

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundredth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, March 22nd, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., was in the Chair.

Before the commencement of the proceedings the Chairman said that in view of the fact that this was the hundredth meeting of the Council it might be of interest if she gave some details. In addition to the hundred regular meetings three special meetings had been held, in all 103. Of these meetings which had taken place since 1920 Miss Cox-Davies had attended 92, Miss Villiers 89, Miss Lloyd-Still 85 and Miss Sparshott 69. The Registrar had been absent from three meetings through illness. Since the establishment of the Register, 65,387 names had been placed upon its General and Supplementary Parts.

Correspondence.

The correspondence included:—

(1) A letter from the Minister of Health, stating that the Council's representations on the subject of the conditions under which the Council should approve institutions in which the training prescribed for nurses is to be carried out would be carefully considered.

(2) The following letter from Dr. W. M. Buchanan, Royal Medico-Psychological Association:—

Kirklands Mental Hospital,
Bothwell, Lanarkshire.
February 27th, 1929.

The Registrar,
General Nursing Council for England and Wales,
20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—

I refer to the General Secretary's letter to you of 6th instant, paragraph 1, intimating that the Royal Medico-Psychological Association has appointed a special Committee on State Registration of Nurses with instructions to seek an interview with each General Nursing Council for the purpose of discussing the Association's proposals for co-operation in the matter of the State Registration of Mental Nurses within the terms of the resolution of the Association dated November 17th, 1927.

The Committee consists of the following:—

Professor G. M. Robertson, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh; Physician-Superintendent, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside; an ex-President of the Association—Chairman.

Sir Frederick J. Willis, K.B.E., C.B., late Chairman, Board of Control, England and Wales.

Lt.-Col. Nathan Raw, C.M.G., M.D., Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy; Chairman of Parliamentary Committee and President-Elect of the Association.

Dr. F. R. P. Taylor, Medical Superintendent, East Sussex County Mental Hospital, Hellingly; Chairman of Educational Committee of the Association.

Dr. D. Rambaut, Medical Superintendent, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton; Registrar of the Association.

Dr. J. R. Lord, C.B.E., Medical Superintendent, London County Mental Hospital, Horton; Editor of the Journal of Mental Science; an ex-President of the Association.

Dr. M. J. Nolan, Medical Superintendent, County Mental Hospital, Downpatrick; an ex-President of the Association.

Dr. R. R. Lepper, Medical Superintendent, St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin; Secretary of the Irish Division of the Association.

Dr. W. M. Buchanan, Medical Superintendent, Kirklands Mental Hospital, Bothwell; Secretary of the Scottish Division of the Association.—Secretary.

I write to enquire if your Council will be disposed to meet this Committee in conference, and if so perhaps you will be good enough to suggest one or two days suitable to your Council, so that a mutually convenient date for the Meeting may be fixed.

Yours faithfully,—(Signed) W. M. BUCHANAN,
Hon. Secretary.

It was agreed to accede to this request, and April 19th, 25th, and 26th were arranged as alternative dates.

(3) A letter from the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association asking whether members of that Association might be present to take notes of the proceedings. It was moved by Dr. Worth and seconded by Mr. Blackman, that the proceedings should be held *in camera*.

It was moved by Miss Cox-Davies and seconded by Miss Bushby that the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association be informed that the Council would be only too pleased to receive representatives of that Association, in reference to the question under discussion, and this was agreed.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that £2,000 4½ Conversion Loan 1940/1944 had been purchased at a cost of £1,977 14s.

The Committee further reported that they raised no objections to Recommendations 15 and 16 of the General Purposes Committee. These were:—

(15) "That the estimate of the North British Rubber Company, Ltd., for supplying, fitting and fixing on back staircase 3/16 in. thickness 'Paraflo' rubber carpeting and 3/16 in. thickness combined treads, nosing and risers to steps, including making up-steps where broken, amounting to £67 15s., be accepted."

(16) "That the Offices of the Council be closed for Easter Holiday from mid-day on Thursday, March 28th, until Tuesday morning, April 2nd."

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported applications for approval for Registration, March 22nd, *By Examination*, General Register, 1; *Supplementary Part of Register for Fever Nurses*, 7; *By Reciprocity*, General Register, 7. Total 15.

It was agreed to re-include in the Register the names of 90 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fees and now wished their names re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee applications from the authorities of Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals for approval as Training Schools for Nurses were approved.

As complete Training Schools, Leigh Infirmary, Leigh, Lancashire, and the Connaught Hospital, Walthamstow.

As hospitals which in combination with other public hospitals give Complete Training under Section 1 (2) of the Scheme of Training, Bingley Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with Bradford Royal Infirmary; Crewe Memorial Hospital in affiliation with Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, and Warrington Infirmary.

Complete Training in Fever Nursing: Blackmill Isolation Hospital, Glamorgan, in affiliation with Cardiff City Sanatorium.

The Committee reported that the Kensington, Fulham and Chelsea Hospital which was approved for one year in affiliation with the Royal Northern Hospital had ceased to be a training school, and it was agreed that it be removed from the list of Approved Training Schools.

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

The following Members of the Boards of Examiners were re-appointed for a further period of one year:—

Preliminary Examination:—The Hon. Gertrude Best.
Final Examination for Mental Nurses:—R. Eager, Esq., O.B.E., M.D. (Exminster).

Final Examinations for Sick Children's Nurses:—T. Twistington Higgins, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (London).

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