

The Committee reported that applications approved for Registration without examination to February 17th, 1928, were 52,340; for approval for Registration by reciprocity on March 16th, 7. Applications approved for Registration by Examination to February 17th, 7,765; for approval for Registration by Examination on March 16th, 7. Total 60,119.

The Council subsequently considered *in camera* the lists of the above 14 applicants for Registration, and also the applications of 102 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 Redhill Hospital, Edgware (Hendon Union), be approved as a complete training school for a period of one year from March 16th, and the Ipswich Isolation Hospital, to which provisional recognition has been granted until March 19th, be now recognised as a complete training school for Fever Nurses.

The recommendations were approved.

Preliminary and Final State Examinations.

The Committee further reported that the written Preliminary State Examination was held on February 7th and the written Final Examination on February 8th. The Preliminary Oral and Practical Examination was held between February 13th-17th inclusive, and the Oral and Practical Final Examinations between February 21st and 24th inclusive.

The Results and Pass Lists which were handed to the Press were as under.

Results.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.
Complete Examination	1,780	67	1,713	1,274	439
Percentage of Failures,	25.6%				
Re-entries for Part Examination	289	13	276	207	69
Percentage of Failures,	25%				

FINAL EXAMINATION.

Examination.	General Part of the Register.	Supplementary Parts of the Register.			
		Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
<i>Entered—</i>					
Whole	1215	2} 2	17} 21	56} 71	134} 145
Part	195				
<i>Absent—</i>					
Whole	33	-} -	1} 1	4} 4	8} 9
Part	9				
<i>Present—</i>					
Whole	1182	2} 2	16} 20	52} 67	126} 136
Part	186				
<i>Passed—</i>					
Whole	930	1} 1	14} 1	21} 20	104} 112
Part	96				
<i>Failed—</i>					
Whole	252	1} 1	2} 6	31} 38	22} 24
Part	90				
<i>Percentage of Failures—</i>					
Whole	21.3%	50%	12%	59.6%	17.4%
Part	48.3%	—	100%	46.6%	20%
<i>Percentage of Failures at October, 1927 Examinations—</i>					
Whole	29.6%	—	18.4%	29.3%	17.4%
Part	37%	—	33%	40%	13%

The Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee asked leave to add a recommendation not printed on the Agenda, providing that the names of the candidates approved by the Examiners should be approved by the

Council and referred to the Registration Committee for Registration.

This was agreed, and the report as amended was adopted.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that it had met once. As now appears to be its usual practice it made no report to the Council of the business it had transacted.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported (a) that the correspondence dealt with in the office between January 30th and February 25th amounted to—Letters received, 3,131; Letters despatched, 6,320; (b) That the interviews numbered 110; (c) That 130 permits were issued for the State Uniform.

The Committee recommended that the Council's Offices be closed for Easter Holiday from mid-day on Thursday, April 5th until Tuesday morning, April 10th.

They reported Miss Catherine Clement, S.R.N., R.S.C.N. who was appointed a Principal Clerk in the Examination Department in December 1926, and took up duty on January 20th, 1927, has resigned her appointment.

The State Uniform.

The Uniform Committee recommended that duplicate Permits to obtain the State Uniform should be granted to seven Registered Nurses who had lost their Permits six months previously, and this was agreed.

The approval of four more firms to make the State Registered Uniform was sanctioned.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Council Meeting was fixed for April 20th. The public business then terminated and the Press withdrew.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

It now appears to be the practice of the Mental Nursing Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to report to the Council that it has met once, and to make no statement on the business dealt with. Standing Committees are not empowered to deal with the business of the Council in secret, and we consider that there is one subject, at least, upon which it is necessary for the Council to keep a vigilant outlook, and upon which it should be informed. We refer to the effort being made by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, on the initiative of Professor George Robertson, to obtain recognition for its Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing, in lieu of that of the General Nursing Councils.

The first encroachment on the powers of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales took place when it weakly permitted the formation of an Advisory Council of the R.M.P.A. to co-operate with its Mental Nursing Committee and to appoint examiners. Not satisfied with this, the Association is now bent on further encroachment.

The General Nursing Council has the power in its own hands under the Nurses' Registration Act, and we hope it will stand firm. If it does not, the encroachment will not stop there, but the death knell of the supremacy of the Council in regard to the control of Nursing Education entrusted to it by Parliament will be sounded, and other bodies will claim recognition of their examinations.

Moreover, the Mental Nurses have a right to the protection of the General Nursing Council. To place the control of their examination and certification in the hands of an Association of medical practitioners is to place them professionally and economically in the power of their employers.

We trust that the Council will permit no such injustice and wrong.

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