled under this Act, takes or uses the name or title of registered nurse, either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, or any name, title, addition, description, uniform, or badge, implying that he is registered under this Act, or is recognised by law as a registered nurse, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding in the case of a first offence, ten pounds, and in the case of a second or any subsequent offence, fifty pounds."]

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had met once, and, as reported above, that Dr. Worth was elected its Chairman for the ensuing year.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported: (a) that the correspondence dealt with in the office between January 1st and 28th, 1928, amounted to—Letters received, 2,774, Letters despatched, 13,955; (b) that the interviews numbered 103; (c) that 246 Permits were issued for the State Uniform; (d) that the correspondence dealt with for

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